



**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2016**

~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Karen Beavers, Beth Calcidise, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Mark Resanovich, Diane Simon, and Thomas Wappner.

Board Members Absent: Kent Appelhans, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz and Dr. Thomas Tallman.

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Tim Erskine, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Ellen Owens, Carol Palantekin, Johanna Pickett, Bryan Reardon, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: ~none~

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. Jim Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton (arrived 10:12)	Absent	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

Open Forum ~ None

Consent Agenda

Ms. Harris requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 18, 2016 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, certificates of approval and certification totals from April 16, 2016 to May 16, 2016.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the May 18, 2016 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, Certificates of Approval, and Certification Totals for the period of April 16, 2016 to May 16, 2016. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. No abstain. Motion approved.

**Please note: Due to possible quorum issues the Agenda was rearranged.*

Rules

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Business Impact Analysis for Chapter 4765-5 (Grants) of the Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Ms. Simon– First. Mr. Davis – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of the Business Impact Analysis for Chapter 4766-2 (Ambulances) of the Administrative Code with the Common Sense Initiative Office. Ms. Simon– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Report and Recommendation

Ms. Harris introduced herself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The Board deliberated on one report and recommendation in the matter of:

EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney Walter McNamara for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and a recommendation for disciplinary action.

James J. Kuruc, EMS Case No. 2014-382-B100, EMS Certificate Number 158586. Mr. Kuruc holds a paramedic certificate and on September 25, 2015, he was convicted of two counts of *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor*, both fourth-degree felonies. On October 26, 2015, the Board voted to summarily suspend his certificate to practice. A hearing was requested and held on March 18, 2016. The hearing examiner found that Mr. Kuruc was convicted of the offense, did not provide notification of his offense to the Division as required. Mr. Kuruc's conviction and failure to disclose is a basis for permanently revoking his certificate to practice. The recommendation is to permanently revoke his certificate to practice.

Having heard AAG McNamara's synopsis and recommendations for the case, Ms. Harris requested a motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. Wright– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. Jim Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

The Board returned from private session 10:13 a.m.

ACTION In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-382-BE100, James J. Kuruc, EMS Certificate Number 158586, the Board confirms and approves the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the recommendation issued by the hearing examiner to permanently revoke Mr. Kuruc's certificate to practice as a paramedic. On September 25, 2015, Mr. Kuruc was convicted of two (2) counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, both fourth-degree felonies, in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.04, in the Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Medina, County, Ohio, Case no. 14CR0396. Mr. Kuruc was designated a sex offender by the Court, and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Kuruc is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Kuruc failed to report his conviction(s) in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Therefore, the Board hereby Orders to permanently revoke Mr. Kuruc's certificate to practice, at any level.

Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None Opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich – abstained. Motion approved.

Goldman Proceedings

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:15 a.m. on June 15, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. Jim Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of Board members were present. There were six adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- EMS Case Number 2014-184-E300, Donald W. Wollenbecker, EMS Certificate Number 8667
- EMS Case Number 2014-612-BE100, Isiah E. Rorrer, EMS Certificate Number 124365
- EMS Case Number 2014-650-BE100, Stephen W. Brown, EMS Certificate Number 109366
- EMS Case Number 2015-248-E300, Andrew W. Koelsch, EMS Certificate Number 147748
- EMS Case Number 2015-269-E300, Robert C. Nidy, EMS Certificate Number 15508
- EMS Case Number 2015-552-E500, Andrew L. Haldeman, EMS Reinstatement Application 11941

The proceeding was an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondent in the aforementioned case and believed to have been properly served according to the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code).

As the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the case, this proceeding was held before the Board pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio*. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony, but may be present to hear the proceeding and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings in the Board packet. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated. Although all had the opportunity to review the affidavit and accompanying exhibits, additional time was allowed to review if needed. No additional time was required.

In lieu of a stenographic record being made, the minutes reflect that the original sworn affidavits and exhibits will be kept as the official record of the proceeding in the aforementioned matter in the Office of the Division of EMS.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Walter McNamara for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

As each Board member received the affidavits of the case to review prior to the meeting, AAG McNamara briefly presented a summary of the cases where no hearing was requested.

