



STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2015
~ FINAL~

Board Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 16, 2015 (10:00 a.m.) at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference Room 1106, Columbus, Ohio.

Board Members Present: Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Rebecca Baute, Karen Beavers, Pamela Bradshaw, James Davis, Geoff Dutton, Deanna Harris, Steven Jones, Daryl McNutt, Julie Rose, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, Diane Simon, Dr. Steven Steinberg, Dr. Thomas Tallman, Thomas Wappner and Dudley Wright II.

Board Members Absent: Ernest Hatmaker and Mark Resanovich

DPS and EMS Staff Members Present: Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Rick Miller, Linda Mirarchi, Novica Olinger, Ellen Owens, Johanna Pickett, Rachel Randall, John Sands, Joseph Stack, Melissa Vermillion, and Diane Walton and Michael Wise.

Assistant Attorney General: Rico Barrera

Public Present: Ed Bak; Cuyahoga Community College, Kevin Barnard; Cuyahoga Community College, William Krebs; OSU MC, Barry Seth; LaGrange Fire & Rescue and Angie Simmons; Air Evac

EMS Rules Hearing ~ None

EMFTS Board Meeting

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Lists attendees like Ms. Deanna Harris (Present), Mr. Daryl McNutt (Present), Mr. Ernest Hatmaker (Absent), etc.

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 October 21, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period October 20, 2015 to December 15, 2015.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the December 16, 2015 EMFTS meeting minutes, the certifications and CE site requests for the period October 20, 2015 to December 15, 2015.

Ms. Beavers – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. Deanna Harris – Abstain (University of Toledo). Motion approved.

Goldman Proceedings

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:04 a.m. on December 16, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

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

- EMS Case 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, EMS Certificate Number 24636
- EMS Case 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, EMS Certificate Number 24636
- EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certification Number 110174
- EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495
- EMS Case 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786

The proceedings were an affidavit-based adjudication relative to the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing mailed to the respondents 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, the proceedings were 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 Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the cases and recommendations for disciplinary action.

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

- EMS Case Number 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, is a continuing education matter. In February 2015, Mr. Seal entered into a consent agreement; however, he failed to complete the required CE hours. He was suspended for a week, paid a \$1000 fine and was required to submit documentation. Mr. Seal did not submit the required documentation, therefore, he was in violation of the consent agreement. The second case, EMS Case Number 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, involves a felony drug charge in 2014 for which he was granted intervention in lieu of conviction. Mr. Seal did not disclose this charge on his renewal application. The recommendation is to deny Mr. Seal's renewal application and permanently revoke Mr. Seal's certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certification Number 110174. The EMS Division received a complaint that Mr. Newsome did not complete the required continuing education hours. After an investigation it was determined that Mr. Newsome did not have the appropriate CE hours. He was provided an opportunity to submit documentation; however, he did not provide any documentation. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Newsome's emergency medical technician certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495. On October 20, 2014, Mr. Harris was convicted of *Menacing*, a fourth-degree misdemeanor, and *Disorderly Conduct*, a minor misdemeanor. The *Menacing* charge stems from Mr. Harris appearing at a rental property with a machete, and brandishing the machete while making threats to make the tenants pay rent. The disorderly conduct comes from Mr. Harris punching the brother of the tenant in the mouth during this incident. Mr. Harris did not timely report this conviction to the EMS Division. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Harris' certificate to practice.
- EMS Case Number 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786. In August 2014, Mr. Ferguson entered into a consent agreement to complete 60 hours of continuing education within a 180 day period. Mr. Ferguson has not responded to repeated inquiries by the Division, or submitted any documentation of continuing education. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Ferguson's certificate to practice.

Having heard AAG Barrera'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 cases into evidence. Mr. Davis – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:11 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 respondents.

