



AGENDA
Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC)
Injury Prevention and Public Education (IPPE) Committee Meeting
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

Monday, August 17, 2026
1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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.

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Committee Chair: Mary Ann Contreras, RN

Committee Vice Chair: Courtney Edwards, DNP

Council Liaisons: Della Johnson, RN; Ruben Martinez; Lauren Day

DSHS: Jorie Klein, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Elizabeth Stevenson, RN, Designation Unit Manager

1. Opening

- A. Call to order- Mary Ann Contreras, RN, Chair
- B. Reading of the GETAC vision and mission statements – Courtney Edwards, DNP, Vice 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.*

- C. Reading of the Injury Prevention and Public Education Committee statement of purpose – Courtney Edwards, DNP

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council's Injury Prevention/Public Education committee is tasked with equitable promotion of safety, reducing injury risk, and fostering a healthy environment for all Texans. The committee will utilize data, research, and best practice strategies to define proactive processes, awareness, education of providers, and collaboration with stakeholders to prevent injuries and promote well-being.

2. Discussion and possible action:

- A. Define Statewide Injury and Violence Prevention (IVP) plan for 2027
 - 1. Development of framework for statewide IP plan as identified by the top mechanisms of injury (MOI) for Texas

3. Closing

- A. General public comment – *Comment time may be limited at the Chair's discretion.*
- B. Summary
 - 1. Agenda items for next committee meeting
- C. Next meeting dates – August 26, 2026, and August 31, 2026
- D. Adjournment

Public Comment

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments on Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by submitting written comments to DSHS via email at deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov no later than 5:00 PM, August 14, 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 comments are 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, August 14, 2026, and include the name of the person commenting. 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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