

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 7, 2012**
4 **LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**
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9 President Robert Jump called the meeting to order at 3:32 Pm. Eric Deroche led the
10 pledge of allegiance and Sandy Davis led the prayer. A quorum was present to conduct
11 business.
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13 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

14 Dexter Accardo
15 John Boudreaux
16 Skip Breeden
17 Pat Santos for Kevin Davis
18 Sandy Davis
19 Eric Deroche
20 Chris Guilbeaux
21 Robert Jump
22 Sean Lafleur
23 Jeffrey Meyers
24 Jerry Monier
25 Gene Dunnegan for Taylor Moss
26 Jim Polk
27 Karen Price
28 Rick Webre
29 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
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31 **Members Excused:**

32 Tuesday Mills
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34 **Members Absent:**

35 Dave Brown
36 Obie Cambre
37 Dawson Primes
38 Tommy Thiebaud
39 Tab Troxler
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41 **Guests:**

42 Earl Eues
43 John Porter
44 Chris Boudreaux
45 Bland O'Connor
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47 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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49 The minutes from the March 16, 2012 Board meeting were addressed. A motion was
50 made by Eric Deroche and seconded by Rick Webre to approve the minutes as presented.
51 The motion passed.

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53 **IV. OFFICER REPORTS**

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55 A. President –Robert Jump

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57 Robert thanked everyone for their willingness to serve and expressed his
58 appreciation for the opportunity to serve as president.

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60 B. President Elect – Rick Webre

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62 No report.

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64 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche

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66 Eric Deroche presented the February 29, 2012 financial statements (Attachment
67 1). Total assets at February 29, 2012 were \$302,036.69. Total fund balances at
68 February 29, 2012 were \$291,536.69. For the two months ended February 29,
69 2012 receipts exceeded expenditures by \$43,631.96.

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71 A motion was made by Sonya Wiley-Gremillion and seconded by Skip Breeden
72 to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed.

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74 D. Executive Director’s Report – Bland O’Connor

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76 No report.

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78 **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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80 A. AWARDS – Rick Webre

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82 The Awards Program is scheduled for Tuesday night.

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84 B. CERTIFICATION – Rick Webre

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86 Rick Webre reported that Kim Betz has applied for the LEM-T and met the
87 qualifications. A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Jeff
88 Meyers to grant the LEM-T designation to Kim Betz. The motion passed.

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90 A motion was made by Rick Webre and seconded by Sandy Davis to approve
91 Craig Westerman (LSU) for the LEM-Pro, subject to him passing the Command
92 College. The motion passed.

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94 Rick Webre then asked for the Board’s input on whether the LEM is appropriate
95 for out-of-state applicants. The sense was “no” in normal circumstances.

96 C. CHARTER AND BYLAWS – Jeff Meyers
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98 No report.
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100 D. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – Karen Price
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102 All scholarship recipients will attend the Awards ceremony.
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104 E. HAZMAT ALLIANCE – Sean Lafleur
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106 No report.
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108 F. LEGISLATIVE – Dexter Accardo
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110 Dexter reported on HB1. A motion was made by Sandy Davis and seconded by
111 John Boudreaux for LEPA to officially oppose the amendments 14-20 to HB1.
112 The motion carried with the following roll call vote:
113 Dexter Accardo - Yes
114 John Boudreaux - Yes
115 Skip Breeden - Abstain
116 Pat Santos for Kevin Davis - Abstain
117 Sandy Davis - Yes
118 Eric Deroche - Yes
119 Chris Guilbeaux - Abstain
120 Robert Jump - Yes
121 Sean Lafleur - Abstain
122 Jeffrey Meyers - Yes
123 Jerry Monier - Abstain
124 Gene Dunnegan for Taylor Moss - Abstain
125 Jim Polk - Yes
126 Karen Price - Abstain
127 Rick Webre - Yes
128 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion - Yes
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130 G. MEMBERSHIP – Tuesday Mills
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132 At May 4, 2012, membership stood at 651.
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134 H. NOMINATING – Rick Webre
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136 Rick reported the following election results:
137 Kenneth Graham – 118
138 Dexter Accardo – 116
139 Dawson Primes – 110
140 Karen Price – 100
141 Scott Welchel – 95
142 Tracey Hilburn – 91
143 Obie Cambre – 90
144 Tab Troxler – 89

145 William Richey – 47

146 Fred McAnn – 38

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148 A motion was made by Dexter Accardo and seconded by Jim Polk to accept the
149 election results and declare Kenneth Graham, Dexter Accardo, Dawson Primes,
150 Karen Price, Scott Welchel and Tracey Hilburn elected and Obie Cambre as First
151 Alternate and Tab Troxler as Second Alternate. The motion passed.

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153 A motion was made by John Boudreaux and seconded by Sandy Davis to destroy
154 the ballots and erase the electronic elections database. The motion passed.

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156 I. WORKSHOP – Eric Deroche

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158 Eric reported a record exhibit turnout and an expected 200+ registrants.

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160 J. EMERGENCY MANAGER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Skip Breedon

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162 It was noted that this item should be removed from the Agenda and not included
163 in future meeting agendas.

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165 M. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – Tommy Thiebaud

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167 No report.

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169 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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171 A. LEM PROGRAM REVIEW

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173 Rick said he is happy with the testing contractor, but would like improved Hazmat
174 questions.

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176 B. UPDATE ON LEPA APP

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178 Efforts are on hold until after the Conference.

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180 **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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182 A. OFFICER ELECTIONS

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184 **TREASURER**

185 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion nominated Eric Deroche. Jerry Monier seconded the
186 nomination. Nominations were closed and Eric was declared elected.

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188 **PRESIDENT – ELECT**

189 Sonya Wiley-Gremillion nominated Jim Polk. Jerry Monier seconded the
190 nomination. Nominations were closed and Jim was declared elected.

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193 **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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195 John Boudreaux was acknowledged outstanding service and leadership in 17 years of
196 service as a Board member and various officer capacities, including President and
197 Treasurer.

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199 The meeting adjourned on motion by John Boudreaux.

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201 Respectfully submitted,

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205 Bland O'Connor

206 Executive Director

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