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. McNutt– First. Ms. Rose – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:19 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2012-480-E300, Andrew M. Seal, the Board finds that Mr. Seal failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement by not providing documentation of continuing education hours. Accordingly, Mr. Seal violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(6). Secondly, in the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-96-BE100, Andrew M. Seal, the Board finds, that on, or about, October 8, 2014, in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Mr. Seal entered a guilty plea and was granted intervention in lieu of conviction for Possession of Cocaine, a fifth degree felony and Illegal Use or Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a fourth degree misdemeanor, both in violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a) and 4765-10-03(B)(2)(d). Additionally, Mr. Seal failed to submit documentation of his intervention in lieu of conviction to include the court records, law enforcement report and the background check, as required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M). Based on the facts of these two cases, the Board moves to deny Mr. Seal's renewal application and permanently revoke Mr. Seal's certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2013-689-E300, Asa J. Newsome, EMS Certificate Number 110174, the Board finds that Mr. Newsome failed to accurately document all continuing education requirements after attesting to the fact that he had satisfied the requirements to renew his certificate to practice, in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(1), 4765-9-01(I), 4765-8-04(A)(3), and 4765-15-03; therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Newsome's emergency medical technician certificate to practice. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw– abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-36-BE100, Almon L. Harris, EMS Certificate Number 82495, the Board finds that Mr. Harris was convicted of Menacing, a fourth-degree misdemeanor in violation of Cleveland City Ordinance 621.07. The Board concludes this misdemeanor involves moral turpitude. Additionally, Mr. Harris failed to report his conviction and failed to provide required records and background check. Mr. Harris violated Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4765-10-03(B)(2)(c), 4765-10-03(B)(1) and 4765-9-01(M); therefore, the Board moves to revoke Mr. Harris' certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw, Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Davis – abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2014-202-E300, Brian S. Ferguson, EMS Certificate Number 17786, the Board finds Mr. Ferguson failed to comply with the terms of the consent agreement by not providing documentation of continuing education hours. Accordingly, Mr. Ferguson violated Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(6). Therefore the Board moves to revoke Mr. Ferguson's certificate to practice.* Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Jones – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Summary Suspension Requests

Ms. Harris, Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services called the proceedings to order at 10:25 a.m. on December 16, 2015 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223. Members of the Board present for the proceedings were:

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

It was noted for the record that a majority of members of the Board were present.

At the October 2015 Board meeting, the Board found clear and convincing evidence that a summary suspension was warranted in the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua, J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292,. Mr. Bleigh did not request a hearing. The Board was asked to adopt a final order. The Board may suspend, revoke, issue a written reprimand, limit, or permanently revoke Mr. Bleigh's certificate to practice.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits from the EMS investigators and accompanying exhibits for review. The affidavits and exhibits contain evidence upon which the Board will deliberate. 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.

Ms. Harris recognized Assistant Attorney General Rico Barrera for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case.

- EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292. Mr. Bleigh is currently certified as an EMT, under summary suspension pursuant to the Board's Order in October 2015. In June Mr. Bleigh applied to renew his certificate, and disclosed a 2014 felony conviction for *Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor* in the Wayne County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 13CR0242. This is a fourth-degree felony. This conviction stems from a consensual sexual relationship with a 15 year old; Mr. Bleigh was 20 years old at the time of conviction. The EMFTS Board summarily suspended Mr. Bleigh's certificate to practice at the last meeting in October 2015. Mr. Bleigh was given an opportunity to request a hearing; however, he did not request a hearing. R.C. 4765.116(A) allows the Board to adopt a final order including findings in this case without a hearing, and may impose suspension, revocation, a written reprimand, or refuse to renew certificate to practice.

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. Davis – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	Present	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

The Board returned from private session at 10:24 a.m.

ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2015-186-E100, Joshua J. Bleigh, EMS Certificate Number 157292, the Board finds clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Bleigh's continued practice as an emergency medical technician presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and he has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, on January 9, 2014, Mr. Bleigh was convicted of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, a fourth-degree felony, in violation of Ohio Revised code Section 2907.04, in the Court of common Pleas, Wayne County, Ohio, Case No. 13-CR-0242. Mr. Bleigh was designated by the court a sex offender and is registered as a Tier II Sex Offender. Mr. Bleigh is also in violation of Ohio Administrative Code Section 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a). Additionally, Mr. Bleigh failed to report and provide documentation of 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 Mr. Bleigh's EMT certificate to practice, at any level, be PERMANENTLY REVOKED pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4765.115 AND 4765.116. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – abstained. None opposed. 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 10:30 a.m. Mr. Wappner– First. Mr. Appelhans – Second.

