Burke County LEPC

- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
  - The LEPC serves as the county's multidisciplinary emergency planning body responsible for promoting hazardous materials emergency preparedness and managing hazardous materials reporting.
  - The Burke County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is established pursuant to the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986.
- Meets quarterly
- By-Laws last reviewed in 2020

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LEPC Bylaws Comparison

Category	2020 Bylaws (Old)	Jan 26 Draft Bylaws (New)
Planning & Compliance	• General SARA Title III planning duties	• Expanded EPCRA-aligned planning requirements • Reviewed by legal to ensure EPCRA compliance • Clearer operational procedures
Membership Structure	• Basic SARA-required categories • 14-seat structure, amended since. • Removal recommended after 3 absences	• Revised 17-seat structure designed for multidisciplinary representation • 3-year terms • Inactive if >50% of meetings missed
Leadership & Governance	• Chair appointed by Commissioners; chair votes on all matters • Officer positions • No formal executive committee	• Chair is EM Director or designee; votes only to break ties • Formal Executive Committee added • Financial oversight responsibilities included.
Meetings	• Minimum two meetings per year • Basic agenda and notice guidance • Annual Report	• Quarterly meetings, no less than two a year • Public notice requirements • Subcommittee meeting framework added • Annual Report
Voting Procedures	• Chair votes • Simple majority • No proxy voting or representatives	• Designated representative allowed • Enhanced abstention/conflict-of-interest guidance
Subcommittee Functions	• None	• Subcommittee outputs require LEPC approval
Amendment Process	• Majority vote; 30-day notice • Board approval required	• Same approval structure; modernized language • Formal revision tracking table added

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