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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (the "Board") was held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 10:30 am in the Executive Conference Room, Lafayette City-Parish Hall.

Attendees:	Brenda Andrus, Stephanie Arceneaux, Lance Beal, Michael Gervais, Chris John, Dr. Frankie Rholdon and Chad Sonnier
Absent:	None
Guests:	Rachel Godeaux, CAO, Lafayette Consolidated Government Christina Dayries, Chief of Staff, Lafayette Consolidated Government Debbie Sonnier, Executive Secretary to CAO Rachel Godeaux, Lafayette Consolidated Government Troy Guidry, Vice President, Joint Operations, Acadian Companies Taylor Richard, Regional Vice President, Acadian Companies Adam Olivier, Operations Manager, Acadian Companies

Call to Order

Board Chairman, Chris John, called the meeting to order at 10:32 am in accordance with Article II, Section 7-18 of the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government Code of Ordinances (the "Code").

Following the call to order, Chairman Chris John welcomed the Board's newest members, Brenda Andrus, Dr. Frankie Rholdon and Chad Sonnier and asked that they introduce themselves and provide some background. Following the introduction of the newest members the remainder of those in attendance introduced themselves. Among those were two new faces from Acadian which included Taylor Richard and Adam Olivier. Troy Guidry, who represented Acadian at the board meetings has been appointed to a newly created role of Vice President, Joint Operations leaving Taylor Richard who will be stepping in for Guidry who previously served as Senior Direct of Staffing. Those in attendance from the Mayor-President's office were thanked for their interest and insight.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the February 19, 2025 meeting minutes were provided to Board members for review. Chairman Chris John thanked Dr. Paul Azar whose appointment ended with the February 19th meeting for his services. Upon completion of the review of the minutes, motion was made by Board member Stephanie Arceneaux to accept the minutes of the February 19th meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded by Board member Michael Gervais. There was no further discussion and the vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Brenda Andrus, Stephanie Arceneaux, Lance Beal, Michael Gervais, Chris John, Dr. Frankie Rholdon and Chad Sonnier
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Acadian Service

Board Chairman Chris John briefly discussed the purpose of the board as well as what is expected and mandated of the compliance reports due from Acadian. As he noted the purpose is to monitor the emergency services for the city & parish of Lafayette to assure the citizens that Acadian is compliant with their contract.

Troy with Acadian answered questions in regards to the parameters as it relates to compliance. There was extensive discussion that followed and Taylor Richard spoke on compliance, how the data is obtained, the importance of response time as well as monitoring the quality of care.

Board member Lance Beal talked about a fentanyl case and the importance of timelines. He commended Acadian for the details documented in regards to the timeline concerning the case.

Another duty of the board that Chairman Chris John spoke of is the acting on complaints received concerning Acadian.

Taylor also spoke of the good partnerships and the continuation of providing care to the people of Acadiana. At this time, they are partnering with high schools to put the EMT program in the schools and also asked for help getting the word out about the Accelerated EMT Course, a course that pays you to go to class, earn while you learn. The class that usually takes twelve weeks to complete is condensed to six weeks and has a two-year return service obligation. When questioned by the board in regards to tuition it was stated that there is tuition assistance available.

In addition, it was reported that Acadian's resuscitation rate of 37% higher than the national average in a rural community reflecting their quality of service as well as their continued partnership with first responders.

Taylor concluded that they are preparing for hurricane season and also gearing up for football season and festivals.

Other Business

At this point in the meeting, Acadian stepped out so that the Board could discuss the Acadian contract which will be up for extension in March. At the next meeting the board will vote as to whether they recommend extending for two years. There was also discussion regarding the annual rate which is currently at 3% but it was noted that there is a need to increase.

There was extensive discussion with regard to incentivizing Acadian.

The requirement for board members to complete ethics training was talked about and a link will be sent to all in order to complete.

Updated board member information was distributed.

There being no other business, a motion was made by Board member Lance Beal to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Board member Dr. Frankie Rholdon. There was no further discussion, and the vote was as follows:

Yeas:	Brenda Andrus, Stephanie Arceneaux, Lance Beal, Michael Gervais, Chris John, Dr. Frankie Rholdon and Chad Sonnier
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am.

Michael Gervais
Board Secretary