Roll Call

Ms. Deanna Harris (Chair)	Present	Mr. Daryl McNutt	Present
Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Absent
Mr. Kent Appelhans	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Present
Ms. Rebecca Baute (Vice Chair)	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Ms. Diane Simon	Present
Ms. Pamela Bradshaw	**Absent	Dr. Steven Steinberg	Present
Mr. James Davis	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. Thomas Wappner	Present
Mr. Ernest Hatmaker	Absent	Mr. Dudley Wright II	Present
Mr. Steven Jones	Present		

****Note:** Ms. Bradshaw excused herself from the executive session for the proposed disciplinary actions.

The Board returned from private session at 11:14 a.m.

ACTION: Motion to Issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for each of the following education cases. Grant permission to negotiate a consent agreement. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-655-E500
2015-403-E500
2015-549-E500

ACTION: Motion to Close the following education cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-92-BE500	2015-426-E500
2015-222-E300	2015-601-E500 *Warning letter
2015-321-E500 *Warning letter	

ACTION: Motion to close the following medical transportation cases. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner– Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2014-404-E500	2015-27-E400
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ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreements. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw– Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-225-E300	2015-458-E100	2015-487-E300	2015-530-E300
2015-354-E300	2015-464-E300	2015-490-E300	2015-555-E100
2015-389-E300	2015-465-E300	2015-499-BE100	2015-569-E300
2015-451-E300	2015-479-BE100	2015-507-BE100	2015-577-E300
	2015-482-BE100	2015-528-E300	2015-594-E100

ACTION: Motion to accept the following proposed Consent Agreement. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Davis – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-46-E100 *Incorporate NOH

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. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-624-E500	2015-491-BE100
2012-754-E300	2015-496-E300 *Accept withdrawal
2012-804-E300	2015 -517-E400 *Defer to local medical director
2015-34-E500	2015-541-E100
2015-147-E100	2015-560-E100
2015-177-E300 *Rescind NOH	2015-572-E100
2015-263-E400	2015-575-BE100
2015-359-E100	2015-590-E400
2015-483-E100	2015-593-E300

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. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-388-E300	2015-395-E300	2015-486-E300
2015-390-E300	2015-449-E300	2015-531-E300
2015-391-E300	2015-450-E300	2015-535-E300
2015-393-E300	2015-475-E300	2015-566-E300
2015-394-E300	2015-485-E300	2015-567-E300

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. Individuals did not supply required documentation; therefore, their application was rendered incomplete. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-283-E100

ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Wappner – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-129-BE100	2013-115-E300	2013-678-E300
2012-139-E100	2013-126-E300	2013-680-E300
2012-463-BE100	2013-667-E300	2014-17-E100
2013-71-E300	2013-673-E300	2015-35-E500

ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases. Ms. Simon – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw – Abstain. Mr. Davis – Abstain on 2015-552-E500. None opposed. Motion approved.

2012-393-E100	2015-79-E100	2015-488-E300
2012-413-BE500	2015-121-BE100	2015-501-BE100
2014-644-BE100 *Permission to negotiate consent agreement	2015-430-E300	2015-552-E500 *Davis abstain
	2015-467-E300	

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. Mr. Dutton – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw- Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

2015-369-E300	2015-561-BE100	2015-591-BE100	2015-668-E100
2015-428-E300	2015-568-BE100	2015-636-BE100	2015-670-BE100
2015-502-E100	2015-579-E100	2015-663-BE100	2015-672-E500
2015-543-E500	2015-586-BE100	2015-664-BE100	2015-673-E500
2015-557-E100			

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and grant permission to negotiate a Consent Agreement in the matter of EMS Case No. 2015-539-E500. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. McNutt – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the matter of EMS Case No. 2015-584-E500. Ms. Simon – First. Mr. Tallman – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Ms. Bradshaw - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

REPORTS:

Chair Report, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris expressed her appreciation for all of the Board members' hard work in the past year.

State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham

Dr. Cunningham submitted the following RPAB applicants for EMFTS Board approval;

Dr. Charles McIntosh – RPAB Region 3
Dr. David Keseg – RPAB Region 4

ACTION: Motion to approve the proposed appointments, Dr. Charles McIntosh and Dr. David Keseg, to the Regional Physician Advisory Board. Mr. Allenstein – First. Ms. Rose– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham reported there are RPAB membership openings in all RPAB regions. There are currently no members in RPAB Regions 7 and 8.

