

## Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2022

Approved  
8/5/2022

### Board Members Present

Director David Adams  
Rep. John Eplee-virtual  
Dr. Gregory Faimon-virtual  
Sen. Faust-Goudeau-virtual  
Rep. Broderick Henderson  
Dr. Joel Hornung  
Comm. Ricky James  
Director Deb Kaufman-virtual  
Chief Shane Pearson  
Director John Ralston  
Dr. Martin Sellberg-virtual  
Comm. Bob Saueressig  
Director Jeri Smith

### Guests

Mickey Huber  
Virtual  
attendees listed  
at the bottom

### Representing

AMR

### Staff Present

Joseph House, Exec. Director  
Curt Shreckengaust, Dep Dir  
James Reed  
Carman Allen  
Mary-Elaine Skinner  
Chad Pore  
Suzette Smith  
Terry Lower  
James Kennedy

### Board Members Absent

### Attorney

Sam Feather

### Call to Order

Chairman Hornung called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Hornung called for a motion to approve the minutes.

***Director Ralston made a motion to approve the April 1, 2022 minutes. Commissioner James seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.***

Dr. Hornung welcomed new Board member, Director Adams, and asked him to introduce himself. Director Adams stated that he is the Service Director for Riley County and has been a part of EMS for thirty-one years. He is looking forward to serving on the Board.

Director House reported that one variance had been approved in April and it involved lettering on a loaner ambulance in McPherson.

## Investigations Committee Actions

Chairman Hornung called on Chairwoman Smith to give the Investigation Committee report. Chairwoman Smith gave the following Investigations Committee report.

- Through the consent agenda the committee found violations in two cases. The first involved a criminal case where a provider forged a physician's signature allowing them to participate in the hiring process, but the criminal case was dismissed. However, the committee recommended a fine of \$500 since the provider did not cooperate with the investigation. The provider's certification had expired. The second case involved an application to reinstate where the individual disclosed prior action had been taken against their nursing certification. However, the individual did not provide the documents requested and therefore the reinstatement application was denied.
- There were seven cases up for discussion. They tabled one so that more interviews could be conducted. Two of the remaining six involved continuing education. The first one involved an individual who received credit for helping at a testing site. This is not considered a formal education experience. The committee accepted local action and instructed Director House to speak with the Service Director. The second case involved an instructor who failed to submit a final roster. The instructor was fined \$375 and his IC certificate was revoked. The organization received a \$250 fine for failure to maintain documents as required.
- They reviewed two cases involving patient care. The first involved placing a tourniquet on a patient but failed to document it on a patient report. The provider completed additional training and the committee closed the case. The second case involved a medication error with a heparin drip at 43 times the prescribed amount. The provider completed a research paper, participated in additional training, and passed competency testing and received a \$200 fine.
- An individual self-reported an arrest for possession of a stolen gun before completing an initial application. When questioned by the investigator he gave one story, but the police investigation was a different story. When contacted again he said he made the first story up. His application for certification was denied.
- The last case involved a HIPAA violation regarding a provider who took photographs of patients and shared the photos. The committee suspended the provider for 180 days and required additional HIPAA training before reinstatement.

That concluded the Investigations Committee report.

## Office Update

Chairman Hornung called on Director House to give the Office Update. Director House reported the following.

- Service renewals have been completed as of April 30. One ground service did not renew their license while three new air ambulance services were added. Fifteen course audits, 66 program audits, and 82 service inspections have been completed so far this year.
- We will have eleven BLS testing sites in May and eleven more in June, July, and August. We had one mobile testing site for ten individuals and will have another one in Phillipsburg for eleven individuals in conjunction with a skills exam. Director House said Ms. Allen is doing a phenomenal job and results are getting out in a timely manner.

- Director House, Deputy Director Shreckengaust, and Mr. Pore will be attending the National Association of State EMS Officials in South Carolina the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>.
- The KEMSIS Users Group and Legislative Meeting will be held at the Acorns Resort on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- In a legislative update Director House reported that there was a law that went into effect that will alter the regulatory revision process. K.A.R. 109-17-3 has been double stamped, economic impact statement has been completed, and it has been published and is open for public comment and will have a hearing on August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am.
- Ross Boeckman will be leaving the office on August 1<sup>st</sup> for other opportunities. Director House thanked him for all he had done while he was here.

That concluded the Office Update report.

### Old Business

- The EETC committee reviewed the course completion requirements for EMT and did not recommend any changes.
- Physician orders for non-emergency situations were reviewed as a staff task and no concerns were found. This will go out for public comment.

That concluded the Old Business report.

### New Business

- K.A.R. 109-2-2 requires a yearly air worthiness certificate. However, they are only issued once for each aircraft. Proof of vehicle registration has been an addition. Dr. Sellberg contributed by saying the aircraft companies are very tuned into safety and compliance and that puts in place several methods of oversight for aircraft.

***Chief Pearson moved to revise K.A.R. 109-2-2 as noted in the Board's brief. Director Smith seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.***

- ALS Exam Early Eligibility was discussed. Regulation requiring a seven-day notice of a pass/fail status prior to testing. For paramedics to test they have a skills authority to test and a cognitive authority to test. NREMT has a 14 day requirement for skills testing. This issue was discussed with NREMT on how to unlock the clock. We believe we can co-exist to allow instructors to approve the clock to start on skills early. Commissioner Saueressig asked why we would allow this before course completion. Director House stated that early registration with the NREMT offers flexibility and allow the start of the 14 day process. Director Adams asked for clarification regarding the number of failed attempts and Director House stated that regarding Paramedics only 6 out of 420 failed on their first attempt and for AEMT's only 8 of 186 failed on their first attempt.

***Dr. Ralston moved that the Board grant its permission to allow program directors to utilize Early Eligibility through the NREMT for the AEMT and Paramedic levels. Commissioner Saueressig seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.***

That concluded the New Business report.

### Public Comment

The Board asks that written comments be received at least one week prior to the meeting so that the members have time to read and consider them.

Chairman Hornung asked if everyone was comfortable with the new meeting format. No comments or objections were received.

With no public comment and no further business before the Board, Chairman Hornung adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

### Virtual Guests

Chris Cannon  
Brandon Beck  
Con Olson  
Kent Vosburg  
Frank Williams  
Dave Johnston  
Jerrad Webb  
Eric Voss  
Charles Foat  
Jeff Smith