



**AGENDA**  
**Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)**  
**Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Meeting**  
**Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Thursday, March 6, 2025  
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM  
DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix South Ballroom  
6505 N Interstate 35  
Austin, TX 78752

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Teams. Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at [www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).*

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Chair: Kevin Deramus, LP  
Council Liaisons: Judge Mike DeLoach, LP, and Ryan Matthews, LP  
DSHS: Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) vision and mission statements – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair

*GETAC Vision: A unified, comprehensive, and effective Emergency Healthcare System.*

*GETAC Mission: To promote, develop, and advance an accountable, patient-centered Trauma and Emergency Healthcare System.*

4. Reading of the GETAC EMS Committee's Statement of Purpose – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair  
*Statement of Purpose: To develop a comprehensive, accessible, and sustainable EMS delivery system through collaboration, innovation, training, safety, research, and efficiency to provide the highest quality prehospital patient care.*
5. Review and Approval of the November 2024 Meeting Minutes – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Emergency Transport Task Force discussion on interfacility terminology – Ryan Matthews and Dr. Sharon Malone, GETAC Executive Committee
9. Update, review, and approve revisions from Stroke Workgroup – Donald Janes
10. Update from Domestic Violence in EMS workgroup – Chief Mike Hayes

11. Update from 157.11 Requirement for an EMS Provider License and 157.14 Requirements for a First Responder Organization License rule revision workgroup – Dwayne Howerton
12. Update from the reduction of RLS usage workgroup – Aaron Clouse
13. Update on EMS Wall Time Task Force Formation – Chief Dudley Wait
14. Prehospital Whole Blood Task Force report – Eric Epley, Task Force Chair; Dudley Wait
15. Texas EMS for Children (EMSC) update – Sam Vance, LP
16. Discuss the committee review of the Pediatric Consideration for Consultation and Transfer document and the addendums referenced in the document:
  - a. Child Physical Abuse Toolkit
  - b. American Burn Association Transfer Guideline
  - c. Pediatric Interfacility Transfer Quality Improvement Plan
17. Update on the GETAC Stroke Committee initiatives – Robin Novakovic-White, MD
  - a. Stroke triage algorithm rural, urban, and suburban areas
  - b. Pediatric Stroke triage algorithm
18. Summary of action items to present at RAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
19. Summary of action items to present at GETAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
20. Items to be placed on the agenda for the next EMS Committee meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
21. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
22. Announcements – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
23. Next meeting date – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair
24. Adjournment – Kevin Deramus, LP, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing [deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, February 28, 2025. Please include your name and either the organization you are representing or that you are speaking as a private citizen. Written comments are limited to three minutes and will be read during the meeting for consideration by the Council. The request must contain your name, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking of as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

Public comment is limited to three minutes. Speakers must state their name, affiliation, and on whose behalf they are speaking. Public members who are using handouts are asked to provide an electronic copy in accessible PDF format that will be distributed by DSHS staff to Council members and state staff and for public distribution. Handouts are limited to two pages of documentation (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM, February 28, 2025, and include the name of the person commenting.

Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.

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