The All-Member and RPAB chair meetings were held on November 12, 2015. A discussion ensued on how to devise a plan for a full review and updating of all State of Ohio EMS Guidelines and Procedures manuals. The next RPAB Chair meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

On November 18, 2015 the FDA approved the intranasal route for naloxone administration. The approval paved the way for manufacturers to produce pre-measured doses of naloxone, 4 mg per dose with two doses per box, for intranasal delivery by laypersons and healthcare providers use. Special prices are available for EMS.

Dr. Cunningham presented a Power Point of the updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module.

Dr. Cunningham requested approval to replace the present training module with the new updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module.

ACTION: Motion to approve and replace the present training module with the new updated State of Ohio Naloxone Administration Training Module. Mr. Allenstein – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham wrote a training module for waveform capnography that has been reviewed and changes made by the Education Committee, the Medical Oversight Committee and the RPAB members. Dr. Cunningham presented a Power Point of the Waveform Capnography Training Module. The training module is written at the highest level of provider. This will be provided in a narrated and non-narrated form.

A request was made by Dr. Cunningham to approve the Waveform Capnography Training Module.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Waveform Capnography Training Module. Mr. Davis – First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Dr. Cunningham sent a letter to Dr. Redd of the CDC on November 17, 2015 regarding the impact of EMS and patient safety due to the potential replacement of Mark I® kits with Duodote® in the EMS CHEMPACK assets.

A letter was also sent to the State of Ohio Medical Board on November 3, 2015 regarding the discontinuation of issued wallet cards to physicians licensed in Ohio. The Medical Board did not realize the impact it would have on EMS and the need to rapidly confirm the credentials of physicians on scene.

A letter from Ed Bak, Cuyahoga County Community College's EMT program manager, was received by the Division of EMS. Mr. Bak requests modification of the intubation requirement in ORC 4765-17-04 to allow completion on a mannequin or simulator or the substitution of two simulated intubations for every required live intubation.

Dr. Cunningham stated that the CoAEMSP airway management requirements are no fewer than 50 airway attempts completed across all age levels with the last 20 attempts being 100% successful. Their requirement can be completed "in any combination of live patients, high definition fidelity simulations, low fidelity simulations, or cadaver labs in all age brackets." They recommend, but do not require, that most of the airway attempts be accomplished on live patients, realistic simulated labs, or both.

Mr. Ed Bak was in attendance and explained the challenges they face with hospitals not allowing their students into the operating rooms to perform live intubation. Ms. Bradshaw stated that it is becoming more and more difficult to find hospitals who will allow students into the operating room to intubate.

A discussion ensued regarding whether the Board should revisit the scope of practice regarding intubations. Some expressed their concerns with simulation only. It was suggested that this topic be discussed in more detail at the February Board retreat.

EMS Legal Counsel, Michael Wise

Executive Director Melvin House introduced Michael Wise, the new EMS Legal Counsel. Mr. Wise stated that he had previously been with the Attorney General's Office and most recently the Ohio Nursing Board.

EMS Legislative Liaison, Alex Lapso

Mr. Lapso stated that HB 187 has passed the house unanimously with a vote of 92 to 0. This bill is the animal first aid bill which allows EMS Providers to provide care in the event of an emergency. Other sections of the bill includes immunity and also includes the ability to administer naloxone to an animal who may have been exposed to drugs. Mr. Lapso thanked Executive Director House and Dr. Cunningham for their input regarding HB 187.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-187>

Senate Bill 248, recently introduced, increases Medicaid payment rates for certain medical transportation services. The department is neutral; however, as it moves along in the legislative process it will be monitored.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-248>

HB 365 changes the definition of an ambulette and defines that a person transported in an ambulette must be someone who is "medically fragile". This bill has been referred to the Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight.

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-365>

Several questions were raised and discussed regarding legislation. Mr. Lapso will be collecting information and will send concerns to EMS legal counsel and to Executive Director House.

Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House

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

- Seat 10: EMS Provider - VACANT

Seven EMFTS Board seats expire on November 12, 2015, which include:

- Trauma Surgeon (Seat #2)
- Volunteer Fire Chief (Seat #7)
- EMS Instructor (Seat #8)
- EMS Provider (Seat #12)
- EMS Provider (Seat #14)
- Mobile Intensive Care Unit Provider (Seat #17)
- Air-Medical EMS Provider (Seat #18)
- Nominations have been received from the nominating organizations and were sent to the Governor's Office for appointment. Seats #12 and #18 have been reappointed.
- Per ORC 4765.02, seats remain filled by incumbents for up to 60 days. ("A member shall continue in office subsequent to the expiration date of the member's term until the member's successor takes office, or until a period of sixty days has elapsed, whichever occurs first.")

