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Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2025

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Board Members Present

Director David Adams
Rep. Stephanie Clayton
Comm. Terry David
Rep. Robyn Essex
Dr. Gregory Faimon-Virtual
Sen. Faust-Goudeau-Virtual
Sen. Michael Fagg
Chief Shane Pearson
Director John Ralston
Dr. Martin Sellberg-Virtual
Director Jeri Wheatley

Guests

Scott Sare
Frank Williams
Monica Heller
Kevin Joles
Angela Fuller
Melissa McCaslin
Stacey Wespi
Craig Isom
Jon Antrim
Mickey Huber
Brendan Potter

JoCo MedAct
Butler Co EMS
Reno Co EMS
Olathe Fire
Sedgwick Co
EagleMed/AMR
Wichita Fire
Eagle Med
GMR
AMR
FHTC

Staff Present

Joseph House, Exec. Director
Terry Lower
James Reed
Mary-Elaine Skinner
Suzette Smith

Board Members Absent

Dr. Joel Hornung

Attorney

Sam Feather

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Pearson called the Board Meeting to order on Friday, October 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Pearson called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Director Adams moved to approve the August 1, 2025 minutes. Director Wheatley seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Committee Reports

Vice-Chairman Pearson called for reports from the committees.

There were no decisions requiring affirmation from the Executive Committee or variances.

Director Wheatley reported that they heard five cases regarding scope of practice and approved orders on all five. There were two cases involving drug/alcohol abuse and the committee stayed the suspensions provided the individuals remain active participants in a substance abuse treatment program. There were 32 orders issued to Sponsoring Organizations who did not provide training reports within 30 days of the last day of class.

Office Update

Vice-Chairman Pearson called on Director House to give the Office Update.

- Director House said there were audio issues at the meetings yesterday. The room is equipped with the State's system, and it is outside our control. We may have to revert to conference calls if issues persist.
- Director House reported that ten of eleven regulations are at the Attorney General's Office and one regulation has been at the Division of Budget for a long time awaiting approval on the Fiscal Impact Statement. We were hoping these would be ready by the end of the year but are afraid they might not be ready until the 2nd quarter of 2026.
- KBEMS will soon offer two short webinars for services using EPCR so that they can use AI Assist with patient care reports. There are some major hiccups right now. The first question is to enter the date, and it unlocks fields as you go. We want to provide in-depth training before turning it on for each service.
- Our 2027 budget has been submitted. We have not received any questions regarding our submission yet. Last year there weren't any questions at all. Director House thanked staff for getting it completed accurately, completely, and in a timely manner.
- We haven't received a lot of feedback on why EIG funds are not being utilized. We did hear that services don't want to get rid of it. As indirect feedback, grant requests since August have greatly increased. The grant award limit is within 15-20% of the cost of the course, which is perfectly acceptable.
- Regarding the KDOT Drive to Zero campaign we are waiting for updates. Staff did report out by county to compare. KDOT reported on 7% and we looked at almost 100% of crashes. Some counties are night and day different, while some are close. KDOT has been very receptive to feedback.
- Director House reported that he was floored by the data he received from Compliance staff on inspections and audits. 80% of services inspected do not meet requirements (74 of 93 so far). He is concerned on several fronts. But considering that inspections are announced and scheduled, it is hard to understand how these requirements are not being met. The biggest violation is that no quality assurance is being performed. Another violation is for missing policies. Of the 337 ambulances inspected, 258 did not meet minimum requirements (77%). Violations included expired medications and expired or inoperable

equipment such as a laryngoscope and suction machine. He sees this as a major problem. The Sponsoring Organization audit side is better, but not great. Of 67 audits, 19 failed to meet requirements. We anticipate next year we will see better compliance. Director House asked if the Board had any ideas on how to remediate the situation such as fines and hearings. Commissioner David suggested sending letters to the Medical Director of the Sponsoring Organization, and to whoever oversees the service, such as the county commissioners or hospital board. Then possibly report back any corrective action. Director Wheatley said every one of those is a violation, which is upsetting.

