



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2026

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

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Otha Henry Schamburg, Public EMS Agency	Present	Brandon Lee Professional Firefighters Association	Absent
VACANT Louisiana State Medical Society		Casey McBeath, Chair Private EMS Agency	Present
Carl Flores Paramedic	Present	David Rayburn, M.D. American Academy of Pediatrics	Present
Toby Henry Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association	Present	Navdeep Samra, M.D. American College of Surgeons	Absent
Kirk LaCour, Vice Chair Louisiana Municipal Association	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. American College of Emergency Physicians	Present
Troy Gauthier Emergency Medical Technicians	Present	Maranda Granger Louisiana State Nurses Association/ Emergency Nurses Association	Absent
		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	Present

4) Public Comment: None

At every open meeting of the EMS Certification Commission, members of the public shall be afforded an opportunity to make public comment addressing any matters set by agenda for discussion at that meeting, subject to the following:

- a. Concerns and public comments shall be limited to five minutes per individual unless the time limitations are waived by a majority of the EMS Certification Commission members present.
- b. Anyone wishing to speak on a specific item must present the request prior to the convening of the meeting. Cards shall be available to place the request for public comment, along with the requestor's name and for whom the requestor is appearing.
- c. The chair may defer public comment on a specific agenda item until the item is brought up for discussion. However, the five-minute limitation for public comment shall remain in effect unless waived by a majority of the EMS Certification Commission members present.
- d. In addition, the chair of the EMS Certification Commission may recognize individuals at a public meeting at his or her discretion.
- e. Unless otherwise provided by law, public comment is not part of the evidentiary record of a hearing or case unless sworn, subject to cross-examination, offered by a party as relevant testimony, and received in accordance with under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

5) Approval of Minutes

The December 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Toby Henry and 2nd by Carl Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings/Consent Order

Name	Violations	Action
Monica Schulthess	- o La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. - o 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. - o 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.13 - 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> C 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	Decision: Probation until 3/31/2029 and a \$100 fine due in 30 days from the date of official notification Recusal: Motion: Otha Schamburg Second: Carl Flores Vote: Unanimous

	professional EMS, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law; ... r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau, including by: ii. not responding to subpoenas or other lawful requests for information issued by the commission or bureau directly related to an investigation or disciplinary hearing regarding an individual;	
Christian Burrus		Decision: Removing suspension and continue probation. No action and continue communication with the Bureau of EMS through the Information Management System regarding the pending charge Recusal: Motion: Carl Flores Second: Toby Henry
Hardman, Tysen	○ 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.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): Other Causes— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; ... q. use of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or drugs which impair judgement while on duty;	Decision: The longer of 6 months suspension or until an evaluation is performed by a substance abuse professional with a treatment plan, with an annual progress report after the first year and through the 5 years of probation, by uploading the document in the IMS by the respondent. Respondent must upload the substance abuse professional's contact information into the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Information Management System account and notify the commission by email to that the information has been provided prior to the suspension is lifted. not you are in contact with a mental health

	y. engaging in conduct that harms, or poses a serious risk of harm to, the public or any individual. ○ Unfit or Incompetent— unsuitable.	professional and are able to provide the EMS commission with the contact information for the mental health professional prior to the initial visit. During the 5 years of probation, if, at any time, the terms are violated, your license will be summarily suspended, and you must reappear before the EMS commission. Recusal: Motion: Kirk Lacour Second: David Rayburn Vote: 6-Ayes, 2-Nay
Avila, Edison	<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>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): 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 law relating to the possession, distribution, or use of narcotics or controlled substance law; failure to cooperate with the EMS Commission or the Bureau	Decision: Probation until 3/31/2028 and \$100 fine due within 90 days of the official notice Recusal: Motion: Toby Henry Second: Troy Guidry Vote: Unanimously passed

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.
 - Christian Burrus
 - Selecka Davis
 - Tysen Hardman
 - Joshua Harper
 - Jimmy Marano
 - Sean Murphy
 - Kaleb Verdin
 - Taylor Hidalgo
- i) Motion was made by Toby Henry seconded by Chris Willoughby and was passed unanimously.

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup: No report

- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup: Incorporate New Orleans AP Paramedics protocol and come with a final draft for the next meeting.

9) New Business

- a) Proposed Consent Order: Chandler Romero
Decision \$500 fine with suspension upheld until the fine is paid and probation for failure to comply for multiple times March 31, 2029.
Motion by Kirk Lacour seconded by Toby Henry and was passed
- b) Scope of Practice: Paramedics Within Supervised Aesthetic Medical Services
Decision: Kirk Lacour motioned to table until April, seconded by Troy Guidry. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 1. *JEFFREY LANDRUM v. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION COMMISSION and BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES* (19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 765642, Section 25)
 - 2. *JEFFREY LANDRUM v. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION COMMISSION and BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES* (19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 768446, Section 34)
 - 3. *JEFFREY LANDRUM v. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION COMMISSION and BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES* (U.S. District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, Case 3:25-cv-00896-BAJ-EWD)
 - 4. *JEFFREY LANDRUM v. LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH* (19th JDC, Parish of East Baton Rouge, No. 772539, Section 25)
 - Discussion with counsel regarding litigation strategy and request for voluntary vacatur and remand; possible executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:16 and 42:17(A)(2).

Kirk LaCour moved to reject the proposal, seconded by Carl Flores. Casey McBeath abstained. Unanimously passed.

Kirk LaCour made a motion to admit documents into the minutes. Seconded by Carl Flores. Casey McBeath abstained. Unanimously passed. Attach submissions into the records.

No further action on this matter until it is judicially mandated or until amicable settlement proposals are made. Motion by Kirk LaCour, seconded by Carl Flores. Casey abstained. Unanimously passed.

10) Next Meeting: April 17, 2026

- 11) Adjournment:** Time: 2:43 pm. Motion by: Otha Schamburg. Second by: Troy Guidry. Passed unanimously.