Executive Director House introduced Bryan Reardon, the new Investigation Supervisor in the Division of EMS. Mr. Reardon came from the Department of Commerce as an investigator and is a certified firefighter.

John Sands introduced Glenda Woodgeard, who began with the EMS Education and Fire Testing Section on November 2, 2015. Ms. Woodgeard comes from the Ohio State Highway Patrol and is a member of the Star Volunteer Fire Department.

Two part-time medical transportation inspectors, Clifford Mason and Bill Piwtorak, were hired for the Columbus area.

Executive Director House, Johanna Burgess Pickett and Diane Walton continue to conduct site visits at EMS organizations across the State of Ohio. Four visits are scheduled for December 21, 2015; Fall Township Volunteer Fire Department, Somerset Emergency Medical Services, New Lexington Fire Department and Junction City Volunteer Fire Department. The visits serve a dual purpose; grant monitoring and an opportunity to discuss EMS grantee needs.

All of the Committee member reappointments will be made at the February Board meeting. Applications and resumes shall be submitted for everyone except for those appointments made the last quarter of 2015.

At the October meeting the EMFTS Board approved a proposal to revise the grant program. Johanna Pickett has taken that information and has revised the grant applications to incorporate those changes. A new web-based Priority 1 Principle and Supplemental grant application is being created.

Ms. Pickett stated that a supplemental application will be added to the Priority 1 grant. A packet was distributed to all the Board members for review. The grant application will be completely electronic; however, it will still be available by paper if requested.

Mr. Dutton made the motion to approve the new grant applications.

ACTION: Motion to approve the new Priority 1 with the supplemental grant application, Priority 2 through 5 application, and Priority 6 grant application. Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

EMS Certification, Extensions & Exemption Requests, Jean Booze

Jean Booze reported that, from October 9, 2015 to December 6, 2015, there were 103 EMS extension requests. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify the extensions:

ACTION: Motion to ratify EMS extension requests. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported that during October 9, 2015 to December 6, 2015, there were 2,056 new EMS certifications and 2,185 new Fire certifications. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to ratify new certifications:

ACTION: Motion to ratify new certifications. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported there are two voluntary surrender requests. One individual is surrendering an EMS instructor certificate and the other is an EMT-Basic. Both individuals are now retired and state they no longer need their certificates. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the voluntary surrender requests.

ACTION: Motion to approve the two voluntary surrender requests.

Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Tallman – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the CE exemption requests. There are three EMS requests for exemption all due to active duty service during their certification cycles; #2015-12-2, 2015-12-4 and 2015-12-6. All military documentation was received. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

ACTION: Motion to approve the military exemption requests of #2015-12-2, 2015-12-4, and 2015-12-6. Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Jean Booze reported on the medical exemption requests. There are two EMS requests due to medical requests; #2015-12-1 and #2015-12-3. All medical documentation was received. The staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve the exemption requests.

ACTION: Motion to approve the medical exemption requests of #2015-12-1 and #2015-12-3. Mr. McNutt – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Education – Linda Mirarchi

Ms. Mirarchi stated there were no additional education requests.

Medical Transportation – Dave Fiffick

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of October, November, December 2015 and January 2016. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation renewals with expiration dates of October, November, and December 2015 and January 2016; pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Beavers – First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Ambulance HN4/MF7 and Ohio Medical Transport) and Mr. Davis - Abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of Medical Transportation new service applications (7 ambulettes). Staff is requesting a motion and for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation new service applications (7 ambulettes); pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Dr. Schwartz- Second. None opposed. None abstain. Motion approved.

Dave Fiffick presented the list of new Medical Transportation satellite location applications (7 ambulettes, 7 ambulances, and 2 air services). Staff is requesting a motion and for approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

ACTION: Motion to approve the Medical Transportation satellite location applications (7 ambulettes, 7 ambulances and 2 air services); pending a satisfactory inspection. Ms. Bradshaw – First. Ms. Rose– Second. Mr. Allenstein (Ambulance 250114, Air Medical 254013 and Ohio Medical Transport) and Mr. Appelkans (St. Vincent UTMC and St. Rita's Life Flight) - Abstain. None opposed. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris thanked Ms. Baute for her service on the EMFTS Board and was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Ms. Harris also recognized and thanked Mr. McNutt for his many years of service. He was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Grant Extension, Johanna Pickett

Johanna Pickett reported a request for a one year grant extension from Cincinnati Children's Hospital (Early Activity Levels and Family Functions in TBI Recovery Project).

