

**MEETING MINUTES of the
NEBRASKA BOARD OF
EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES**

July 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Emergency Medical Services was called to order by Dr. James Smith, Board Chairperson, at 9:03 a.m., Friday, July 7, 2023. This meeting was held via Zoom. Copies of the agenda were emailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website on Thursday, June 29, 2023. Smith announced the location of an available copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- Michael Bailey
- Ryan Batenhorst
- Noah Bernhardson
- Randy Boldt
- Karen Bowlin
- Joel Cerny
- Ann Fiala
- Todd Hovey
- Linda Jensen
- Jonathan Kilstrom
- Brent Lottman
- Dion Neumiller
- Carolyn Petersen-Moore
- Dr. James Smith
- Leslie Vaughn

The following Board members were absent: Dr. Prince Harrison and Michael Sheridan

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were also present during all or part of the meeting:

- Tonja Bohling
- Christy Duryea
- Michelle Eutsler
- Diane Schoch
- Tim Wilson

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

9:09 am Karen Bowlin left the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Bailey made the motion, seconded by Hovey, to adopt the agenda for the July 7, 2023, Board of Emergency Medical Services meeting.

Voting Yes: Bailey, Batenhorst, Bernhardson, Boldt, Cerny, Fiala, Hovey, Jensen, Kilstrom, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bowlin, Harrison, and Sheridan. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Boldt made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting.

These minutes have been approved by the
Board of EMS September 11, 2023.

Voting Yes: Bailey, Batenhorst, Bernhardson, Boldt, Cerny, Fiala, Hovey, Jensen, Kilstrom, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bowlin, Harrison, and Sheridan. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM: EMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Legislative/Rules and Regulation Committee Update – Wilson gave an update. Regulations are at the Governor's office awaiting signature. They have been there for about three to four weeks. Smith gave a quick recap for new Board members of the Legislative process for regulation updates. He asked Wilson if there was anything the Board can do to get them moving forward. Wilson replied he was doing weekly check-ins with the Legislative process and will let the Board know if there is anything the Board needed to do.
- b. Scope of Practice Committee Update – Ann gave an update. The SOP Committee is through reviewing 1/3 of the protocols currently. Smith added the Scope of Practice Committee is updating current protocols and are meeting every other week and getting through a good amount of these at each meeting. Jensen gave Wilson an updated document and Wilson will meet with Holmes during the EMS Conference this weekend to go over it. Wilson commented the Office of Emergency Health Systems is fielding question on medications and outdates that are not able to be restocked. Smith added there is currently a national shortage of Etomidate and Ketamine. However, if services can show due diligence that they are unable to obtain a critically needed drug, their Physician Medical Director (PMD) may consider allowing usage beyond the expiration date and document such if no other substitutions are reasonably available.
- c. Meeting Cadence for Committees – Smith reported Committees will be meeting ahead of Board meetings starting at the next Board meeting in September. Half of the Committees will meet at 8:00 and run until 9:00. The other half of the committees will meet from 9:00 to 10:00 at which time the Board meeting will commence. He will come out with a schedule of which committees are meeting at what times and send it to Committee members before the next meeting.

9:18 am *Dr. Prince Harrison joined the meeting.*

AGENDA ITEM: August Meeting EMS/Wildfire (Select Representation)

Smith reported Jerry Stillmock reached out regarding an EMS/Wildfire meeting Governor Pillen is holding on August 19, 2023 in Broken Bow. This meeting will be open to the public, but Governor Pillen will also be sending out invitations to EMS Board members to attend. Those Board members that receive an invitation can go as representatives of the EMS Board but will need to be voted on to attend as representatives. If Board members do not receive an invitation but go on their own, they will not be representing the EMS Board and will be going as a public member.

MOTION: Boldt made the motion, seconded by Jensen to approve invited Board members to go as representatives of the EMS Board to the EMS/Wildfire meeting held by Governor Pillen.

Voting Yes: Bailey, Batenhorst, Bernhardson, Boldt, Cerny, Fiala, Harrison, Hovey, Jensen, Kilstrom, Lottman, Neumiller, Petersen-Moore, Smith, and Vaughn. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bowlin and Sheridan. Motion carried.

Smith will come back with a report for the Board from this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: PUBLIC COMMENT

9:25 am *Karen Bowlin joined the meeting.*

Michael Dwyer commented the survey was well done and had relevant questions on it. He is looking forward to seeing the results. Wilson commented there is a lack of individual EMS licensed providers who took the survey and encouragement to participate will be made at the EMS Conference this weekend. At the Office of Emergency Health Services Conference booth, a sheet with a QR code for access to the survey will be provided. Bowlin added there will be announcements made in every class this weekend at

the EMS Conference. Wilson also commented the deadline is today, but it will be extended through the end of Conference.

Jensen asked about agenda item 4b3 regarding PMD changes. Smith clarified it is the medical director that would make the decision and it is regarding unaltered State EMS protocols.

Bailey asked for clarification regarding D10 not being in the protocols, but the Board approved its use in the last board meeting in May. Smith said D10 is allowable since the board approved it in May and protocols are in the process of being rewritten to conform to this. Wilson added he will meet with Holmes regarding getting these protocols updated as soon as possible.

Next meeting is in-person on September 11, 2023 in Lincoln. Smith will email committee members.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Bailey made the motion, seconded by Boldt to adjourn the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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