



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

Thursday, March 12, 2026
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

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.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee Chair: Kevin Deramus, LP
Council Liaisons: Judge Mike DeLoach, LP; Brian Petrilla, EMT-P
DSHS: Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

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

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

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: November 23, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Kevin Deramus, LP
6. GETAC chair announcements – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
7. Update: EMS/Trauma Systems – Joe Schmider, Texas State EMS Director

Discussion and possible action on the following items:

8. Update: Violence Against EMS Workgroup
 - a. Review: Violence Against EMS survey
9. Update: Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Rule Revision Workgroup – Dwayne Howerton
 - a. §157.11 Requirements for an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider License
 - b. §157.14 Requirements for a First Responder Organization License
10. Update: Reduction in use of RLS workgroup – Aaron Clouse
11. Summary:
 - a. Action items to present at RAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP
 - b. Summary: Action items to present at GETAC meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP
12. Items to be placed on the agenda for the next EMS Committee meeting – Kevin Deramus, LP
13. General public comment: *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
14. Announcements – Kevin Deramus, LP
15. Next meeting date – Kevin Deramus, LP
16. Adjournment – Kevin Deramus, LP

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 no later than 5:00 PM, March 6, 2026. 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, your direct phone number, and the name of the organization you represent or indicate that you are speaking as a private citizen.

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, state staff, and the public. 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, March 6, 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.

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