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## AGENDA

### **Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee Meeting Department of State Health Services (DSHS)**

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

9:00 AM- 10:30 AM

DoubleTree by Hilton Austin, Phoenix Central Ballroom

6505 N Interstate 35

Austin, TX 78752

*This meeting will be conducted live and virtually through Zoom.*

**Virtual meeting links are posted to the GETAC webpage at**  
[www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council](http://www.dshs.texas.gov/dshs-ems-trauma-systems/governors-ems-trauma-advisory-council).

Eric Epley, NREMT-P, Chair

Mike Clements, Brian Eastridge, MD, Sharon Malone, MD, Council Liaisons  
Jorie Klein, RN, Joseph Schmider, DSHS

1. Call to Order – Eric Epley, NREMT-P, Chair
2. Roll Call – DSHS Staff
3. Reading of the GETAC Vision and Mission Statements – Eric Epley, 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

4. Review and approval of June 7, 2023, meeting minutes – Eric Epley, Chair
5. GETAC Chair comments – Alan Tyroch, MD, GETAC Chair
6. EMS/Trauma Systems Update – Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN, EMS/Trauma Systems Director; Joseph Schmider, State EMS Director

**Discussion and possible action on the following items:**

7. GETAC Committee Application Period for 2024 Appointments
8. Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Updates – Sara Jensen
9. Border Operations/Bailouts/Heat MCI's Updates– Eric Epley, Chair
10. Statewide EMS/Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) Wristband Project & Pulsara Updates – Eric Epley, Chair
11. TDEM Supply Chain Resiliency Discussion – Eric Epley, Chair, & Nim Kidd, TDEM Chief
12. Texas System Performance Improvement Plan and Recommended Emergency Response Outcome Measures
13. Initiatives, programs, and potential research that might improve disaster preparedness and response in Texas – Eric Epley, Chair
14. General Public Comment – *Comment time may be limited at Chair's discretion.*
15. Summary of action items for GETAC meeting report – Committee Members
16. Announcements – Eric Epley, Chair
17. Review and list agenda items for next meeting – Eric Epley, Chair
18. Next meeting date – Eric Epley, Chair
19. Adjournment – Eric Epley, Chair

**Public Comment:** The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) welcomes public comments pertaining to topics related to Emergency Health Care. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in this process by providing written public comments to DSHS by emailing [deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:deidra.lee@dshs.texas.gov) no later than 5:00 PM, August 10, 2023. 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, the name of the organization you represent or that you are speaking as a private citizen, and your direct phone number.

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**Note: These procedures may be revised at the discretion of DSHS.**

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