ACTION: Motion to approve the one year grant extension of Cincinnati Children's Hospital; Early Activity Levels and Family Functions in TBI Recovery Project. Mr. Davis– First.

Mr. Appelhans- Second. None opposed. Dr. Schwartz - abstain. Motion approved.

Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad-Hoc Committee

Ms. Harris stated that the committee has completed all of their objectives. Ms. Harris requests that the Board disband the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine, Ad Hoc Committee.

ACTION: Motion to disband the Mobile Integrated Healthcare/Community Paramedicine Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Beavers– First. Mr. Dutton- Second. None opposed. None abstained.

Motion approved.

EMS-Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz

Dr. Schwartz reported the EMS-Children Committee met on December 15, 2015.

The Health Resources and Services Administration has published a preliminary set of Performance Measures for the EMS for Children Partnership Grant to take effect starting in 2017. Measures concerning medical direction and continuing education have been removed, and the measure concerning pediatric pre-hospital equipment has been changed to emphasize skill development in the use of pediatric equipment. Additional measures include submission of state data to NEMSIS, and the designation of a pediatric care coordinator for EMS agencies. Measures will be finalized prior to grant application in the fall of 2016.

Dr. Naa Allotey, EMSC Project Director, held a webinar on October 23rd to recruit physicians and nurses from Ohio's pediatric hospitals to serve as site reviewers for the Emergency Departments: Pediatric Prepared program. The webinar was recorded for future use and will be linked to the Ohio EMS for Children website. Dr. Allotey and Joe Stack will present additional information about the program to hospitals as scheduling allows.

The EMS for Children Committee is planning a workshop on April 13, 2016 to focus on pediatric pre-hospital protocol writing for EMS medical directors, focusing on the NASEMSO National Model Clinical Guidelines and the exercises completed at the Ohio Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows Conference held last month. Dr. Allotey is holding a conference call with the physicians on the Committee in January to complete details for the workshop content.

Joe Stack is developing a postcard to send to hospital emergency department staff highlighting the Interfacility Transfer Toolkit available on the Ohio EMS for Children website.

The Ohio Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition will next meet on January 28, 2016. Carol Jacobson of the Ohio Hospital Association will hold a conference call with Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove and Joe Stack on December 17th, to discuss possible funding from the American Academy of Pediatrics Coalition Building Opportunity.

Joe Stack and Tim Erskine presented the “Concepts in Process Improvement” workshop for the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association on November 12th to 25 EMS providers. The next scheduled workshop will be for the Ohio Association of EMS Spring Conference in Marietta on April 30, 2016. Several other locations are currently under consideration.

EMS System Development Committee, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris reported the EMS System Development Committee met on December 15, 2016. Discussions included what type of data needs to be collected and what to include in the annual report. The committee would like to see a smaller breakdown in the age groups; especially in pediatrics. There were discussions regarding data as it relates to race; as to any deficits or changes in treatment. The data determines our current practice and guides education.

Tim Erskine reported that the National EMS Information System’s Technical Assistance Center (NEMSIS TAC) has classified Ohio’s EMS Incident Reporting System’s (EMSIRS) Annual Report as a “best practice” in its Spotlight newsletter. This newsletter is received by state EMS and health officials nationwide. The NEMSIS TAC commends Ohio’s efforts to improve healthcare. The NEMSIS newsletter was distributed to all of the EMFTS Board members.

Homeland Security Subcommittee, Geoff Dutton

The subcommittee discussed the active shooter incidents and what can be done to educate the public.

Rural EMS Committee, Karen Beavers

The Rural EMS Committee met for the first time on December 15, 2015.

Committee applications are being reviewed for additional members.

ACTION: Motion to add Diane Simon as Vice Chair of the Rural EMS Committee.

Mr. Davis– First. Ms. Bradshaw– Second. None opposed. Diane Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to add Charles Davis, Steven Harrison, and Doug LaRue to the Rural EMS Committee. Ms. Bradshaw– First. Mr. Davis– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to add Pam Bradshaw to the Rural EMS Committee. Mr. McNutt– First. Dr. Tallman– Second. None opposed. Ms. Bradshaw abstained. Motion approved.

