



AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Burn Care Task Force
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Tuesday, September 8, 2026
4:00 PM (CDT)
Virtual Meeting

This meeting will be conducted 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.

Burn Care Task Force Co-chairs: Taylor Ratcliff, MD; Amber Tucker, RN

GETAC: Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair; Gerard Troutman, MD

DSHS: Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

1. Opening

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements
- D. 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.*

2. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Task force objectives & deliverables
- B. Burn telemedicine
- C. Rural Participation in Pulsara
- D. Texas EMS, Trauma & Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) survey on burn education
- E. Burn virtual primary care (VPC) structure and cost – Corey Ricketson
- F. Data and other resource needs
 - i. TALON (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and New Mexico) state EM Resource page for burn resources – Douglas Havron

3. Closing

- A. Priorities/action items for the next meeting
- B. Public Comments
- C. Agenda items for the next meeting
- D. Announcements

E. Next meeting date: November 10, 2026, at 4:00 PM (CST)

F. Adjournment

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, September 4, 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, September 4, 2026, and include the name of the person commenting.

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

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.