

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **May 16, 2022**
4 **Lake Charles, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

8 President Vikki Travis called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. A quorum was present to
9 conduct business.

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11 **Members Present in Person or Proxy:**

12 Vikki Travis
13 Sonya Wiley -Gremillion
14 Eric Deroche
15 Skip Breeden
16 Amy Dawson
17 Terry Guidry
18 Dustin Montelius
19 Benjamin Walker
20 Missy Cowart
21 Kade Rogers
22 Gene Dunnigan for LTC Jay Oliphant
23 Deano Moran

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25 **Members Excused:**

26 None

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28 **Members Absent:**

29 Mark Ward
30 Joe Ganote
31 Dennis Crocker
32 Casey Tingle

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34 **Guests:**

35 Dee Pidgeon
36 Anthony Summers
37 Melanie Talley
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41 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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43 A motion was made by Amy Dawson to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022.
44 The motion passed.
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46 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**
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- 48 A. President – Vikki Travis – Travis welcomed everyone to the LEMC Meeting and
49 reported record attendance. She thanked everyone for their contributions to the
50 meeting and the Association throughout the past year. She was excited to have
51 everyone in person and was looking forward to a great meeting.
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- 53 B. Vice President – Sonya Wiley-Gremillion – No Report
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- 55 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche - Deroche reported assets as of the draft March 31, 2022
56 financial statement of \$254,615.72 and net assets of \$249,101.72. He noted the
57 association is doing well but a number of expenses will be coming in post the
58 conference. A motion was made by Skip Breeden to approve the Treasurer’s
59 report. The motion passed.
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- 61 D. Executive Director – Melanie Talley – Talley reported that registration was doing
62 great for the 2022 meeting and looked forward to a great conference.
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64 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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- 66 A. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson reported initial applications for the following
67 LEMs
68 George Baxter LEMT
69 Zephna Douglas LEMT
70 Joseph Watson LEMT
71 Norman Pineda LEMB
72 All applications have been reviewed and are recommended for approval.
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- 74 Motion by Sonya Wiley Gremillion to accept the report and approve the new
75 LEMs as presented. The motion passed.
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- 77 Dawson also mentioned she would like to abolish the essay portion of the LEM
78 Exam.
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- 80 Motion by Dustin Montelius to abolish the essay portion of the exam. The motion
81 passed.
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- 83 B. CHARTER AND BYLAWS –Update provided.
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- 85 C. LEGISLATIVE – No report.
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- 87 D. MEMBERSHIP – No Report
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- 89 E. NOMINATING –No Report – Elections would be covered later in the agenda.
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- 91 F. WORKSHOP –Deroche reported that preregistration showed 367 attendees, 76
92 exhibitors, 18 free exhibit booths. These numbers will increase due to onsite
93 registrations. He reminded everything that a Fall 2022 meeting will be held this
94 year but will only be CE, no tradeshow.
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97 G. REGIONAL DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – No Report
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99 H. SOCIAL MEDIA – Anthony Summers – Summers reported that heavy
100 advertising for the meeting has been done. He plans to livestream the main
101 meeting stage as well. He has also been doing some membership spotlights.
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103 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

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105 A. 2022 LEPA Election Results

106 Travis presented the results of the 2022 LEPA Election:

107 Amy Dawson

108 Eric Deroche

109 Benjamin Walker

110 Danielle Maples

111 1st Runner Up – Jack Badinger, Jr

112 2nd Runner Up – Liz Hill
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114 Amy Dawson moved to approve the election results. The motion passed.
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116 B. Election of Officers

117 Sonya Wiley Gremillion nominated Vicki Travis as President. Vicki Travis was
118 elected.
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120 Eric Deroche nominated Dustin Montelius as Vice President. Dustin Montelius
121 was elected.
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123 Skip Breeden nominated Eric Deroche as Treasurer. Eric Deroche was elected.
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125 **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

126 Dee Pidgeon: He reported that some of the action items will be addressed at the meeting
127 this week.
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129 **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

130 2022 meetings schedule & late summer retreat will be set in the next few weeks.
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132 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

133 The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.
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137 Respectfully submitted,
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141 Melanie Talley

142 Executive Director