



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2025

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Schamburg called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Otha Henry Schamburg, Chair <i>Public EMS Agency</i>	Present	<i>Brandon Lee</i> <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Present
Scott Thames, M.D., Vice Chair <i>Louisiana State Medical Society</i>	Present	<i>Casey McBeath</i> <i>Private EMS Agency</i>	Present
<i>Carl Flores</i> <i>Paramedic</i>	Present	<i>Meg Marino, M.D.</i> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Present
<i>Toby Henry</i> <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Absent	<i>Navdeep Samra, M.D.</i> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Absent
<i>Kirk LaCour</i> <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Absent
<i>Troy Gauthier</i> <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>	Present	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/</i> <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>	n/a
		Quorum	Yes

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Present
Stacy Barbay, Deputy Director, Commission Facilitator	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Dr. Glennis Gray, Office of Public Health	Present

4) Public Comment: None**5) Approval of Minutes**

The December 6, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Casey McBeath and 2nd by Meg Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings

Name	Violations	Action
Theodore Wyshel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause; • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): a. failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice; c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; e. Violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning the patient; o. Has violated a rule or an order adopted by the commission or the bureau, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; s. Exceeds professional boundaries, including but not limited to sexual misconduct; 	<p>Motion by: Otha Schamburg Second by: Brandon Lee Abstention: Meg Marino The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Decision: Two consecutive cycles of probation ending on 3/31/2029.</p>
Mariya McGillivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause; • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part; <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o. Has violated a rule or an order adopted by the commission or the bureau, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; ... 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Brandon Lee Abstention: Opposed: Meg Marino The motion passed with one opposition.</p> <p>Decision: Required to pay a fine of \$100 within 90 days from today.</p>
Kadarrius Cole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. 	Respondent requested for continuance until after court date.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o. has violated a rule or an order adopted by the commission or the bureau, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; ii. o Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable. 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Carl Flores Motion carried unanimously</p>
Trayvious Johns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable. 	<p>Respondent requested for continuance until after court date Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Carl Flores Motion carried unanimously</p>
Mark Magee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Casey McBeath Motion carried unanimously</p> <p>Settlement Offer Accepted: Adopt discipline of DeSoto Parish Fire District 1 and place on probation for 1 cycle ending 3/31/2028 and \$50 fine.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o. has violated a rule or an order adopted by the commission or the bureau, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; o Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable. 	
Nicholas Kling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. *Definition of Terms applicable to the above-noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o. has violated a rule or an order adopted by the commission or the bureau, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; o Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable. 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Carl Flores The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Decision: Enact a \$100 fine for contempt within 180 of today's date.</p>
Kasie Tadlock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.17- aiding or abetting another person in the violation of any conduct proscribed under Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 of this Subsection. • *Definition of Terms applicable to the above-noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; 	<p>Motion by: Carl Flores Second by: Kirk LaCour</p> <p>Settlement Accepted. Sustain the summary suspension and the penalty incurred. Reinstate your license in full.</p>
Jacob Dowdy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): 	Failed to appear. Must appear prior to re-licensure.

	<p>...</p> <p>r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau by:</p> <p>i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau;</p> <p>ii. not responding to subpoenas issued by the commission in connection with any investigation or hearing;</p>	
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7) Recurring Business

- a) Approval of EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Decisions. The Commission approved cases processed utilizing the Deferred Decision Matrix as well as ratified the following Review Panel cases. The motion was made by Scott Thames, seconded by Brandon Lee, and was passed unanimously.

i) Review Panel Cases

- (1) Johnathan Cascio
- (2) Aahiyah Carter
- (3) Cardarious Davis
- (4) Laken Temple
- (5) Jakia Wilborn
- (6) Travis Wilson
- (7) Skylar Belcher
- (8) Mar'quan Culbert
- (9) Kenneth Williams
- (10) Thomas Hill

- b) Motion was made by Scott Thames to approve determinations, seconded by Brandon Lee, motion carried unanimously.

c) Scope of Practice

Motion by Casey McBeath to add midlines in the field to the scope of practice. 2nd by Meg Marino. The motion carried unanimously.

DeSoto Parish EMS requested that midlines be added to their protocols. It would only be used when an IV or IO cannot be obtained. The possibility of having the training in a clinical setting/under the direct supervision of a physician as a physician extender. At this time, the request was denied. Motion Kirk LaCour. 2nd Carl Flores.

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup – No report
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup – No report

9) New Business

10) Next Meeting: April 11, 2025

- 11) **Adjournment:** Time: 7:20 pm. Motion by: Scott Thames, second by: Meg Marino, unanimously approved.