

**EMS Licensing Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 8, 2023; 10:00am  
NM Gaming Control Board  
4900 Alameda Blvd NE | Albuquerque, NM 87113**

1. **Commissioner Harrell called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and conducted introductions.**

Commission members in attendance:

- Andrew (Drew) Harrell, MD (Chair)                      Representing NM Chapter of ACEP
- Brandon Sam, EMT-B    Representing NM EMT-Basics
- Mary Bailey, EMT-I    Representing NM EMT- Intermediates
- Chelsea White, MD    Representing NM Chapter of ACEP
- Aaron Teague Britnell    Representing NM EMT-Paramedics

Commission members absent:

- Larry Tackman    Representing the Public
- Vacant    Representing NM Physicians

Department of Health (DOH) Staff present for the meeting were:

- Kyle Thornton, EMS Bureau Chief
- Chris Woodward, Office of General Counsel
- Solange Pihut, EMS Program Manager
- Peggy Ann Griego, EMS Licensing Manager

Guests in attendance:

- a. Michael Keaton
- c. John Harvey Cachora
- d. Charles Schroeder

2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. **May 9, 2023, meetings minutes were approved by Mary Bailey, seconded by Aaron Britnell.**
4. Commissioner Harrell asked for if there was any Public Comment; there was none.
5. **At 10:20 am Mary Bailey motioned to close the meeting, pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (1) NMSA 1978 of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, to discuss matters pertaining to the suspension, denial, renewal or revocation of individual EMS**

licenses, seconded by Aaron Britnell. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**CLOSED SESSION**

1. At 11:38am Mary Bailey motioned for the Commission to return to open session, seconded by Andrew Harrell. There was no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Commission returned to open session to consider matters concerning individual licensure and to hear staff reports. The matters discussed in the closed session were limited only to those specified in the matters for closure.

**OPEN SESSION**

INVESTIGATIONS

Mary Bailey moved in the matter of John Harvey Cachora, EMT-Intermediate; that the Commission, pursuant to its authority under NMSA 1978, § 24-10B-5.1, authorized the EMS Bureau of the New Mexico Department of Health (“DOH”) to issue a Notice of Contemplated Action (NCA) to suspend John Harvey Cachora’s EMT-Intermediate license in the state of New Mexico for the duration of his criminal probation. Should the duration of the probationary period change, the period of his suspension shall likewise change to reflect the same period. The grounds for the NCA are found in the following DOH rule: DOH rule 7.27.2.14 (G)(3)(c) NMAC, “[G]rounds for denial, suspension, revocation or other disciplinary action are: ... unprofessional conduct”. The motion was seconded Aaron Britnell. None were opposed and the motion was approved.

BACKGROUND CHECK VIOLATIONS

NAME	LEVEL	SUMMARY	VERIFICATION	ACTION
Naomi LeGate	EMT-B	Reciprocity license application had background check violation for multiple past felonious charges	Lack of nursing board documentation	EMT licensure in NM denied

**No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.**

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

The following individuals have been sanctioned for non-compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act:

NAME	LEVEL	ACTION	ACTION DATE	SUMMARY
None.				

<b>CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RECEIVED</b>				
None.				

**No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.**

NON-SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT Owed</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>
None				

**No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.**

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

**No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.**

WAIVER REQUESTS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUEST</b>	<b>SITUATION</b>	<b>EMS BUREAU RECOMMENDATION</b>
None				

**No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.**

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE

Chris Woodward spoke of Dong Tran who appealed Licensing Commission decision to revoke his EMT-Intermediate license. He ended with a 2 year suspension agreement.

Chris Woodward spoke of update to Uniform License Act.

EMS BUREAU UPDATE

Kyle Thornton spoke about administrative issues and regional contracts at the DOH. Solange Pihut spoke about an audit being performed for the utilization of Special Skills. Peggy Ann Griego spoke on the pay platform for licensing matters.

OTHER BUSINESS

No updates at this time.


being addresses with selecting a vendor via RFP. This could be in collaboration with Southwest Call Center. Kyle has discussed with Deputy Cabinet Secretary a possibility of a state-run EMS that provides critical care services. This is still in the works but is supported.

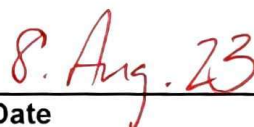
OTHER BUSINESS

No updates at this time.

The next regularly scheduled EMS Licensing Commission meeting is on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at NM Gaming Control Board, 4900 Alameda Blvd NE | Albuquerque, NM 87113. The rest of the year's meetings are as follows with location to be determined:  
November 14, 2023.

**Mary Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43am, Chelsea White seconded the motion with unanimous approval.**

  
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Andrew Harrell, Chair

  
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Date