The Office of Rural Health will have a liaison to work with the committee. Some of the problems for those in Rural EMS are communication issues, training, and other general problems.

Education Committee, Pam Bradshaw

The last meeting was held on November 18, 2015.

Ms. Bradshaw reported that there were discussions regarding the changes for all paramedic programs with the National Competency Program and the new skills testing being mandated by the National Registry.

The Education Committee will attend a presentation by the National Registry at Columbus State Community College on January 11, 2015. The Education Committee will meet prior to the meeting at Columbus State at 10:00 am.

The National Registry is changing the amount of continuing education hours from 72 hours to 60 hours, which will ultimately affect Ohio.

Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton

The MOC met on November 15, 2015.

The C.A.R.E.S. representatives presented their program to the MOC. Dr. Keseg reported his experiences with the program. It was suggested to have a discussion with the hospital associations to ask what the interest level is in the C.A.R.E.S. program. The value of the program is that it tracks the event, the patient and the outcomes.

A discussion ensued regarding the value of the C.A.R.E.S. program and it was decided to invite a representative of the program to present at the EMFTS Board Retreat in February to answer all of the Board's questions.

The MOC also discussed critical care transport and whether every paramedic provider should transport. Medicare will provide a higher reimbursement for specialty care transport. Dr. Cunningham suggested referring to the position paper on Interfacility Transport of Patients by EMS Providers. The Ohio Administrative Code and the Ohio Revised Code is what should be followed.

Medical Transportation Committee (MTC), Thomas Allenstein

The committee is currently working on the ambulance rules; Rule 4766-02, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The Medical Transportation Committee suggested that the KKK standards need to be removed from our laws. A change in the law might be to recognize a national standard instead of a specific standard.

Mr. Allenstein stated the committee currently has 17 members; however, a few have not met the attendance standards.

ACTION: Motion to exceed the current 17 members to 18 members to the Medical Transportation Committee. Mr. Allenstein– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to add Kristie Gallagher to the Medical Transportation Committee. Mr. Allenstein– First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Ms. Simon - abstained. Motion approved.

Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose

The Critical Care sub-committee met December 15, 2015.

ACTION: Motion to add Kent Appelhans to the Critical Care Subcommittee.

Ms. Rose– First. Mr. McNutt– Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans - abstained. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion to add Kent Appelhans as Vice Chair to the Critical Care Subcommittee.

Ms. Rose– First. Mr. Dutton– Second. None opposed. Mr. Appelhans - abstained. Motion approved.

Resource Management Committee, Mark Resanovich

Mr. Resanovich was absent from the meeting, therefore, there was not a report.

Time-Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee, Geoff Dutton

The 2015 Time Critical Diagnosis Stakeholders Conference was held on September 25, 2015 and was a great success. The next step is to direct the different specialties to meet and then share their ideas. The follow up meeting was held and it was agreed the conversations will continue. At the next meeting specific action items will be developed.

Mr. Dutton asked the Board to reflect on whether the Time Critical Diagnosis Ad Hoc Committee should continue or should it be disbanded.

EMS Awards Ad-Hoc Committee, Dr. Tallman

Dr. Tallman stated that the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) is willing to take on the lead role and support the EMS awards. A discussion ensued on how to obtain nominations. An electronic version of the application will be available. The Star of Life Awards purpose is to recognize and honor exceptional EMS personnel from Ohio and to reunite the EMS provider with the person they treated. Ohio ACEP would also be willing to provide the EMS pins.

Ms. Harris stated that there would be an EMFTS Board meeting on the day of the EMS Awards in May 2016.

ACTION: Motion to move forward with partnering with ACEP for the EMS Awards. Mr. Tallman– First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

Mr. Dutton suggested that China Dodley, ODPS Communications, be made aware of the EMS Awards. He also suggested that all Board members spread the word via Facebook and word of mouth in order to obtain nominations. Executive Director House will approach DAS regarding approval to purchase plaques for awards and refreshments.

Executive Director House suggested saving the date of May 18, 2015 for the EMFTS Board meeting and the EMS Awards.

