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## **AGENDA**

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

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central 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).*

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EMS Education Committee Chair: Macara Trusty, LP

Council Liaisons: Taylor Ratcliff, MD; Rodney Tidwell, EMT-P

DSHS: Mattie Mendoza, EMS Education Specialist, and Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Macara Trusty, 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 EMS Education Committee Statement of Purpose – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair

*Statement of Purpose: The purpose of the GETAC EMS Education Committee is to advise GETAC on EMS education and practices.*

5. Review and Approval: March 2025 Meeting Minutes – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems –Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Approve: Position Statement
  - a. Review Red Lights and Sirens (RLS)
9. Announcement: Pediatric Committee workgroup collaboration opportunity – Belinda Waters, Vice-chair of the GETAC Pediatric Committee
  - a. Pediatric Pain Assessment and Management
  - b. Pediatric Transfusion Guidelines
10. Announcement: TEAM EMS-Ed study – Robin Novakovic, MD, Chair of Stroke Committee
11. Update: Stroke Committee – Robin Novakovic, MD, Chair of Stroke Committee
  - a. Approved measures
  - b. Stroke Committee - EMS Education Committee liaison
12. Update: Open Enrollment Paramedic Program
  - a. Open Enrollment Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Program
13. Update: High School Guidance Document Workgroup – Terri King
14. Update: Mentor Program Development Workgroup – Diedra Blankenship
15. Review: EMS education requirements from Texas Administrative Code, Title 25, Chapter 157, Subchapter C. EMS Training and Course Approval and Subchapter D. EMS Personnel Certification for all levels of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel.
  - a. 157.32 EMS Education Program & Course Approval
  - b. 157.34 Recertification
  - c. 157.38 Continuing Education
  - d. 157.39 Comprehensive Clinical Management Program Approval
  - e. 157.43 Course Coordinator Certification
  - f. 157.44 EMS Instructor Certification
16. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
17. Summary: Action items to present at RAC meeting– Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
18. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
19. Announcements – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
20. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
21. Next meeting date – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair
22. Adjournment – Macara Trusty, LP, Chair

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