



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2024

1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Schamburg called the meeting to order at 9:21 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>	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	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

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

The August 23, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Casey McBeath and 2nd by Brandon Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings

Name	Violations	Action
Joshua Dismukes	• LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §505.D.12 - abandoning a patient. • LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. <u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u> • 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 ... k. failure to act, or negligently or willfully committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;	Motion by: Scott Thames Second by: Meg Marino Abstention: Statement of Facts: While on probation, you failed to properly treat a patient with an altered mental status which resulted in a second offense being brought before the EMS Commission. The Commission finds that your responsibility to the patient outweighed your subjective feeling of danger given that two law enforcement officers were on scene and no objective evidence was provided or that the other First Responders on the scene were not removed. In addition, you failed to properly assess the patient and document the patient encounter appropriately. Decision: Revocation of your license with suspension of the revocation except for 30 days of suspension effective November 1, 2024, \$100 fine, additional 5 hours continuing education on

		scene management from a CAPCE accredited course within 90 days of receipt of the final decision and continued probation until March 31, 2027.
Kedreyon Williams	Failed to appear	Motion by: Carl Flores Second by: Kirk Lacour Abstention: Decision: Summarily suspend indefinitely until appear before the Commission
Summer Semien	• La. R.S. 40:1133.7(2) - Conviction of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of an emergency medical services practitioner to provide emergency medical services with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding, including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - 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 §505D.3 - has pled guilty, nolo contendere, or been convicted of a crime that directly relates to the EMS profession generally or the specific type of EMS license type, permit, or eligibility sought; • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.15 - violating or failing	Motion by: Meg Marino Second by: Kirk Lacour Abstention: Statement of Facts: The pleas of guilty were accepted by the court and you are currently on probation. The offenses were described credibly and the Commission accepts the fact that you are looking to be a successful EMS Clinician. Decision: Allow to license with one (1) cycle of probation.

	to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part; <u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u> ○ LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): ○ <i>Habit</i>— a mode of behavior, which an individual acquires over a period of time. ○ <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): ... c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; ... ○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable.	
Arzen Kraemer	Failed to appear.	Motion by: Carl Flores Second by: Brandon Lee Abstention: Decision: Summarily suspend indefinitely. Must contact the Bureau of EMS to schedule hearing.

7) Recurring Business

- a) Approval of EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Decisions
Motion to approve determinations made by Kirk Lacour and 2nd by Meg Marino. abstained. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) **Scope of Practice:** No items to discuss

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup: Continued discussion, no decisions or votes.
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup: Continued discussion, no decisions or votes.
- c) 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. The Commission requested that all affirmative answers must be reviewed by the Review Committee.
- d) Previous Consent Order Review: Review of Satterberg case and timeline for submission of executed document.

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- i) Motion by: Casey McBeath: Extend the punishment to the intended time frame. Must be signed by November 1 or will be summarily suspended and must appear before the Commission. Kirk Lacour 2nd. Marino abstained. Passed unanimously.

9) New Business

a) 2025 Proposed Meeting Dates

- February 21
- April 11
- June 27
- August 15
- October 17
- December 19

Motion by Brandon Lee, 2nd by Kirk LaCour. Passed unanimously.

10) Next Meeting: December 6, 2024

11) Adjournment: Time: 1:50. Motion by: Casey Macbeath, Second by: Chris Willoughby