# Meeting Minutes – June 24th 2016

## Commissioners

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| **Commission Member** | | **Present** | | **Commission Member** | | **Present** |
| Dr. Jeff Elder | Yes | | Travis Schulze | | Yes | |
| Dr. Jeff Kuo | Yes | | Tammy Gray | | Yes | |
| Mark Majors | Yes | | Jeff Watson | | Yes | |
| Chris Mixon | Yes | | Barbara Sellers | | Yes | |
| Michael Doiron | No | | Dr. Lance Stuke | | No | |
| Dr. Cristina Zeretzke | No | | Barbara Sellers | | Yes | |
| Quorum | | Yes | |  | |  |

## Bureau of EMS

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| **Staff Member** | **Present** |  | **Present** |
| Avis Richard-Griffin | Yes | Liz Fiato | Yes |
| Stephen Phillipe Sr. | Yes | Rochelle Grayer | Yes |
| David McCay | Yes |  |  |

## Agenda

* Called to order at 0900 in Open Session
* Election of Officers
  + Dr. Jeff Elder elected as EMS Commission Chair
  + Mr. Mark Majors elected as Co-Chair
  + Mr. Chris Mixon elected as Secretary
* Mrs. Avis Richard-Griffin introduced as interim Director for LA. BEMS
* New Commissioner Education Session conducted by Stephen Phillipe for the Bureau
* A review of the Authority, Powers and Duties of the EMS commission was presented by Stephen Phillipe on behalf of BEMS.
* An introduction of the attending BEMS staff was made
* Disciplinary proceedings are listed in Table 1
* Old Business is listed in Table 2
* New Business is listed in Table 3
* Meeting was adjourned at 14:20
* Next Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2016

## Table 1 - Formal Disciplinary Hearings

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| Name | Violation/ Infraction | Action Taken |
| Bryan Englebert | NREMT audit shows status of “ emergency suspension” due to license action taken by Mississippi BEMS | No Action |
| Michael Keel | Self-disclosed conviction on a case of insurance fraud on renewal. Presented to EMSCC for review. | License renewed, with 2 year probationary period to end April 2018 concurrent with probation |
| Jason Schwebel | Charged with domestic battery and child endangerment. Case is still pending. | No Action – Continued |
| Russel Eues | Convicted of 1st offense domestic battery. Has met all probation requirements and has no other criminal history or pending charges. | License granted, with 2 year probationary period |
| John Fowler | Falsification of training records. | Probation for remainder of current certification period and next cycle. Not allowed to participate in training or skills evaluation except as described in current job description from employer. |
| Jeremiah Schneider | Self-disclosed conviction for battery and theft | Denied Certification |
| Michael Henderson | Multiple felonies without disposition. Did not disclose on MOU and revealed in background check. | Denied Certification |
| Benjamin Alexis | Requested falsification of attendance records for precepting shift to avoid being dismissed from EMS training program. | No Action – Continued |
| Jeremy Martinez | Failed drug screen | No Action – Continued |
| Russell Hayes | Charged with disturbing the peace. Presented testimony of circumstances surrounding event and has no other criminal history or pending infractions. | No Action – Dismissed |
| Jeffery Nolen | Falsification of documentation on EMS licensure application. Mr. Nolen revealed a non-processed felony charge in Louisiana to the Texas BEMS while applying for reciprocity which brings his ability to function as an EMS professional into question. | Continue Suspension until completes counseling and presents release to commission certifying not a danger to self or others. |
| Randy Williams | Falsification of documentation | No Action – Continued |

## Table 2 – Old Business

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| Topic | Action | Notes |
| BEMS Updates | N/A |  |
| EMSC Updates | N/A |  |
| Education and Exam Updates | N/A |  |
| Licensure and Workforce Development Updates | N/A |  |

## Table 3- New Business

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| Topic | Notes |
| Clarification on long form disclosure is requested from BEMS staff. | Investigation shows that the wording of the LA felony conviction statement is significantly different from Texas and allows for a different response to the background questions. For example, LA asks if “convicted” while TX asks if “ever charged”. A case presented to the EMSCC showed that an applicant who’s charges were not processed by DA in Louisiana was allowed to enroll in an EMS training program simply because LA only asks if “convicted”… |
| Clarification on process for summons letters is requested from BEMS staff. |  |
| Format and presentation of evidence and infractions presented to EMSC by BEMS Staff. | BEMS is in transition and many of the cases presented to EMSCC were handled by outgoing staff. |
| EMCC requests that the BEMS present a record of what infractions are being handled at BEMS level and how these are identified. | Intent is to allow transparency on how BEMS handles lesser infractions and if this practice matches the matrix presented in Misc. Discipline Guide. |