



AGENDA

Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Friday, March 13, 2026
8:00 AM

DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Austin
6505 N Interstate 35
Austin, Texas 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.

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1. Call to order – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair
2. Roll call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission – Alan Tyroch, MD, 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. Review and approval of minutes – October 28, 2025, and November 24, 2025
5. Chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair
6. State reports
 - a. Center for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (CHEPR)
 - b. DSHS EMS/Trauma Systems (EMSTS) Section
 - c. DSHS Injury Prevention Unit - EMS and Trauma Registries (EMSTR)

Discussion, public comment, and possible action on the following items:

(Public comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.)

7. Council action items

- a. Approve: Revised GETAC Standard Operating Procedures
 - b. Approve: Revised GETAC Committee Guidelines
8. Discussion: American College of Surgeons (ACS) consultative visit
- a. Texas State Trauma System Plan
9. GETAC committee action items
- a. Air Medical and Specialty Care Transport
 - b. Cardiac Care
 - c. Pediatric
 - A. Approve: Public resource for the Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death Toolkit
 - d. Injury Prevention and Public Education
 - e. Emergency Medical Services
 - A. Approve: Workplace Violence in EMS survey
 - f. Trauma Systems
 - A. Approve: Trauma Center Advisory Letter and Education Presentation
 - g. EMS Medical Directors
 - h. Stroke
 - A. Approve: Best Practice Resource for Improving Door-in/Door-out Times
 - i. EMS Education
 - j. Disaster Preparedness and Response
10. GETAC Task Force Updates and Action Items
- a. Pre-hospital Whole Blood (PHWB) Task Force
 - A. Approve: PHWB Public Education Awareness
 - B. PHWB Task Force recommendations to GETAC for possible action
 - b. Burn Care
 - A. Pulsara – Corey Ricketson
 - c. Time-Sensitive Transfer Deconfliction
11. System Collaboration for Outcomes Review (SCOR)
- a. Update: FY26 Q2 performance data – discuss potential actions
 - A. Prehospital Stroke Screening
 - B. Door-to-Needle Time for Acute Ischemic Stroke
 - C. Severe maternal morbidity events
12. Update: Executive Committee activities
- a. Pre-hospital Whole Blood (PHWB) Maternal Guidelines
 - b. PHWB EMS Medical Director Transfusion Guidelines
13. TX Pediatric Readiness Improvement Project Update
14. Texas EMS Trauma Acute Care Foundation (TETAF) report
15. Meeting dates
- a. FY26 Q3: June 2-5, 2026 (Austin)
 - b. FY26 Q4: August 25-28, 2026 (Austin)
 - c. FY27 Strategic Planning Session: October 14-15, 2026 (Austin)
 - d. FY27 Q1: November 22-25, 2026 (Fort Worth)

16. Final public comments

17. Adjournment - Alan Tyroch, MD, Chair

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