

1 **LOUISIANA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ASSOCIATION**
2 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **September 22, 2022**
4 **Baton Rouge, LOUISIANA**
5 **MEETING MINUTES**
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7 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

8 President Vikki Travis called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. A quorum was present to
9 conduct business.

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

12 Vikki Travis
13 Eric Deroche
14 Skip Breeden – proxy given to Deano Moran
15 Amy Dawson
16 Terry Guidry
17 Benjamin Walker
18 Missy Cowart – proxy given to Vicki Travis
19 Gene Dunnigan for LTC Jay Oliphant
20 Deano Moran
21 Casey Tingle
22 Liz Hill – proxy given to Terry Guidry
23 Danielle Maples
24 Jack Badinger

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26 **Members Excused:**

27 Mark Ward

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29 **Members Absent:**

30 Gene Dunnigan for LTC Jay Oliphant
31 Dawson Primes

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33 **Guests:**

34 Dee Pidgeon
35 Dale Viola Jr.
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49 **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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51 A motion was made by Amy Dawson to approve the minutes of the May 16,2022 and
52 seconded by Terry Guidry. The motion passed.

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54 **II. OFFICER REPORTS**

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56 A. President – Vikki Travis – Vicki welcomed everyone to being back in person.
57 Vicki asked all of the board members to think about “What does LEPA mean to
58 me?”. Vicki also thanked the board members for assisting with the LEMC
59 Conference and making it a great success. Vicki discussed she is excited to make
60 the association bigger and better as we move forward.

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62 B. Vice President – No Report

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

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

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74 **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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76 A. CERTIFICATION – Amy Dawson reported initial applications for the following
77 LEMs

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Full Name	Certification Type
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)

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

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

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- 98 B. CHARTER AND BYLAWS –No report. Ben reported that nothing is going on
99 with bylaws.
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101 C. LEGISLATIVE – Casey Tingle gave a report on the recent legislative session.
102 Two bills were discussed and how they will affect emergency managers.
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104 D. MEMBERSHIP – No Report.
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106 E. NOMINATING –No Report.
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108 F. WORKSHOP –Eric Deroche discussed the LEMC winter meeting agenda.
109 Registration will open in the beginning of October and will be \$50.00 per person.
110 The May conference will be held May 7-13, 2022, at the Golden Nugget in Lake
111 Charles. The board discussed moving the May meeting to another city, but
112 pricing and space are issues. Terry Guidry made a motion to hold the 2022
113 meeting in May in Lake Charles. Danielle Maples seconded the motion and the
114 motion passed.
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116 G. REGIONAL DIRECTORS’ REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE – No Report.
117 Dawson Primes will be new Regional Representative. Joe Ganote resigned from
118 the board after a getting a job in the private sector.
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120 H. SOCIAL MEDIA – Anthony Summers – Report presented - Both pages are
121 running about the same as far as like and followers. We did highlight Missy
122 Cowart last month on the pages. We still need to people to submit their highlights
123 for the LEPA social media pages. In addition when members do things if they
124 could tag LEPA or use hashtag #LEPA in their social media post from their
125 organizations it will help grow our social media presence.
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127 Our social media has only been as active as I have been able to make it as I see post
128 on other social media sites, over the last few months due to fact that that the social
129 media manger I was using that allowed syndication of content has shutdown. I am
130 currently looking for a replacement that also has that has the same capabilities and
131 hope to be trialing one in the near future.
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133 For the strategy session In the future going forward with social media I would love
134 to find someone that could help maintain the LEPA social media presence of
135 LEPA.
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138 **V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 139 Eric Deroche nominated Ben Walker for the LEPA Vice President position. Eric
140 made a motion and the motion was seconded by Deano Moran. The motion
141 passed and Ben accepted the nomination.
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143 Eric Deroche made a motion to make Sonya Wiley – Gremillion a lifetime
144 member. Amy Dawson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
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VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Talley
Executive Director