

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **January 11, 2023**
4 **Baton Rouge, LOUISIANA**

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6 MEETING MINUTES

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8 I. CALL TO ORDER

9 President Vikki Travis called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.
10 A quorum was present to conduct business. This board meeting was a Board Luncheon
11 and holed at the conclusion of the winter workshop.

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

14 Vikki Travis
15 Eric Deroche
16 Amy Dawson
17 Terry Guidry
18 Benjamin Walker
19 Casey Tingle
20 Danielle Maples
21 Jack Badinger
22 Dawson Primes
23 Liz Hill – proxy given to Terry Guidry
24 Deano Moran
25 Missy Cowart - proxy given to Vicki Travis
26 Mark Ward

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28 **Members Excused:**

29 Gene Dunnigan for LTC Jay Oliphant
30 Skip Breeden

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32 **Members Absent:**

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34 **Guests:**

35 Dee Pidgeon
36 Dale Viola Jr.
37 Anthony Summers
38 Jennifer Constantin

50 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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52 A. President – Vikki Travis – Vicki discussed how the winter workshop was a
53 success and large number registered.

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55 B. Vice President – No Report

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57 C. Treasurer – Eric Deroche - Deroche reported assets as of the draft July 31, 2022
58 financial statement of \$232,473.77 and net assets of \$215,823.77. A motion was
59 made by Terry Guidry to approve the Treasurer’s report and it was seconded. The
60 motion passed.

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62 D. Executive Director – Melanie Talley – Jennifer Constantin reported on behalf of
63 Melanie and discussed the office is working on the winter LEMC meeting and
64 member renewals will be going out in the fall.

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67 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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69 A. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson reported initial applications for the following
70 LEMs

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<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Certification Type</u>
Lee John	LEM Basic (LEM-B)
Heather Sullivan	LEM Basic (LEM-B)
John Briery	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
Scott Chauvin	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
Chris Hinyub	LEM Basic (LEM-B)
Tony Boyd	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
Gregory Davis	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
Rebecca Stein	LEM Basic (LEM-B)
Kevin Scarber	LEM Basic (LEM-B)
COL Gene Barattini	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
Emily Judice-Hodges	LEM Technical (LEM-T)
William Saint	LEM Basic (LEM-B)

85 All applications have been reviewed and are recommended for approval.

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87 Motion by Amy Dawson accept the report and approve the new LEMs as
88 presented. The motion passed.

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91 B. CHARTER AND BYLAWS –No report. Ben reported that nothing is going on
92 with bylaws.

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94 C. LEGISLATIVE – Casey Tingle gave a report on the recent legislative session.
95 Two bills were discussed and how they will affect emergency managers.

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97 D. MEMBERSHIP – No Report.

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- E. NOMINATING –No Report.

- F. WORKSHOP –Eric Deroche discussed the LEMC winter meeting agenda. Registration will open in the beginning of October and will be \$50.00 per person. The May conference will be held May 7-13, 2022, at the Golden Nugget in Lake Charles. The board discussed moving the May meeting to another city, but pricing and space are issues. Terry Guidry made a motion to hold the 2022 meeting in May in Lake Charles. Danielle Maples seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- G. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – No Report. Dawson Primes will be new Regional Representative. Joe Ganote resigned from the board after a getting a job in the private sector.

- H. SOCIAL MEDIA – Anthony Summers – Report presented - Both pages are running about the same as far as like and followers. We did highlight Missy Cowart last month on the pages. We still need to people to submit their highlights for the LEPA social media pages. In addition when members do things if they could tag LEPA or use hashtag #LEPA in their social media post from their organizations it will help grow our social media presence.

Our social media has only been as active as I have been able to make it as I see post on other social media sites, over the last few months due to fact that that the social media manger I was using that allowed syndication of content has shutdown. I am currently looking for a replacement that also has that has the same capabilities and hope to be trialing one in the near future.

For the strategy session In the future going forward with social media I would love to find someone that could help maintain the LEPA social media presence of LEPA.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Eric Deroche nominated Ben Walker for the LEPA Vice President position. Eric made a motion and the motion was seconded by Deano Moran. The motion passed and Ben accepted the nomination.

Eric Deroche made a motion to make Sonya Wiley – Gremillion a lifetime member. Amy Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

148 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

149 The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am. Strategic Meeting followed.

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151 The next LEPA board meeting will be held on November 10, 2022.

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159 Melanie Talley

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