



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2025

1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Schamburg called the meeting to order at 9:26 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>	Absent	<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>	Absent
<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>	Present
<i>Troy Gauthier</i> <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>	Present	<i>Vacant</i> <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/</i> <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>	
		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

Alexandra Washington	Present
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4) Public Comment: None

5) Approval of Minutes

The June 27, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Kirk LaCour and 2nd by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

6) 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.

Review Panel Cases

- o Derek Blanchard
- o Damesha Burnett
- o Latonya Christor
- o John Christian
- o Taylor Gamel
- o Kevin Glands
- o Joshua Green
- o Gage Guillot
- o Michael Howard
- o Morgan Oller
- o Angie Polanski
- o Francisco Ramos
- o Logan Raymond
- o Kaitlyn Rivers
- o Thomas Sanders
- o Monica Schulthess
- o Jacqueline Sloan
- o Randall Trantham
- o Tessa Valentine
- o Edgar White

- i) Motion was made by Brandon Lee seconded by Carl Flores and the motion was passed unanimously.

7) Formal Disciplinary Hearings/Consent Order

Name	Violations	Action
Aaliyah Carter	<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. 	Kirk LaCour moved to accept the exhibits. 2 nd by Chris Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

	<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><u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; ... ○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable. 	<p>Decision:</p> <p>Continuation of the six month suspension of sentence including time served until the later of 9/14/2026 or when revision of the application and submit all applicable documents has occurred, and extension of probation until March 31, 2028 and a fine of \$100.</p> <p>Motion by: Kirk Lacour. 2nd by Brandon Lee.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
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a) Scope of Practice: No items to discuss.

8) Old Business

a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup

b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup

Chris Willoughby has conducted some research and incorporated the Advanced Practice Paramedic curriculum, and combined it with the Critical Care Paramedic. Seeking a CCP that includes adult, pediatric, and neonatal transport.

9) New Business

a) Kevin Glands received a summary suspension notice yet failed to submit notice that he was going to appear. Mr. Glands was allowed to address the Commission, but was advised that a hearing date would be set when the instructions on the summary suspension letter were followed.

10) Next Meeting: October 17, 2025

11) Adjournment: Time: 10:40 am. Motion by: Casey McBeath. Second by: Carl Flores. Passed unanimously.