



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission

Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2024

1) **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Dr. Scott Thames 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>	Absent	<i>Brandon Lee</i> <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Absent
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>	Absent	<i>Meg Marino, M.D.</i> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Present
<i>Toby Henry</i> <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Present	<i>Navdeep Samra, M.D.</i> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Present
<i>Kirk LaCour</i> <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Present
<i>Vacant</i> <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>		<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	Absent
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) **Public Comment:** None

5) **Approval of Minutes**

The June 21, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Toby Henry and 2nd by Kirk LaCour. Motion carried unanimously.

6) **Formal Disciplinary Hearings**

Name	Violations	Action
Jarred Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • 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 Title 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.9 - exhibiting professional or medical incompetence. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.10 - exhibiting unprofessional conduct. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. ○ <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. misappropriating items of an individual, agency, or entity ... q. use of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Meg Marino Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: 180 days suspension from date of summary suspension with credit for time served with and continued suspension for remainder of cycle until 3/31/2026 with suspended sentence with probation until 3/31/2026 and 2 hours of CE in the handling and the security of controlled substances; and \$100.00</p>

	<p>drugs which impair judgment while on duty.</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent—unsuitable.</i> 	
<p>Arzen Kraemer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. ● La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. ● 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.10 - exhibiting unprofessional conduct. ● LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. La. RS 40:1203.3 Eligibility for Ambulance Personnel ● LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): ● Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; 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: Toby Henry Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: Respondent must appear at the October 2024 meeting.</p>
<p>Andrew Landry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. 	<p>Motion by: Kirk LaCour Second by: Toby Henry</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(8) - Professional or medical incompetency. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(12) - Has had a certification or license to practice as an emergency medical services practitioner or to practice as another health care provider denied, revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted. • 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 Title 46.XXXVIII §505.D.4 - exhibiting incompetency or unfitness by reason of negligence, habit or other cause • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.9 - exhibiting professional or medical incompetence • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.13. - has had a certification or license to practice as an emergency medical services practitioner or to practice as another health care provide denied, revokes, suspended or otherwise restricted; • 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): 	<p>Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: Notice of removal from docket.</p>
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	<p>c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>—unsuitable. 	
Graham Porter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9) - unprofessional conduct. • 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 Title 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"> o <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; o <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>—unsuitable. 	<p>Motion by: Navdeep Samra Second by: Toby Henry Abstention: None</p> <p>Decision: Notice of removal from docket.</p>
Ryan Satterberg (Settlement Counter Proposal Consideration)		<p>Motion by: Christopher Willoughby Second by: Kirk LaCour Abstention: Toby Henry, Megan Marino</p> <p>Decision: Motion to accept the settlement.</p>

7) **Recurring Business**

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Bradley Bacon	Shonquella Leday
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Tristan Blackmon	Melissa Leist
Duncan Bland	Shelby Levasseur
Cira Bourda	Peter Liotta
Gavin Chelette	Shyanne Mark
Natasha Coleman	Charles Mixon
Mar'quan Culbert	Aaron Nelson
Leroy Daniels	Nicholas Kling
Nancy Daniels	Taylor Plunkett
Steven Davis	Josiah Reynolds
Britney Decou	Rory Ricks
Dixie Dore	Jenny Ritchie
Brittani Easton	Mickey Russo
Avila Edison	Summer Semien
Precious Edwards	Kristina Smith
Lance Fox	Albanisha Solomon
Crystal Gray	Lillian Soltys
Jason Hamilton, Jr.	Isaac Tandatnick
Jaelynn Hebert	Nelishinda Taylor
Randy Hernandez Acosta	Evan Theriot
Jason Hunt	Dineshia Thomas
John Huntington	Brittany White
Cole Ingram	Kenneth Williams
Kedreyon Williams	Marlin Williams
Erik Labra	Andrew Wilson
Landon Lebouef	Jimmy Woodard

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Toby Henry and 2nd by Casey MacBeath, Abstentions: Casey MacBeath (Bradley Bacon) Megan Marino (Bacon, NelishindaTaylor) and Kirk LaCour (Avila Edison) Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Scope of Practice:** No items to discuss

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup – no report.
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup – the skillset is well established. Will this be goals and objectives based or hours-based? Contingent on the meeting of Louisiana NAEMSP. Billing is also a consideration. Curry Landry – LAA wants to be part of the process of establishing CCT Personnel. LAA is willing to work with the LAA members to be involved the process.

9) New Business

- a) Decision Matrix and Review Panel Decisions: Stacy Barbay requests the Commission consider a decision to allow decision matrix and review panel decision to be approved/ratified upon decision so that the proper reporting agencies can be notified in a timely manner. Motion made by Toby Henry, 2nd by Casey MacBeath, vote unanimous approval, motion carried unanimously.
- b) Applications Which Fail to Disclose Information Other Than Criminal History: Stacy Barbay requested the Commission consider a decision/direction on how to process when an applicant fails to disclose items on the questionnaire other than criminal history issues. Tabled until next meeting.
- c) La. RS 40:1203.3 Eligibility for Ambulance Personnel: Molly Terebieniec presented the list of statutes that bar employment by agencies as the Commission may have been unaware when disciplining practitioners. David explained that this statute on hiring should be separate and distinct from licensing criteria, reference: La. RS 37:2950 and La RS 40:1203.3
- d) Rewriting the Summary Suspension letter. Motion by Kirk LaCour and 2nd by Thames to rewrite the third and final summary suspension letter to include that any additional correspondence must be at the initiation of the respondent. Motion carried unanimously (known as the LaCour letter).

10) Next Meeting: October 18, 2024

11) Adjournment: Time: 2:05 pm Motion by: Samra Navdeep Second by: Toby Henry