- Mr. Reed and Ms. Skinner showcased EMS at the Kansas State Fair. Our booth is in a new location with lots of traffic. We received good comments from participants. CPR training is offered to anyone who stops by. Mr. Reed and Ms. Skinner won the Goat Milking Competition again this year. Congratulations to them for all their efforts and hard work. State Fair staff even stopped at our booth to present staff with a ribbon for 10 years of participation in the Kansas State Fair. Thanks to those services who participated in the fair with us.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Vice-Chairman Pearson called on Director House to report on New Business.

- Director House reported that Dr. Kevin Brinker, of Sedgwick County, would like to be added to the MAC. He began his career as an EMT in 1983 and later became a Paramedic and then a physician specializing in emergency medicine. He is the Medical Director for the largest volume service in Sedgwick County and is an ER physician at Newman Regional as well. He is a good appointment to bring the membership to nine.

Director Wheatley moved to approve the addition of Dr. Brinker to the MAC. Representative Essex seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

- Vice-Chairman Pearson gave a report on the Planning and Operations Committee meeting. A couple items were referred to the MAC, where there was discussion on the transfer of patient care from an ALS provider to a BLS provider for transfers. The MAC did not identify specific situations where that would be appropriate. This was referred back to Director House to get the MAC to identify situations that would be appropriate and also to have a policy at the service to allow the hand off to occur. He will put this requirement in regulation.
- K.A.R. 109-3-4 was recommended to move forward after striking section (b) (3).

Commissioner David moved to strike subsection (b) (3) from K.A.R. 109-3-4 and then moved it forward. Director Ralston seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

- The MAC offered the following opinion on the medication list for AEMTs:
 - 1. Add IV acetaminophen

- 2. Make no change regarding IV fluids with electrolyte additives
- 3. Add all ALCS medications to the list for AEMTs, specifically speaking to sodium bicarb and magnesium sulfate for cardiac arrest.
- There was discussion that there is a contradiction with each other and there are more than the two ALCS medications mentioned. The recommendation is to send it back to the MAC or get clarification from Dr. Sellberg and Dr. Faimon. Additionally, there may soon be a new list presented by American Heart Association.

Commissioner David moved to add IV acetaminophen to the AEMT medication list. Director Wheatley seconded the motion. The question was raised about acetaminophen not being on the list and the reply was that it was on the list as an oral medication, just not as an IV medication. Director House wanted to clarify to add oral acetaminophen on the medication list for EMT's. This was included in the motion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

- Director House gave a summary of the Rural Health Transformation Grant. It will bring in \$100 million each year for the next five years to transform rural EMS. The deadline for submission by KDHE is November 5th. KEMSA organizers are required to get them the information by 3:00 pm today. Kansas also could qualify for the other portion of the funding, which could lead up to another \$100 million but must have sustainability. KEMSA has done a great job on the grant proposal, and we continue to support that. Frank Williams added that they were looking at transfers, TIP, TAD, Mobile Integrated Health, recruitment and retention, linkage with health information exchanges, EMD, and technology for remote access and virtual medicine. Questions were raised about 911, transportation to and from treatments (i.e. dialysis, chemotherapy) and rural hospitals vs critical hospitals. Kansas Hospital Association is gathering data for their portion of the proposal. The primary focus is to enhance rural communities.

The committee finished up with Region and Association updates.

Commissioner David moved to adjourn. Director Adams seconded the motion. No further discussion. No opposition noted. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Virtual Attendees:

Jason Hudson	Robert Hysell	Brian Schoening
Aaron Nathan	Alex Bergstrom	Chrissy Bartel
Colby Stanchfield	Mike Morgan	
Jesse Taylor	Savannah Racette	
Brandon Beck	Keith Jeffry	
Jessica Baker	Lunette Green	
Larry Van Der Wege	Nathan Sturchio	