- EMS Case number 2014-184-E300, Donald W. Wollenbecker, EMS Certificate Number 8667. Mr. Wollenbecker is certified as an EMS Instructor. In 2013, on his renewal application he indicated he completed the required amount of continuing education. A random audit was conducted and he was found to be deficient. In 2014 he entered a consent agreement to pay a \$250 fine, and complete additional continuing education. He has not paid the fine and has not submitted continuing education hours. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Wollenbecker's EMS instructor certificate.
- EMS Case Number 2014-612-BE100, Isiah E. Rorrer, EMS Certificate Number 124365. Mr. Rorrer has an EMT certificate and on June 16, 2015 he was convicted of two counts of theft, fifth-degree felonies. Mr. Rorrer did not disclose the conviction to the Division and the recommendation is to revoke Mr. Rorrer's EMT certificate.
- EMS Case Number 2014-650-BE100, Stephen W. Brown, EMS Certificate Number 109366. Mr. Brown's certification for an EMT expired on January 26, 2016. He plead guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Murder, a first-degree felony. Mr. Brown solicited an individual to kill the husband of a woman with whom he was having an affair and even bought the gun to be used for the murder. The recommendation is to permanently revoke his EMT certification.
- EMS Case Number 2015-248-E300, Andrew W. Koelsch, EMS Certificate Number 147748. Mr. Koelsch is certified as an EMT and on his 2015 renewal application he indicated he obtained the required amount of continuing education. A random audit was conducted and the Division determined he was deficient in the required amount of continuing education. Mr. Koelsch has not submitted the required hours and the recommendation is to revoke his EMT certification.
- EMS Case Number 2015-269-E300, Robert C. Nidy, EMS Certificate Number 15508. Mr. Nidy is certified as an EMT and on his 2015 renewal application he indicated he obtained the required amount of continuing education. A random audit was conducted and the Division determined he was deficient in the required amount of continuing education. Mr. Nidy has not submitted the required hours and the recommendation is to revoke his EMT certification.
- EMS Case Number 2015-552-E500, Andrew L. Haldeman, EMS Reinstatement Application 11941. Mr. Haldeman applied for reinstatement of his paramedic certificate. In 2013 his paramedic certificate was revoked after failing to properly document continuing education hours. He signed a consent agreement to surrender his certificate to practice and agreed to cease any activity as an EMT. Between 2013 and 2015, while revoked, Mr. Haldeman continued to practice as an EMT and misrepresented himself to be an EMT. The recommendation is to deny the reinstatement application.

Having heard AAG McNamara's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Ms. Harris requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:23 a.m.

The procedural and jurisdictional matters having been satisfied, the proceeding will continue by deliberation on the sworn affidavit and exhibits. A written copy of the Board's decision will be mailed to the respondent.

Ms. Harris requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

ACTION: Motion to recess and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). Mr. Wappner– First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. Jim Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

The Board returned from private session at 10:29 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-184-E300, Donald W. Wollenbecker, EMS Certificate Number 86679, the Board finds that Mr. Wollenbecker failed to comply with the terms of his Consent Agreement. Accordingly, Donald W. Wollenbecker violated Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(6); therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Wollenbecker's EMS instructor certificate. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-612-BE100, Isiah E. Rorrer, EMS Certificate Number 124365, the Board finds that Mr. Rorrer was convicted of two counts of Theft, both fifth degree felonies. Additionally, the Board finds Mr. Rorrer failed to provide the police records, court records, and a background check, as required. Mr. Rorrer violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1), and 4765-8-02(F); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Rorrer's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Calcidise – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-650-BE100, Stephen W. Brown, EMS Certificate Number 109366, the Board finds that Mr. Brown was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Murder, a first degree felony and he failed to report the conviction and supply documentation, as required. Accordingly, Mr. Brown violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a), 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M); therefore the Board moves to permanently revoke Mr. Brown's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Kearns– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-248-E300, Andrew W. Koelsch, EMS Certificate Number 147748, the Board finds that Mr. Koelsch failed to document the continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore he failed to meet the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Koelsch's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-269-E300, Robert C. Nidy, EMS Certificate Number 15508, the Board finds that Mr. Nidy failed to document the continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements; therefore he failed to meet the renewal requirements in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-16-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Nidy's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of 2015-552-E500, Andrew L. Haldeman, EMS Reinstatement Applicant Number 11941, the Board finds the following:

