



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

## Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission

7273 Florida Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

April 21, 2023

1) **Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Scott Thames M.D. at 9:05 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

Commissioner Name		Commissioner Name	
Scott Thames, MD, Vice Chair	Present	Kirk LaCour	Present
Adam Oliver, Secretary	Absent	Brandon Lee	Arrived 10:45am
Timothy Crockett	Present	Casey McBeath	Present
Carl Flores	Present	Meghan Marino, MD	Present
Otha Henry	Present	Navdeep Samra, MD	Present
Toby Henry	Present	Christopher Willoughby, MD	Present
		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 Bibbens, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Christina Robertson, Bureau of Legal Services	Present
Elton Heron, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) **Approval of Minutes**

The February 17, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with reading waived. Motion made by Toby Henry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otha Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Deviate to from agenda for election of officers:

Toby Henry nominated Otha Henry for the Chair position, Mrs. Henry accepted the nomination. Casey McBeath accepted the motion. Motion carried.

**6) Move to original agenda:**

Motion by Toby Henry to move to original agenda. Second by Carl Flores. Motion carried.

**5) Formal Disciplinary Proceedings**

Name	Violations	Action
Jerry Johnson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La R.S. 40:1133.7(9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> </ul>	<p>Admit articles in globo: Motion by: Carl Flores Second by: Otha Henry Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion to allow the line of questioning: Motion by: Kirk Lacour Second by: Carl Flores Motion carried.</p> <p>Decision: Probation for 1 year until March 31, 2024 and \$50.00 fine paid in 90 days. Motion Carried: Unanimous Abstentions: None Recusals: None</p>
Paul Macaluso	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• La R.S. 40:1133.7(3) and LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §507(A) “Unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.” The terms “unfit or incompetent,” “habit,” and “other cause” are defined in LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII §507. The following “other causes” listed therein are involved/at issue:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- (a) failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Motion may by Kirk Lacour to hear all witnesses at the same time. Second by: Toby Henry Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Accept document in lobo: Motion by: Kirk Lacour Second by: Casey McBeath Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Decision: Immediate Indefinite Revocation of license. Motion Carried: Unanimous except recusals.</p>

	<p>- (d). failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out EMS care;</p> <p>- (k) failure to act, or negligently or willfully committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• La R.S. 40: 1133.7 (9) Unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• La R.S. 40:2017.10 and LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(9) Has violated any provision of Subpart 1. Rules of Procedure of LAC Title 46, Part XXXVIII.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Abstentions:</b></p> <p><b>Recusals:</b> Meg Marino, Carl Flores</p>
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**6) Public Comment:** None

**7) Recurring Business**

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

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| Shawn Bourgeois  | Crystal Haynes    |
| Jennifer Bateman | Sydney Stuart     |
| Jason Harrigill  | Carli Karluck     |
| Allen Glen       | Robert Foley      |
| Shannon Paige    | Antoine Kyles     |
| Jessica Conley   | Tyfanni Cassidy   |
| Joseph Roquemore | Matthew Happel    |
| Preston Smith    | Miranda Kennedy   |
| Tyler Mason      | Chelsea Johnson   |
| Jacob Milton     | Alexander Hubbard |
| Erik Demery      | Pedro Sanchez     |
| Christina Landry | Tevin Lavergne    |
| Stanley Crochet  | William Evans     |
| Charles Pond     | Jermaine Mackson  |
| Justin Bray      | Nicholas Miguez   |
| Khaleb Mohammed  | Jill Tall         |
| Preston Smith    | Jacob Milton      |
| Hunter Jones     | Misty Barlow      |
| Calvin Thompson  | John Fitch        |
| Ramy Osman       | Jessica Osborne   |
| William Crain    | Amber Rutherford  |
| Angela Stewart   | Justin Carter     |
| Lori Powell      | Christopher Bass  |
| Matthew Butler   | George Spillman   |

Zachary Higgins  
Patrick Shewey  
Robert Worchel

John Prejean  
Nathaniel Majors  
Corey King

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Meg Marino and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Timothy Crockett.  
Motion carried unanimously.

b) Scope of Practice:

i) CLIA Waived Testing for EMTs

(1) Acadian Health Request: Expand the scope of practice for the Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT) to utilize the CLIA waived test and relay the result of the test to the provider. Motion by Toby Henry to expand the scope of practice  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Meg Marino. Motion carried unanimously except for abstention of Kirk Lacour.

ii) Primary Care Physician Groups Eligibility Regarding Scope of Practice

(1) Meg Marino made a motion to add the word “clinic” 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

iii) Isopropyl Alcohol to Treat Nausea

(1) Motion to not adopt at this time until more studies of support are provided. Toby Henry moved to table. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

iv) Paramedic Oversight as it Extends to Advanced Practice Providers Performing under Medical Direction

(1) Table to obtain a ruling from ACEP and the Board of Nursing. Motion made by Carl Flores, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Meg Marino. Motion carried unanimously.

v) Offshore Vessels

(1) Medics on ocean going vessels as defined by law for the limited scope of urgent medical conditions. Motion made by Kirk Lacour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otha Henry. Motion passed unanimously.

(2) Jack up rigs or any other rig stationary with state waterways must be a Louisiana licensed paramedic. Motion made by Otha Henry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brandon Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

vi) Motion to add Thoracostomies by AEMT to the agency – Meg Marino. 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirk Lacour. Motion carried unanimously.

(1) Request to approve needle thoracostomies for Advanced EMTs to the scope of practice. Tabled for further discussion Motion by Carl Flores and add Medical Director involvement to the limits of expanded scope. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otha Henry. Motion carried unanimously.

**8) Old Business**

a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Work Group Report:

i) Discussion lead by Timothy Crockett. General consensus is the benefits of the plan are worth the plan. David McCay will look at the potential issues with the State and Timothy Crockett will look at moving forward with LA State Fireman Association.

b) Criminal Background Checks:

- i) Stacy Barbay presented the right for Commission to discuss criminal histories. Commissioners were reminded to complete CJIS agreements as well as the required CJIS training.
  - c) Commissioner Terms and Appointments:
    - i) Stacy reported Toby Henry (LA Fire Chiefs Association) and Adam Oliver (LA State Nurses Association) were forwarded to Boards and Commission. Awaiting appointments. Stacy also reminded the Commission that if they are “interim appointments”, they should receive a letter when confirmed by the Senate after the current legislation session closes.
  - d) Application Questionnaire:
    - i) Elton Heron discussed his opinion for the suggested changes to the questions after he reviewed according to Title II. Additional discussion will be held at the next meeting to finalize the changes.
- 9) New Business**
- a) Election of Officers: Motion made by Toby Henry to nominate Otha Henry as Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey McBeath, Motion carried unanimously. (see earlier agenda item noted).
  - b) Confidentiality Agreements: Commissioners were reminded to complete the required Confidentiality Agreement.
  - c) Open Meetings Walking/Rolling Quorum Discussion: Susan reminded the Commission of the information.
  - d) Legislative Update: Susan informed the group that there would be language to clean up the Commission related statutes to change wording from “EMS Certification Commission” to “EMS Credentialing Commission”.
- 10) Next Meeting: April 21, 2023**
- 11) Adjournment:** Motion made by Otha Henry and seconded by Meg Marino, motion carried unanimously to adjourn at 3:30pm.