Ms. Harris stated the February EMFTS Board Retreat's agenda is extremely full and suggested that the afternoon of February 16th be added. All committee meetings will be cancelled with the exception of the Medical Transportation Committee that will meet from 10:00 am to 12 noon on February 16, 2015. It was decided that the EMFTS Board retreat will begin at 1:00 pm on February 16, 2015.

Trauma Committee, Tim Erskine

Ms. Simon explained that a packet had been distributed of the regional trauma triage protocol from the RPAB Region 6 (formerly Region 1 – Cincinnati area). It is simply the region aligning their protocol to the state protocol and there are no changes of any significance. It was approved by the Trauma Committee and needs the Board's approval to go into effect.

ACTION: Motion to approve RPAB Region 6 trauma triage protocol.

Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

The American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma recently changed educational requirements for trauma registrars. Effective July of this year, all new trauma registrars “must attend or have previously attended, within 12 months of being hired, the American Trauma Society’s (ATS) Trauma Registrar Course or equivalent provided by a state trauma program.”

Because the ATS course is costly, usually involves interstate travel and is infrequently presented, the Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars (AOTR) has developed a trauma registrar training course to be an ATS-equivalent to educate Ohio’s trauma registrars, free of charge.

It is felt that in order to achieve acceptable equivalency status this course would need endorsement by the EMFTS Board. Tim Erskine, who has attended the ATS course, attended a pilot of the AOTR course to evaluate it on behalf of the Trauma Committee. He recommended endorsement without reservation. The Ohio Society of Trauma Nurse Leaders also sent a representative to the course and that organization endorsed the course earlier this month.

The Trauma Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the EMFTS Board that it recognize the AOTR Trauma Registry Course as an equivalent to the American Trauma Society’s registry course.

ACTION: Motion that the EMFTS Board recognize the Alliance of Ohio Trauma Registrars’ Trauma Registry Course as an equivalent to the American Trauma Society’s Trauma Registry Course. Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Bradshaw – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

One of the Trauma Committee’s strategic plan implementation workgroups is tasked with addressing the gaps in providing care to people with functional needs, such as mobility, hearing and vision impairment, mental illness and other cognitive impairments. It has long been apparent that this is a problem this is not limited to injured patients and is an EMS-wide topic, therefore, a Board-level concern. The Trauma Committee recommends to the Board that it take under consideration at its retreat the idea of creating a committee or subcommittee to address the issues facing people with functional needs. Ms. Harris stated that this issue would be added to the Retreat agenda.

The Trauma Committee is continuing to work on the redrafting of its strategic plan. The most noteworthy change in this version thus far is the decentralization of quality improvement. Each workgroup will be assigned a task of assessing and improving its focus area, such as pre-hospital care and trauma registry. Also, each workgroup will be responsible for setting the multi-year goals within their respective focus areas. Once the plan is finalized it will be brought to the Board for approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Melvin House stated that the Board needs to approve rules from Chapters 4765-8 (Certificate to Teach or Practice/Continuing Education) and Chapter 4765-9 (Ethical Standards of Conduct) to be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service Commission, and the Secretary of State.

ACTION: Motion that the EMFTS Board approve rules from Chapters 4765-8 (Certificate to Teach or Practice/Continuing Education) and Chapter 4765-9 (Ethical Standards of Conduct) to be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review, the Legislative Service Commission, and the Secretary of State.

Ms. Simon - First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Nominations

Ms. Harris stated that the nominations for chair and vice chair are open. At the October meeting Geoff Dutton was nominated for vice chair. Dr. Schwartz nominated Thomas Allenstein for vice chair. Mr. Dutton withdrew his name for vice chair.

ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for vice chair. Dr. Tallman - First. Mr. Davis – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion for Thomas Allenstein to be vice chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board.

Mr. Dutton - First. Mr. Wright – Second. Mr. Allenstein - Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

Ms. Harris was nominated for chair at the October meeting. Ms. Harris asked if there were any other nominations for chair.

ACTION: Motion to close the nominations for chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board. Mr. Davis - First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

ACTION: Motion for Deanna Harris to be the chair of the 2016 EMFTS Board.

Mr. McNutt - First. Dr. Schwartz– Second. Ms. Harris- Abstained. None Opposed. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

~None~

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

- EMFTS Board Retreat, February 16 and 17, 2016, at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
- EMFTS Board Meeting, February 18, 2016, at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health, 13430 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington, Ohio 43147