- 1. Mr. Haldeman misrepresented himself to be an emergency medical technician without possession of a certificate to practice issued pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.30. Accordingly, Mr. Haldeman violated Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.50(A).***
- 2. Additionally, Mr. Haldeman did not meet the requirements for reinstatement because his emergency medical technician card was revoked by the Board. Accordingly, Andrew L. Haldeman violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-8-19(C)(3), and 4765-8-01(A)(12).***

Based on these findings, the Board denies Mr. Haldeman's application for reinstatement as a paramedic. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright– Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Davis and Mr. Resanovich– abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Investigations

ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B) at 10:37 a.m. Ms. Wright– First. Mr. Wappner– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein (V.Chair)	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Absent	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Absent
Ms. Beth Calcidise	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Mr. Jim Davis (left at 10:39 am)	Absent	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Absent
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present

The Board returned from private session at 10:57 a.m.

**Please note that Chair Harris voted on the following motions for quorum.*

ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-625-E300	2016-162-E300	2016-229-E300	2016-231-E300
2016-152-E100	2016-225-E300	2016-230-E300	

ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreements. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-97-E300	2016-134-BE100	2016-185-E100
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ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2013-136-BE100	2013-136-BE100	2013-136-BE100	2013-136-BE100
2013-405-E300	2013-405-E300	2013-405-E300	2013-405-E300
2015-279-E300	2015-279-E300	2015-279-E300	2015-279-E300
2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300
2015-249-E300	2015-249-E300	2015-249-E300	2015-249-E300
2015-2687-E300	2015-2687-E300	2015-2687-E300	2015-2687-E300
2016-204-E100	2016-204-E100	2016-204-E100	2016-204-E100

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases; the Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300	2015-2616-E300
2015-2686-E300	2015-2686-E300	2015-2686-E300	2015-2686-E300
2016-215-E300	2016-215-E300	2016-215-E300	2016-215-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following education cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-151-BE500	2012-713-BE100	2013-4-E100	2013-642-E300
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ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreement. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-549-E500	2016-176-E300 *Issue Warning Letter
2015-706-E500	2016-236-E500*Accept Proposed Consent Agreement

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-601-E100	2015-458-E100	2016-71-BE300
2014-150-E100	2015-614-E300	2016-128-E300
2015-218-E300	2015-623-E300	2016-196-E500
2015-227-BE100 *	2015-646-E300	2016-246-E100
*permission to negotiate consent for permanent revocation	2015-661-E300	2016-261-E300 *Permission to negotiate consent
2015-272-E300	2015-689-E300	
2015-389-E300	2016-12-E300	
2015-443-E100	2016-33-E300	
	2016-35-E300	

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Board to rescind the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following case; and continue with the Consent Agreement. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-625-BE300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons; inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude”, continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich– Abstained. Chair Harris voted for the motion. None opposed. Motion approved.

2016-56-E100	2016-216-E100	2016-257-E100	2016-311-E100
2016-151-E100	2016-217-E100	2016-270-E100	2016-312-BE100
2016-209-E100	2016-234-E100	2016-272-E100	2016-316-E100
2016-212-E100	2016-239-BE100	2016-273-BE100	
2016-213-E100	2016-249-BE100	2016-287-E100	
2016-214-E100	2016-253-BE100	2016-306-E100	

REPORTS:

Chair Report, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris thanked the EMS staff for their work on the EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony that was held on May 18, 2016.

Ms. Harris reminded the Board members to give advance notice if unable to attend the EMFTS Board meeting.

It is recommended that each Board member participate in two committees because much of the work is done at the committee level.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

RPAB Regions 7 and 8 are still in need of RPAB membership. The next RPAB Chairs meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the option to print a physician wallet card has not been activated by the State Medical Board of Ohio. These physician cards are very important to EMS to check credentials emergently while on-scene. Dr. Cunningham invited suggestions by the Board members. A discussion ensued and it was decided that another letter be sent to the State Medical Board of Ohio requesting to be placed on the agenda for their upcoming July 13, 2016 board meeting.

