



AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton
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.

Meeting Notice: The use of artificial intelligence (AI) bots is prohibited in this meeting. In accordance with HHS policy, the use of Artificial Intelligence, also known as "AI" Notetakers, is expressly prohibited. Producers will not admit a 'bot' or other autonomous agent into the meeting. If a 'bot' should inadvertently gain entrance, it will be removed from the meeting by one of our producers.

Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee Chair: Lynn Lail, RN, LP
Council Liaisons: Shawn Salter, RN, and Danny Ramirez, EMT-P
DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

1. Call to order – Lynn Lail, RN, LP
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Opening – Lynn Lail, RN, LP
 - a. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements

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.

- b. Reading of the Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport Committee (AM&SCTC) statement of purpose

AM&SCTC Statement of Purpose: To collaborate with individuals and organizations to promote and enhance the overall safety, quality of service, and level of care to patients being treated and transported by air medical and specialty care transport providers.

- c. Review and approval: November 22, 2025, AM&SCTC meeting minutes

4. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD

5. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

6. Report: AM&SCTC members assigned to attend other GETAC committee meetings – Committee Members
7. Review: A safety moment – Committee Members
8. Update: Past Committee Priority and Assignment Outcomes
 - a. EMS Helicopter Safety and Landing Zone Training
 - b. Trauma Facility Helicopter Safety and Landing Zone Training
9. Discussion: *GETAC Strategic Plan* as it pertains to AM&SCTC in 2026
 - a. 2026 Priorities
 - i. Fatigue Risk Management Program Necessity, Standards, & Value
 - ii. Cross-Regional NOTAM Alerts
 - iii. Adult Critical Care Ground Transport Criteria – Minimum Requirements
10. Discussion, review, and recommendations: Revisions to Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25, Chapter 157, Subchapter B, §157.12 Rotor-wing Air Ambulance Operations and §157.13 Fixed-wing Air Ambulance Operations.
11. Discussion: Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve air medical and specialty care transport service provision in Texas – Lynn Lail, RN, LP
12. General public comment – Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.
13. Closing - Lynn Lail, RN, LP
 - a. Summary
 - i. Action items to present at the RAC meeting
 - ii. Action items to present at the GETAC meeting
 - b. Review: Agenda items for the next meeting
 - c. Announcements and next meeting date
14. Adjournment – Lynn Lail, RN, LP, Chair

Public Comment: The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments on topics related to Emergency Health Care. Public members are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, March 6, 2026. Please include your name and either the organization you represent or that you will speak 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 an indication that you are speaking 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 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 documentation pages (paper size: 8.5" by 11", one side only). Handouts must be emailed to DSHS by 5:00 PM,

March 6, 2026, and include the name of the person commenting.

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Contact: Questions regarding agenda items, content, or meeting arrangements should be directed to Jorie Klein, DSHS, at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov. People with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting and require auxiliary aids or services should contact Jorie Klein at 512-535-8538 or Jorie.Klein@dshs.texas.gov at least 72 hours before the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.