



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2026

1) **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Kirk LaCour called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
<i>Casey McBeath, Chair</i> <i>Private EMS Agency</i>	Absent	<i>Brandon Lee</i> <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Present
<i>Kirk LaCour, Vice-Chair</i> <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Present	<i>Christopher McCuller, M.D.</i> <i>Louisiana State Medical Society</i>	Present
<i>Otha Henry Schamburg, Secretary</i> <i>Public EMS Agency</i>	Present	<i>David Rayburn, M.D.</i> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Present
<i>Toby Henry</i> <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Present	<i>Alison Smith, M.D.</i> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Present
<i>Carl Flores</i> <i>Paramedic</i>	Present	<i>Christopher Willoughby, M.D.</i> <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
Alexandra Washington, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Carlesia Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Aimee Hall, AED Coordinator	Present
Adriel Rose-Bronnridger, Legal Intern	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 April 17, 2026 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Brandon Lee and 2nd by Carl Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Formal Disciplinary Hearings/Consent Order

Name	Violations	Action
Brown, Tyriana	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): ... n. failing to report, or self-report, to the Bureau, through the proper channels, facts known regarding the incompetent, unethical, or illegal practice or conduct, including criminal conduct, arrest, or conviction, of any EMS practitioner, including any practice or conduct that violates any provision, requirements, or prohibition contained in this Part or R.S. 40:1131-1141; ...	Decision: Revoke suspension and allow reapply for licensure and probation to March 31, 2027. Recusal: none Motion: Toby Henry Second: Carl Flores Vote: Unanimous

	r. failure to cooperate with the commission or bureau, including by: i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested in writing by the commission or bureau; or 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;	
Jarrell, James	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) - 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.	Decision: Eligible for licensure after successfully completing the EMT class and the examination process. Probation for 1 cycle upon licensure. Recusal: none Motion: Toby Henry Second: Troy Gauthier Vote: unanimous
Pyrovolos, Georgios	• La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3) – is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §501.A (Definition of Terms): • <i>Other Causes</i>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added): a. failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment; s. exceeds professional boundaries, including but not limited to sexual misconduct; and v. engaging or attempting to engage in nonconsensual sexual acts, including solicitation of minors for sexual acts or for explicit photos or videos;	Decision: Revoke suspension and allow to license on probation until 3/31/2030. You are required to report the disposition of the court case once it has been determined. Recusal: none Motion: Toby Henry Second: Carl Flores

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.
- Ginger Blange
 - Tyriana Brown
 - Rohan Burnett
 - Gabriel Collins
 - Brynden Dempsey

- Aaron Edwards
- Dakota Faulk
- Lydia Hayes
- Damani Jerrols
- Rebecca Kerr
- Candace Marshall
- John Morgan
- William Niette
- Sonya Norman
- Edward Scott
- Zachary Young

Motion was made by Toby Henry, seconded by Brandon Lee and was passed unanimously.

8) Old Business

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup: No report
- b) Critical Care Transport Workgroup: July 8, 2026, state EMS group meeting scheduled and then will report at the August meeting.

9) New Business

- a. Scope of Practice: Point of Care Ultrasound for AEMTs
Motion made by David Rayburn, 2nd by Toby Henry, to expand the scope of practice of AEMTs to the use of ultrasound after education and approval by the agency medical director. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Application Edits
 - Add to question #1 to include military charges. “municipal, state, military, federal, or the laws of any other country or jurisdiction, or international law. Motion by Dr. McCuller, 2nd Toby Henry. Passed unanimously.
 - Include each and every designation that is not “honorable” that is set by the military, which should be used on the application, within the last 10 years. Motion by Otha Schamburg, 2nd by Dr. Rayburn. Passed unanimously.
 - Add a question of being a “Are you currently registered, or are you currently required to register as a sex offender?” Motion by Brandon Lee 2nd by Toby Henry. Passed unanimously.
 - Report within 30 days from release – change rule and application. Motion Dr. McCuller, 2nd by Dr. Rayburn. Passed unanimously.
 - Continue to process warrants the same as criminal disclosure.
- c. Licensee ineligible to utilize privilege to practice under the Emergency Medical Services Compact while on probation. The privilege to practice will be part of the disciplinary decision determined by the EMS Commission at a formal hearing.
 - Review panel summary suspension requires the removal of the privilege to practice. Motion Dr. McCuller 2nd by Dr. Willoughby. Passed unanimously.

Add to the agenda: Motion Toby Henry, 2nd by Brandon Lee. Passed unanimously.

- d. Definition of pre-packaged epi kit. Defined by the medical director.
AEMT gives cyano kits; it falls under expanded scope with medical director’s training
12-lead performed by an AEMT. Can they train AEMT to interpret? This will not be added to the scope of practice.

10) Next Meeting: August 14, 2026

- 11) Adjournment:** Time: 12:45 pm Motion by: Toby Henry Second by: Dr. Willoughby. Passed unanimously.