ACTION: Motion to send a letter to the State Medical Board of Ohio as to the status of the physician card and a request to be placed on the agenda for the July 13, 2016 meeting. Mark Resanovich – First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

The Committee on Tactical Emergency Casualty Care annual meeting was held on May 23, 2016. The committee is in the process of updating the patient care guidelines and will be approved and posted in the near future. Dr. Cunningham informed the Board that she was appointed to the Board of Directors.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security contacted Dr. Cunningham requesting documents regarding operational “boots on the ground” gaps for responders in the terms of safety and operations on the topics of rural and volunteer EMS trainings, floods, mass care or wildfire fire responders.

Assistant Attorney General, Walter McNamara ~none

EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Michael Wise reported on the formal opinion requested from the Attorney General’s office by the Fairfield County Prosecutor. The memo that the EMFTS Board approved at the May meeting regarding non-emergency services was sent to the Attorney General’s office and received an indication that they would consider the Board’s suggestions.

The public records request regarding the reporting of the incident address where naloxone was administered has been sent to the Ohio Attorney General’s office. A question was posed as to if it is a conflict of interest when the Board requests an opinion from the AG’s office when in fact it is their office who requests such data. It was noted that the Attorney General’s office will do the right thing in accordance to the law.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso

Mr. Lapso introduced Emily Mayfield. She has been a member of the legislative team for over a year and she is now a legislative liaison. Ms. Mayfield may be providing legislative reports in the future.

The legislature has gone home for the summer. The House and the Senate will return after the general election.

HB 110 was signed by the Governor on June 13, 2016. The bill sought to increase the penalty for failure to stop after a traffic accident that resulted in the death of a person or serious physical harm. Additional language was added where EMS providers would have to provide the identity of the person who received the administration of naloxone if requested by law enforcement. Board members questioned the need to provide the actual address. Mr. Lapso explained that the purpose is to stop the drug lords. The bill will go into effect 90 days from June 13, 2016. Chair Harris requested that providers be made aware of this new law.

SB 215 was signed by the Governor on May 31, 2016. This bill grants a person immunity from civil liability for damaging a vehicle if a minor or an animal is in imminent danger while being an occupant of the vehicle. The bill requires the person to call 911 prior to breaking into the vehicle and remaining with the occupants until help arrives.

HB 187 was signed May 31, 2016. This bill permits emergency medical personnel within their respective scopes of practice to stabilize and if need be administer naloxone to an animal in the event of an emergency. In doing so they are required to be in consultation with a veterinarian and have prior authorization by the medical director. Executive Director House reported that an informational piece will be provided to the stakeholders. The original concern of this bill was intended for K9 animals who may be shot or ingest drugs in the line of duty.

SB 123 was signed June 15, 2016 which allows for emergency personnel in public safety vehicles to report traffic law violations if that vehicle is preventing the forward movement of emergency services vehicles.

HB 113 was signed June 15, 2016 which requires instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for high school graduation and school employees be trained to use an automated external defibrillator.

SB 165 which is the MOLST bill (Medical Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) has passed the Senate and awaits a hearing in the House.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS)

- Seat 10: EMS Provider - VACANT
- Vacant Expired seats (November 12, 2015)
 - Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
 - Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
 - EMS Provider (Seat #14)

Staff Vacancies

- *Program Administrator 2 – Fire/Education Section.* Dan Swords, Fire Education Coordinator accepted a position at the Ohio Fire Academy. Job offer tendered and background checks are being processed.
- *Program Administrator 3 – Education and Testing Section Chief.* Job offer tendered and awaiting background checks.
- *Administrative Professional 2 – Education.* Glenda Woodgeard accepted a Drive License Examiner position in Chillicothe. Her last day at the Division of EMS will be June 28, 2016.
- *Management Analyst 1 – Trauma & Research.* Sue Morris accepted a data manager position at the Ohio Department of Health. Conducting classification research prior to requesting to fill the position. Ms. Morris' last day at the Division of EMS will be June 25, 2016.

