



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

**Emergency Medical Services Certification Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 12, 2019

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Vice Chairman Mark Majors.

**Roll Call**

**Commissioner Name**

Mark Majors, Vice-Chair	Present
Christopher Mixon, Secretary	Present
Ryan Brown	Present
Tammy Gray	Absent
Toby Henry	Present
Dr. Jeffrey Kuo	Present

**Commissioner Name**

Travis Schulze	Present
Barbara Sellers	Absent
Dr. Lance Stuke	Present
Jeffrey Watson	Present
Dr. Cristina M. Zeretzke	Absent
Quorum	Yes

**Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Staff**

Susan Bailey, Director	Present
Stephen Phillipe Deputy Director, EMSCC Investigator	Present
Stacy Barbay, Recorder	Present
David McKay, Bureau of Legal Services, DHH Attorney	Present

**General Public Attendance**

Justin Arnone, Chief of Medical Services, St. George Fire Department

**Approval of Agenda**

The Commission reviewed the meeting agenda. The Commission approved the meeting agenda on the motion made by Ryan Brown, seconded by Chris Mixon and passed without opposition.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes. On the motion made by Chris Mixon and seconded by Dr. Lance Stuke, and passed without opposition, the Commission approved the February 8, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Dr. Jeffrey Kuo abstained from the vote.

**Formal Disciplinary Proceedings**

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, at LRS 42:17A(1), (4) the Board convened in executive session, to consider the matters relating to the character and professional conduct of the licensees and allegations of misconduct. Following review and discussion the Board resumed in open session.

<b>Individual</b>	<b>Violation(s)</b>	<b>Action(s)</b>
<p><b>Mitchell Webb</b> LA14-96198</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)</b> Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit, or other cause.</li> <li>2. <b>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(a)</b> Failure to practice EMS in accordance with the standards of EMS practice.</li> <li>3. <b>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(f)</b> Performing procedures beyond the authorized scope of EMS or any specialty thereof.</li> <li>4. <b>LAC Title 46 Part XXXVIII §503 (D)(3)(j)</b> Falsifying records.</li> </ol>	<p>By his own admission, clinical management of patients were negatively impacted by burnout at the time of the allegations. However, at this time the practitioner has expressed improved mental wellness. It is the opinion of the EMS Certification Commissioners that the practitioner, at this time, is able to provide competent patient care. The Bureau of EMS will notify the current employer to monitor for employee wellness</p> <p>The practitioner, more likely than not, operated outside of the scope of practice based upon the testimony and evidence</p> <p>The evidence does not support a finding or conclusion that Mr. Webb falsified medical records, no action to be taken.</p> <p>Probation for the remainder of current cycle and two additional cycles, ending March, 2024</p>
<p>On the motion made by Jeffrey Watson and second Dr. Lance Stuke, the above decision passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.</p>		
<p><b>Alexis Dance</b> (non-licensed EMT student)</p>	<p>Ms. Dance presented to the EMS Certification Commission for review prior to clinical rotation for her EMT program due to criminal charges in February 2017.</p>	<p>Ms. Dance will be allowed to finish the EMT course but cannot obtain Louisiana EMT licensure without</p>

	<p>She was convicted of possession of a Schedule 2 2017 and is in the process of expungement. She served 4 months and upon her release completed drug court and was released on probation as well as paid the required fines/fees.</p>	<p>future approval by the EMS Certification Commission</p>
<p>On the motion made by Chris Mixon and second by Travis Schulze, the above decision passed by unanimous vote of the Commission.</p>		

**Complaint against EMSCC process and proceeding (Executive Session)**

**Public Comment:**

Justin Arnone with St. George Fire Department addressed the Commission regarding the current scope of practice document.

Ryan Brown made a motion to deviate from the agenda to address the Legislation, the motion was second by Dr. Lance Stuke, with no commissioners opposed.

**Recurring Business**

- **EMS Professional Discipline and Review of Decisions:**  
Chris Mixon motioned to waive this agenda item for this meeting Dr. Jeffrey Kuo seconded, the motion passed without opposition.
- **Scope of Practice of EMS Professionals:**
  - **Paramedics Initiating Blood Products.** This item will be discussed in Scope of Practice Work Group and reported to the EMS Certification Commission.
  - **Industry Scope of Practice Paramedic**  
RS 37:1323 was attached for review regarding phlebotomy scope of practice. The commissioners discussed and agreed that should there be a practitioner who was performing duties outside of the EMS scope of practice, a complaint would need to be submitted to the commission, and he/she would have to defend their position.
  - **Scope of Practice Working Group Report**
  - The commission asked Mr. Arnone to present his suggestions in writing to the Scope of Practice Work Group. Some of those items include Epinephrine IM versus subcutaneous, patient assist, bronchodilators, benzodiazepines at the AEMT level, and Ketamine. Dr. Kuo asked that the information be discussed with the work group and a report given to the Commission at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

- **Commission Members Appointment and Replacement**
  - Director Susan Bailey reported that all of the commissioners who requested to continue has been forwarded and is awaiting ratification by Governor Edwards. Mark Majors is the only replacement requested but will need to continue to attend until Tracy Wold’s application has been approved. In addition, Dr. Marino has been submitted to replace Dr. Zeretzke. ACEP selected to reappoint Dr. Jeff Elder. Chris Mixon recommended officers be recommended and elected when all members are seated.

- **Policy Manual Review for EMSCC and Licensure**

A motion to table this item until the next meeting was made by Jeff Watson and seconded by Ryan Brown, with no opposition the motion was approved.

**New Business**

- **Essential Job Function Analysis**

- Information from Alabama Essential Job Function Analysis was presented for informational purposes only

- **Legislation**

A Senate bill has been drafted and will be introduced by Senator Boudreaux, he is open to amendments to address the current RS:40 EMS legislation.

- Commission Composition and Number of Commissioners: Jeff Watson made a motion to not increase the number of Commissioners and later withdrew the motion. There are currently 3 Commission seats who are EMS practitioners and they must be instructors. After discussion, Chris Mixon made a motion, Dr. Kuo seconded the motion, to remove the requirement of Commissioners being EMS instructors and Chris Mixon later withdrew the motion. Jeff Watson re-introduced the motion to not increase the number of Commissioners, the motion was seconded by Chris Mixon and the motion was passed without opposition. Travis Schulze made a motion that the legislation be amended to indicate the EMS practitioners on the commission be 2 licensed paramedics, at least one of which must be an instructors and one licensed EMT/AEMT as well as Nationally Registered and state licensed. Ryan Brown seconded the motion, the motion was passed without opposition.
- Criminal Background Checks: James Crawford, the CJIS officer, in an email to Susan Bailey stated that the Commission does not have the authority to request or store criminal background documents. The proposed legislation was copied from the nursing legislation regarding state and federal criminal justice information acquired prior to an initial state license or an indication of a criminal offense by answering affirmatively to criminal conviction questions on the application. An extensive discussion was held by the Commissioners regarding this topic. Louisiana is not a COMPAC state (neighboring states Texas and Mississippi are) and does not receive national criminal background information (NCIC) only state information through Louisiana State Police at the expense of the applicant.
- The Commissioners discussed requesting a non-scheduled meeting of the EMS Commission should there be any additional Commission decisions on information regarding the changes to the legislation prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services office.

**Adjourned**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:37 p.m. was made by Jeffrey Watson and seconded by Dr. Lance Stuke. The motion was passed without opposition.