



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

Office of Public Health

Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 05, 2024

- 1) **Call to Order:** Chair Otha Colbert Shamburg 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	<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
Adam Oliver, Secretary <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/ Emergency Nurses Association</i>	Absent	<i>Meg Marino, M.D.</i> <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i>	Absent
<i>Carl Flores</i> <i>Paramedic</i>	Present	<i>Navdeep Samra, M.D.</i> <i>American College of Surgeons</i>	Present
<i>Toby Henry</i> <i>Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association</i>	Present	<i>Matthew Stumpf</i> <i>Emergency Medical Technicians</i>	Present
<i>Kirk LaCour</i> <i>Louisiana Municipal Association</i>	Absent	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	Present
		Quorum	Yes

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff

Susan Bailey, Director	Absent
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 February 16, 2024 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made Carl Flores by and 2nd by Brandon Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

6) **Formal Disciplinary Hearings**

Name	Violations	Action
Kahl, Cody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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(9) - unprofessional conduct. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13) - is guilty of moral turpitude. • La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14) - has violated any rules and regulations of commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part. • LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505.D.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 	<p>Revocation of license. Allowed to reapply after 2 years from April 5, 2026 and cannot reapply until completed probation and restitution as well as no new pending or adjudicated criminal charges/convictions.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Moral Turpitude</i>— an act, which is dishonest, or contrary to good morals. ○ <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>Unfit or Incompetent</i>— unsuitable. 	
Lee, Djon		Allow continued licensure until pending charges are adjudicated and must appear for a formal hearing. Must provide petition or application for restraining order or reasons for judgment and/or court minutes.
Beebe, Alexander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, 	Eligible for licensure

	<p>including but not limited to expungement or nonadjudication.</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(4) - Is habitually intemperate in the use of or abuses alcohol or habit-forming drugs.• 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.5 exhibiting habitual intemperance in the use of or abuses alcohol or habit-forming drugs• LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §505 D.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 to conform to any requirement or provision of this Part; or <u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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): <p>...</p>	
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	<p>c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment;</p> <p>...</p> <p>○ <i>Unfit or Incompetent</i>—unsuitable.</p>	
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7) Recurring Business

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Richard Bartlett	Ethan Gremillion
Cody Blanchard	John Hardy
Alexia Booker	Charles Haulard
Cody Burdue	Forest Holmes
Robert Carraway	Aaron Humphrey
Caruthers, Tiffany	Djon Lee
George Chambers	Joey Lester
Jeremy Charpentier	Jonathan Rogers
David Chreene	Ryan Mast
Joseph Duncan	Denise Mitchell
Robert Fain	Annalise Pardew
Lisa Featherston	Donald Pitre
Matthew Ford	Taylor Plunket
William Fury	Daniel Rhodes
Lilliana Galvan	Michael Rodrigue
Jeremy Gobert	Catherine Scofield

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Toby Henry and 2nd by Carl Flores. abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

b) **Scope of Practice:**

- i) Venous Blood Sampling for EMTs: Remove from agenda, must re-submit to add to the agenda. Motion by, arl Flores 2nd by Dr. Thames. Motion passed unanimously.
- ii) Critical Care Transport Ambulance Service Poll Results: The Commission discuss the results of the Ambulance Service Provider poll. Received 5 responses with critical care transport. 68 failed to respond, 14 have no critical care program. Workgroup toby to establish to develop critical care Willoughby Motion, 2nd by Toby Henry passed unanimously.

8) Old Business

a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup

- i) Casey reached out to district court, awaiting response. Consider statute. Can we still piggy back on. Need additional information from firefighter association.

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9) **New Business:**

- a) Criminal History Record of Arrest and Prosecution Back Results Toby Henry made a motion and 2nd by Brandon Lee to approve and second
- b) Interim Commissioners: On March 26, 2024 Commissioners Matthew Stumpf and Adam Oliver received notification from Governor Landry would not be submitting their names for Senate confirmation and the appointment would expire upon the close of the 2024 legislative session.

10) **Next Meeting:** June 21, 2024

11) **Adjournment: Time: Motion by:** Casey McBeath **Second by:** Brandon Lee