



**MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2025**

The September LEPC meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Robert Grimm (Jefferson Co. EM) @ 11:08. Co-Chair Grimm welcomed the membership and recognized Colonial Pipeline who was the meeting host.

Co-Chair Grimm then called on Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co. ESD #1) to give the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Co-Chair Grimm then asked the membership to commence with self-introductions.

Approval of the May 2025 Meeting Minutes

Co-Chair Grimm told the membership because there was no July meeting, the membership would be approving the May Meeting Minutes that were placed on tables for review. Co-Chair Grimm then asked if anyone had any corrections to the Minutes, there were none. Co-Chair Grimm then asked for a motion and second to accept the May Minutes as written. Louie Havens (PAFD) made the motion and seconded by Phillip Kibodeaux (Jeff. Co. ESD #3), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Chris Gonzales (Jeff. Co, ESD1) provided review of the Treasurer’s Report. Co-Chair Grimm asked if there were any questions/corrections to the report as read, there were none. Co-Chair Grimm then asked for a motion and second to accept the Treasurer’s Report. A motion was made by Louie Havens (PAFD) and seconded by Jody Herrera (Jeff. Co. ESD #3), there was no opposition to the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Beginning May Balance.....\$ 75,918.42

Deposits:

May..... \$ 750.00
 June \$ - 0 -
 July..... \$ - 0 -
 August \$ - 0 -

Withdrawals :

May \$ 20,000.00
 June \$ 2,000.00
 July \$ - 0 -
 August \$ 1,500.00

Ck #	Date	Payee	Purpose	\$ Amount
1068	5/28/25	Lamar Signs	Digital Billboards	\$ 20,000.00
1069	6/17/25	4-Imprint	LEPC Give-aways	\$ 2,000.00
1070	8/13/25	Fire 2 Boo LLC	Liaison Training Course	\$ 1,500.00

1071	8/13/25	Jefferson County	Salary off-set Deputy EM	\$ 10,000.00
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Ending August Balance.....\$ 43,168.42

Old Business - None

New Business

- Co-Chair Grimm reminded the membership the importance of making notification to Jefferson County Emergency Management Office when an incident occurs at their respective facilities. Notification will also be communicated to other County officials including County Judge Jeff Brannick. What should not occur is the county officials finding out of the incident through the media or social media.
- Co-Chair Grimm explained the LEPC By-Laws have been updated and copies had been laid on the tables for review. Later in the meeting Co-Chair Grimm asked if everyone had the opportunity to review the By-Laws and then asked for a motion and second to accept the By-Laws. Brent Duplant (Arkema) made the motion and was seconded by Phillip Kibodeaux, there was no opposition, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- **Right To Know** – Chairperson – TBD
- **Public Information** – Chairperson – Jeff Phillips –Chair Phillips forwarded his report via email in his absent.
 - Digital billboards are continuing to run throughout Jefferson County.
 - A presentation was made to SETX Builders Association in August.
 - Participating in an event put on by Lamar Center for Resiliency on Saturday 9/20.
 - There will also be participation at the Beaumont Fire Fest on October 4th.
 - Payment was made to conduct the recent Liaison course at the Beaumont EOC.
 - As a reminder 2026 Membership dues will soon be going out next month.
- **Hazmat Facilities Liaison** – Chairperson Louie Havens (PAFD) – Chief Havens reemphasized the need to make notifications to the proper emergency response group when an emergency event occurs in your facility.
- **Medical Committee** – Chairperson Lydia Wortham (St. Elizabeth) – Reported we are continuing to plan for World Cup 2026. Members can access details via setrac.org

Karie Singleton (St. Elizabeth) reported;

- Uptick in drug-resistant fungus called [Candida auris](#) is posing significant risks to vulnerable patients in long-term care facilities and those with compromised immune systems.
- Also, there is a noted rise in the presence of bedbugs throughout the state and seeing a significant number on patients presenting to hospitals.

- **Emergency Response/Resources** – Chairperson Tommy Wells (Energy Transfer) – Not Present

Program

TxDot provided an update to ongoing road work construction in the region.

Motion To Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Co-Chair Grimm asked for a motion and second to adjourn. Louie Havens made the motion and was seconded by Jody Herrera. motion passed. Meeting adjourned

Next LEPC Meeting: November 19, 2025

Sponsor: TBD

Location: Rocking A Café

Time: 11:00

Scott McDonald

Chair

Robert Grimm

Co-Chair

Chris Gonzales

Secretary/Treasurer

