

# State of Louisiana EMS Certification Commission

## Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2017

### Commissioners

<b>Commission Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Commission Member</b>	<b>Present</b>
Dr. Jeff Elder	Yes	Travis Schulze	No
Dr. Jeff Kuo	no	Tammy Gray	Yes
Mark Majors	Yes	Jeff Watson	Yes
Chris Mixon	Yes	Barbara Sellers	Yes
Ryan Brown	Yes	Dr. Lance Stuke	No
Dr. Cristina Zeretzke	No		
Quorum	Yes		

### Bureau of EMS

<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
Traci Travis	No	
Stephen Phillipe Sr.	Yes	Rochelle Grayer
Stephanie Borghardt	Yes	Yes

### Agenda

#### New Business

1. The NREMT has created a conflict by unilaterally making certification decisions for Louisiana certified EMS personnel without involving the EMSCC. The Commission is questioning these actions since they create a significant variation in how the EMSCC and NREMT handle violations and infractions. The Commission has asked Dr. Elder as Chair to reach out to the NREMT and open a dialog about the concerns of the sitting commission about these practices. (Update, Dr. Elder has communicated with Severo (Tre) Rodriguez, the Executive Director of the NREMT and he will be attending the next session to discuss the issues.)
2. There are questions about how House Bill 307 will impact Louisiana EMS licensure. Mark Majors advises that the Louisiana EMS Alliance is following up and monitoring the bill. (Update, the bill has been revised to address this concern, but the Alliance continues to monitor.)

#### Old Business

1. None

A transcript of LA EMS Commission proceedings is available from the Louisiana Bureau Of EMS upon request and at the cost of the requesting body or individual.

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### Formal Disciplinary Proceedings

1. Ben Alexis - Mr. Alexis appears before the commission after being accused of falsifying clinical documentation required as part of his paramedic clinical program. He admits to the falsification of records. After being suspended, Mr. Alexis followed the appeals process at Nunez Community College and was denied re-entry. He expired as a Louisiana EMT during this process and was not able to recertify due to the unresolved status of his violation. Mr. Alexis comes before the Commission seeking to recertify as an EMT and re-enter the profession. After deliberation, A motion to allow Mr. Alexis to to proceed with EMS recertification at the EMT level after providing the BEMS with verification of clearance of all criminal charges was introduced by WATSON and seconded by MAJORS, the EMSCC voted to allow Mr. Alexis to proceed with certification at the EMT level. Vote was Unanimous in favor.
2. Bradley Lacheny - Mr. Lachney appears before the commission after being accused of falsification of clinical paperwork. He admits to the falsification of records. He recertified as an EMT shortly before this incident. After deliberation, A motion to place Mr. Lachney under probation until the end of his current recertification period in March of 2018 and a prohibition against entering a Paramedic program until after his probation has been completed was introduced by MAJORS and seconded by MIXON, vote was Unanimous in favor.
3. Mark Lombard- Mr. Lombard appears voluntarily before the EMSCC to complete the requirements of his probationary period to report at the end of the period. Mr. Lombard related the proceedings that resulted in his felony charges being reduced and the completion of his legal unsupervised probation. After deliberation a motion to remove all restrictions was made by SELLERS and seconded by Brown. Vote was Unanimous in favor