



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

**Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission**  
Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2024

1) **Call to Order:** Secretary Adam Oliver at 9:13 a.m.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

3) **Roll Call**

<b>Commissioner Name</b>		<b>Commissioner Name</b>	
Otha Schamburg, Chair <i>Public EMS Agency</i>	Present	<i>Brandon Lee</i> <i>Professional Firefighters Association</i>	Absent
Scott Thames, M.D., Vice Chair <i>Louisiana State Medical Society</i>	Absent	<i>Casey McBeath</i> <i>Private EMS Agency</i>	Present
Adam Oliver, Secretary <i>Louisiana State Nurses Association/ Emergency Nurses Association</i>	Present	<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>	Present	Christopher Willoughby, M.D. <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i>	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 Bibbins, Bureau of Legal Services	Present

4) **Public Comment:** No public comments presented.

**5) Approval of Minutes**

The December 15, 2023 meeting minutes were approved with the reading waived. Motion made to adopt the minutes by Carl Flores to and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey McBeath. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Toby Henry to deviate from agenda and go to Scope of Practice. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

**6) Scope of Practice:**

- i) EMT Practice Outside of EMS Clarification
  - (1) Hemodynamic Monitoring: Adam Oliver made a motion to make a check-star (√\*) on the scope of practice at the paramedic level. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Flores. Motion carried unanimously.
    - (a) Poll EMS Providers to EMS Critical Care services, if so, what are the standard for those services, what training is provided to the paramedics (specific curriculum), what QI practices are in place and what special equipment is provided by your agency to provide these services.
  - (2) Venous Blood Sampling for EMTs: Requestor must provide a compelling purpose. Kirk LaCour made a motion to table until next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christopher Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.
- ii) Critical Care Transport Scope of Practice Discussion
  - (1) Request the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services poll approved Louisiana emergency medical services ambulance services regarding their ability to provide critical care transport.

**7) Formal Disciplinary Hearings**

Name	Violations	Action and Statement of Fact
Chasin Sandefer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3)</b> - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> <li>• <b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9)</b> - unprofessional conduct.</li> <li>• <b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13)</b> - guilty of moral turpitude.</li> <li>• <b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14)</b> - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part.</li> <li>• <b>LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §503.D.3-</b> unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause;</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Sandefer failed to appear.</p> <p>Motion by: Adam Oliver Second by: Toby Henry Abstention: Kirk LaCour</p> <p>Decision: Revoke license. Must appear before the EMSCC to obtain a license.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §503.D.8-</b> guilty of moral turpitude; and</li> <li>• <b>LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §503.D.9-</b> has violated any provision of this Subpart.</li> </ul> <p>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>La. R.S. 40:1131(20):</b> “Moral turpitude” means an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the duties which one person owes another, or to society in general, which is contrary to the usual, accepted, and customary rule of right and duty which a person should follow.</li> <li>• <b>LAC Tit. 46.XXXVIII §507.A</b> (Definition of Terms):</li> <li>• <b>Habit</b>— a mode of behavior, which an individual acquires over a period of time.</li> <li>• <b>Moral Turpitude</b>— an act, which is dishonest, or contrary to good morals.</li> <li>• <b>Other Causes</b>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added):</li> <li>• <b>c.</b> failure to utilize appropriate judgment;</li> <li>• <b>Unfit or Incompetent</b>— unsuitable.</li> </ul>	<p>Motion made by Adam Oliver to proceed with the hearing. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Otha Shamburg. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Motion by Adam Oliver to accept the exhibits. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matthew Stumpf. Motion carried unanimously.</p>
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**Settlement Consideration**

<p>Jeffrey Landrum</p>	<p><b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(3)</b> - unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</p> <p><b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(9)</b> - unprofessional conduct.</p> <p><b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(13)</b> - guilty of moral turpitude.</p> <p><b>La. R.S. 40:1133.7(14)</b> - has violated any rules and regulations of the commission or the bureau or any provision of this Part.</p>	<p>Motion by: Adam Oliver Second by: Toby Henry Abstention: Casey McBeath</p> <p>Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Decision: Do not accept the settlement proposal and require respondent to</p>
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	<p><b>LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §503.D.3-</b>unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause;</p> <p><b>LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §503.D.8-</b>guilty of moral turpitude; and</p> <p><b>LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §503.D.9-</b>has violated any provision of this Subpart.</p> <p><b><u>*Definition of Terms applicable to the above noted violations pursuant to statute and/or rules:</u></b></p> <p><b>La. R.S. 40:1131(20):</b> “Moral turpitude” means an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the duties which one person owes another, or to society in general, which is contrary to the usual, accepted, and customary rule of right and duty which a person should follow.</p> <p><b>LAC Tit. 46. XXXVIII §507.A (Definition of Terms):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Habit</b>— a mode of behavior, which an individual acquires over a period of time.</li> <li>○ <b>Moral Turpitude</b>— an act, which is dishonest, or contrary to good morals.</li> <li>○ <b>Other Causes</b>— includes, but is not limited to (emphasis added):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. failure to utilize appropriate judgment;</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Unfit or Incompetent</b>— unsuitable.</li> </ul>	<p>appear at the April 5, 2024 meeting.</p>
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**8) Recurring Business**

a) EMS Practitioner Disciplinary Ratification of Decisions

Melissa Armstrong	Alexander Beebe
Gregory Bizub	Ryan Bodin
Shauna Brown	Jack Caminita
Matthew Chamberlain	Kelsey Chance
Danielle Clark	Marquan Culbert
Zachary Crymes	Taylor Delaune

Charles Denton	Preston Freeman
Kaitlyn Garner	Dalisha Gibbs
Jeffrey Gilmer	Ruby Goode
Trisha Gulino	Dylan Hall
Missi Harris	Christopher January
Angelica Joseph	Cody Kahl
Michael Keener	Monique Ledet
David Marks	Mitchell Martin
Kevin McCormic	Michael Newman
Anthony Norris	Ramos Medrano Francisco
Michael Robert	Tim Rogers
Donald Roof	Chasin Sandefer
Madison Shea	Micah Skains
Breland Steib	MacKenzie Tatum
Sedley Tomlinson	Jessica Torres
David VanVelzer	Marquis Williams
Robert Woodard	

Motion to ratify these determinations made by Adam Oliver and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toby Henry, no abstentions. Motion carried unanimously.

**9) Old Business**

- a) Substance Abuse/PTSD Treatment Programs Workgroup
  - i) Positive Drug Screen Matrix Motion by Adam Oliver 2<sup>nd</sup> by Casey McBeath, Adopt and implement the Matrix as submitted. Votes: For – 7; Against – 1; Abstain - 1

**10) New Business:**

- a) Ethics Course Reminder: Commissioners are reminded to complete their annual ethics course.
- b) Election of Officers – Motion by Adam Oliver to keep existing officers for 2024 year. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Christopher Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

**11) Next Meeting:** April 5, 2024

**12) Motion to Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. by Casey McBeath, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toby Henry. Motion carried unanimously