EMS Grant Program, Johanna Pickett

Ms. Pickett provided a list of current grant guarantees for the 2016-2017 grant cycle.

Priority 1 – 697 applications submitted with 677 applications awarded. Supplemental Grants – 116 applications submitted; 13 applications awarded (8 Board priority and 5 economic hardship).

ED House reported that the supplemental grants 8 out of 13 were Board priority items which were the waveform capnography

Ms. Pickett requested a motion to approve the 2016-2017 EMS Grant Award List for Priority 1 including supplemental funding.

ACTION: Motion for approval of the 2016-2017 EMS Grant Award List for Priority 1 including Supplemental Funding. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. Mr. Wright (45-228 & 45-019) and Mr. Jones (entire award list) abstained. Motion approved.

ED House reported that the difference in the amount awarded for the supplemental grants is due to some agencies buying refurbished units.

Ms. Pickett requested approval of the following Priority 2-5 Research Grants:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
 - Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury: Impact of Under-Triage
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
 - Motion Capture to Determine Critical Biomechanics of Laryngoscopy and Tracheal Intubation
- The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital
 - Follow-up Appointment Compliance after Pediatric TBI

ACTION: Motion for approval of the Priority 2-5 Research Grant Awards. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Executive Director House reported that the database project for certification renewals rolled out on May 24, 2016. The EMS website also rolled out on May 24, 2016. Both projects were successful and if anyone has suggestions regarding the website to contact the Division.

The EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony was held on May 18th with over 250 attending. Executive Director House thanked ACEP, EMS staff and Valerie Koker for their work on the EMS Star of Life Awards.

Executive Director House reported that the EMS Division audits ten percent of those who renew and from that ten percent it is found that certificate holders did not complete their continuing education. Data was compiled for three months of those who requested an extension and for the month of March it was found that 23% of those who requested an extension did not complete their continuing education. Executive Director House is requesting that the EMFTS Board approve 10% audits in the event they request an extension.

Questions were posed as to if certificate holders fail an audit should the Division also look at their other certifications. The rules say the certificate holder is required to provide documentation that the continuing education requirements were met. A discussion ensued regarding the audit of all certifications held by the provider if they fail an individual audit. It was decided that all Board members ponder this and that a written policy be completed. A suggestion was made that the Board members take this back to their stakeholders. Executive Director House, Mark Resanovich, Tom Allenstein, Michael Wise, and EMS staff will take on the task to provide a written policy.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that, from April 11, 2016 to June 6, 2016, there were 81 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions.

ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests from April 11, 2016 to June 6, 2016.

Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that during April 11, 2016 to June 11, 2016, there were 2,751 new EMS certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications.

ACTION: Motion to ratify new certifications from April 11, 2016 to June 11, 2016. Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There is one request for a medical exemption; 2016-6-01 for their paramedic and EMS Instructor certifications. This person received an exemption for both certifications for the previous certification cycle which ended in June 2013; therefore, it would be back to back exemptions.

ACTION: Motion to deny the medical exemption request of #2016-6-1. Mr. Wright – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Education, Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi reported that there are four requests from EMS training programs.

Wayne Township Fire/EMS Training Academy is requesting to add Advanced EMT training with an expiration date of December 18, 2016. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of the Advanced EMT training course at Wayne Township Fire/EMS Training Academy with an expiration date of December 18, 2016.

Mr. Resanovich – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Canton City Schools, Cincinnati Fire Department and Upper Valley Medical Center are requesting the three year Accreditation Renewal. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

ACTION: Motion to approve the three year Accreditation Renewal of Canton City Schools, Cincinnati Fire Department and Upper Valley Medical Center. Mr. Wright – First. Ms. Kearns – Second. None opposed. Ms. Calcidise - abstained. Motion approved.

Ms. Mirarchi reported on the National Accreditation Status Report for June 2016.

Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of, April, May, June, and July 2016. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of April, May, June and July 2016; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (250704-CEMS of Ohio dba Medicare Ambulance) and Mr. Jones (045015 and 040164-Community Care Ambulance Network; 189715–University Hospitals Parma Medical Center) - Abstained. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (11 ambulettes, 2 ambulances and 1 air service). Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service applications for 11 ambulettes, 2 ambulances and 1 air service; pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wright - Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation headquarters location applications (1 ambulette) and satellite location applications (4 ambulettes and 3 ambulances). Staff is requesting a motion for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new headquarters location applications (1 ambulette) and new satellite location applications (3 ambulettes and 6 ambulances); pending a satisfactory inspection. Mr. Resanovich – First. Mr. Wright – Second. None abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

EMS-Children Committee, Joe Stack

The EMS-C committee did not have a meeting. The next meeting will be August 16, 2016.

EMS System Development Committee, Deanna Harris

The committee met June 14, 2016. Discussions included increasing awareness of the listServe for getting information out to card holders and administrators. There are 2,143 members on the listServe. Ms. Harris presented several ideas and asked legal counsel to research the use of emails to communicate. A discussion ensued regarding the use of the listServe. The committee would like for the Board to have a way to communicate on critical issues.

The committee discussed the possibility of including the implications of the annual report instead of just publishing the report without an explanation. The preliminary annual report will be available at the August EMFTS Board meeting.

EMSIRS data and EMS Compass data can benchmark the special needs population. EMSIRS 3 data will show what the special populations are and if there is a need not being met. Tim Erskine suggested this be built into the next data dictionary.

The EMS System Development Committee will meet August 16, 2016 and will be discussing dispatch issues.

Ms. Harris reported that the December EMFTS Board meeting will be held on December 14, 2016 with committee meetings being held on December 13, 2016. The date was changed since December 21, 2016 was so close to the holiday.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Mark Resanovich

The committee did not meet and the next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2016.

EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that the committee met on June 14, 2016. It was discovered that the Rural Flex Program and this committee are working on the same issues and goals. Therefore, a discussion ensued as to whether the EMS Rural Committee should be sunsetted.

A member inquired as to if the Board can address the high cost of naloxone. A discussion ensued and it was reported that this Board does not have legislative authority over the pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Cunningham reported that the Governor's Opiate Action Team created a voucher to obtain naloxone at a lower cost.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2017.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee discussed the desire to have a directory of the medical directors in the state of Ohio. The committee will be working with the legal department to reach this goal.

At the next meeting the committee will discuss ideas to add to the strategic plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2016.

Medical Transportation, Tom Allenstein

Mr. Allenstein reported that the ambulance rules were finalized and will begin working on the ambulance rules. There are a number of different items the committee will bring to the Board regarding the ambulance rules. The committee will discuss what is considered to be adequate CPR training for the drivers.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Critical Care Committee, Julie Rose

The committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Time Critical Committee, Geoff Dutton

The committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Thomas Tallman

The committee did not meet, however, work will begin on the 2017 EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony in the near future.

Trauma Committee, Diane Simon

Ms. Simon reported that the committee did not meet. The conversion of data and burn centers are on the agenda for the next meeting.

The trauma bill was voted out of committee and did not have any action in the House. It is anticipated that the trauma bill will not pass.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Harris reviewed the action items that have been completed and also those that need to be completed.

- EMS System Development – dispatch certifications. Will be discussed in August.
- EMS System Development and Education Committee – Reciprocity.
- Letter to the National Registry of EMTs regarding the update of skill sheets.

Executive Director Melvin House reported that he contacted the chief at the Steubenville Fire Department regarding the waiver request. The chief will send a letter withdrawing the waiver request.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Resanovich requested that more information be given to the Board regarding the research grants. The information requested would include how it applies to EMS and how it will meet the Board's goals.

Executive Director House reported that the Division of EMS will re-evaluate the process regarding the research grants. Also, the research grant reports can be found on the EMS website.

Ms. Harris reported that the EMFTS Board Ethics Training will begin at 9:00 a.m. on August 17, 2106 before the Board meeting. If unable to attend, the next option is to take the Ethics Training online.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Ms. Beavers - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

EMFTS Board Meeting, August 17, 2016, at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Conference Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.