



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2025

1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Schamburg called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

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

Motion by Toby to move to the public comments period. 2nd by Carl Flores. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Public Comment: Nathaniel Majors – paramedic from region 6. Requested to meet Commissioners.

5) Approval of Minutes

The October 17, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Meg Marino and 2nd by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings/Consent Order

Name	Violations	Action
Oller, Morgan	• La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(15) – Intentional falsification of any document related to license, emergency medical services education or related to the care of the patient • 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 Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.12 - has had a certification or license to practice as an emergency medical services practitioner or to practice as another health care provide denied, revoked, suspended or otherwise restricted; • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.13 - 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: • 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; ... j. falsifying records or documents, including patient records or any records or documents provided to the commission, the bureau, or any other any governmental or regulatory agency; ... - o Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable.	Decision: Probation until 2029, \$150 fine Recusal: None Motion: Toby Henry Second: Scott Thames Motion carried.

White, Edgar	• 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 • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §305.A.3 - has pled guilty, nolo contendere, been convicted of or committed a crime that directly related to the EMS profession generally or the specific type of EMS license type, permit, or eligibility sought, and the conditions of the court have not been met, or is currently serving a court ordered probation or parole.	Decision: Probation for 2 cycles until March 31, 2030. Fine waived. Recusal: None Motion: Brandon Lee Second: Scott Thames Motion carried.
Jessica Miller Matte	• 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(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. • LAC Tit.46.XXXVIII §305.A.3 - has pled guilty, nolo contendere, been convicted of or committed a crime that directly related to the EMS profession generally or the specific type of EMS license type, permit, or eligibility sought, and the conditions of the court have not been met, or is currently serving a court ordered probation or parole. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.12 - 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;	Decision: Probation for 2 cycles ending March 31, 2030. Must maintain counseling during probationary period with annually documentation of maintaining counseling uploaded to BEMS IMS account. Must upload counseling report by March 31 of each year. Fine Waived. Recusal: None Motion: Casey McBeath Second: Brandon Lee Motion carried.
Donavin Schillinger	• 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.13 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part;	Decision: Credit for time served for the failure to respond with caution to respond to any future Bureau of EMS requests in a timely manner. Probation for two

		cycles until March 31, 2030. Fine waived. Recusal: Toby Henry Motion: Meg Marino Second: Carl Flores Motion carried.
Taylor Gamel	• 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.13 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part.	Decision: Fine waived. Time served with caution to respond to any future Bureau of EMS requests in a timely manner. Motion: Kirk Lacour Second: Brandon Lee Motion Carried.
Eric Cook	• 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. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(15) – Intentional falsification of any document related to license, emergency medical services education or related to the care of the patient • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.13 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.14 - intentionally falsifying any document related to license, emergency medical services education, or related to the care of the patient; or	Decision: Probation until March 31, 2028. \$100 Fine. Must complete application and disclose by January 9, 2026. Recusal: None Motion: Meg Marino Second: Casey McBeath Motion carried.
Jeremy Gobert	• 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 Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.13 - violating or failing to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part.	Decision: License suspended for additional 30 days from the date of the hearing. Probation for an additional cycle until March 31, 2028. Further determinations regarding the charges will be held until the outcome of the court proceedings. Recusal: None Motion: Brandon Lee Second: Carl Flores Motion carried.

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.
 - i) Motion was made by Meg Marino seconded by Casey McBeath. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Collin McBride
 - Ethan Gremillion
 - Trenton Brice
 - Carlrionne Marshall
 - Tony Watkins
 - Eric Cook
 - Taylor Gamel
 - Jeremy Gobert
 - Brandon Leone
 - Chandler Romero
 - Thomas Sanders
 - Donavin Schillinger
 - Monica Schulthess
 - Michael Turin
 - Antonio Craig
 - Taylor Hidalgo
 - b) Scope of Practice: No items to discuss.

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup: Warrior's Heart accepts commercial insurance and specializes in EMS, Firefighters, and active duty military.
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup: No information was discussed.

9) New Business

- a) Election of Officers
 - Chair – Casey McBeath
 - Vice-Chair – Kirk LaCour
 - Secretary – Otha Schamburg

10) Next Meeting: February 27, 2026

- 11) Adjournment:** Time: 1:41 pm. Motion by: Scott Thames. Second by: Meg Marino. Motion passed unanimously.