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### **Examination Committee**

**Tuesday**

19 Apr 2022

0930-1130

**Online via ZOOM meeting platform due to COVID-19**

**Meeting address:** <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/460163384>

### **Minutes**

**Members Present:** Joanne Lebrun, Kelly Roderick, Sally Taylor, Jeremy Damren, Ben Zetterman, Rick Petrie, David Mejia  
**Members Absent:** Amy Drinkwater, Cheri Volta (lost power)  
**Staff:** Chris Azevedo, David Davies, Melissa Adams  
**Stakeholders:** Don Sheets, Eric Wellman, Phoebe Dodge, Chase Labbe,

*"The mission of Maine EMS is to promote and provide for a comprehensive and effective Emergency Medical Services system to ensure optimum patient care with standards for all providers. All members of this board/committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board/Committee, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."*

- I. **Call to Order 0932**
  - a. Introductions and roll call.
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Approval of February meeting minutes.
    - i. Motion made by Joanne Lebrun to approve the February meeting minutes and seconded by Kelly Roderick. No discussion. Motion carried.
  - b. March meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum, so there are no minutes from March for approval.
- III. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
  - a. Office update moved to later to facilitate topic coverage.
- IV. **State Update**
  - a. Education – Chris Azevedo
    - i. PSEs

1. Jessica Ricciardelli has left the office. Please forward all PSE scheduling requests to me, as well as all correspondence regarding PSEs.
- ii. NREMT
  1. Exam updates took effect 15 April 2022
    - a. EMR and EMT cognitive exams available as online-proctored exam with OnVue
    - b. EMT cognitive exams done via OnVue are now computer adaptive- as they are on the Pearson Vue testing centers
    - c. AEMT cognitive is only available at Pearson Vue testing centers
  2. Continues its ALS Re-design process with NAEMSE and EMS stakeholders. Webinar this afternoon at 1pm. You can find info on the webinar on the NAEMSE website, as well as a link to the webinar. If you can attend, I recommend doing so, as it may help enhance understanding of the process we're moving towards, both right now, and in the future.
    - a. [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mooX6pGyTQG7bq4X3Lb5Jg](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mooX6pGyTQG7bq4X3Lb5Jg)
    - b. NAEMSE website link: <https://naemse.org/page/UpcomingWebinars>
- iii. Scope of Practice Document
  1. Working collaboratively
- iv. Maine EMS Formulary
  1. Marc Minkler is working collaboratively with MDPB.
- v. NCCP Education
  1. Transition begins 1 November 2022
  2. Developed a presentation, given 9 April. Have been asked to deliver it for a few departments. Developing it for MEMSEd. This is a collaborative effort with both licensing and IT.
- vi. Re-licensure
  1. Chris Azevedo recertified by exam.
    - a. The exam is the NRP exam given for program graduates.
    - b. My first experience actually doing this, as they only had paper exams in the lecture hall the last time I took it.
    - c. Cut me off at 80 questions
    - d. Took the exam on Friday morning with results reported on my NREMT profile Monday 10 pm, and only as "passed."
    - e. Computer adaptive, question behavior seemed mostly analysis and application
- b. Licensing
  - i. Melissa Adams – nothing to report.
- c. Community Paramedicine
  - i. David Davies – doing environmental assessment.

V. **Old Business**

- a. Southern Maine Community College presents a proposal for PSE replacement.
  - i. Eric Wellman
    - 1. MCCS would like to propose an alternative pathway to the PSE for licensure. Discusses proposal for EMS psychomotor skills portfolio.
    - 2. We are looking at this as more of an alternative process at this time that could move the process forward. Based, in part, on the Board action of giving waiver for Spinal Assessment.
  - ii. Don Sheets
    - 1. Happy to answer questions regarding how we've implemented the portfolio process.
  - iii. Sally Taylor
    - 1. Asks for questions from the group before Eric proceeds with walking the group through the process.
  - iv. Eric Wellman walks the group through the program.
  - v. Motion made by David Mejia to support Eric's proposal and have SMCC present this to the EMS Board. Seconded by Joanne Lebrun. Discussion.
    - 1. Joanne Lebrun discusses current pertinent Rules. Asks if, in addition to approving for SMCC, is there a way to state that this could form a basis for what this is what PSEs will be in the future.
    - 2. Exam committee would recommend to the Board of EMS that they adopt SMCC proposal for psychomotor skills portfolios as the replacement process for the EMR and EMT level, pending the development of an appropriate quality assurance process that would be phased in starting now and proceed for the next 12 months.
    - 3. David Mejia amends motion.
    - 4. Discussion.
    - 5. Joanne Lebrun withdraws her second for the motion.
    - 6. Discussion
      - a. Eric Wellman from chat re: addition to his proposal document:
        - i. 11. A. Maine EMS will establish an Audit process of reviewing student records from each course.
- b. David Mejia amends motion
  - i. Recommend the Exam Committee make a recommendation to the Board to adopt SMCC's evaluation process as the psychomotor EMT and EMT process in Maine with a verification Q&A process to be phased in now and proceed for the next 12 months
  - ii. Motion seconded by Joanne Lebrun. Motion passes.
- c. Update on PSE Replacement working sub-group
  - i. Tabled.
- d. PSE Administrators

- i. Discussion from Sally Taylor
- e. PSE Scenario development
  - i. Tabled until after next Board meeting.

**VI. New Business**

- a. None

**VII. Next Meeting**

- a. Date and Time: 17 May 2022, at 0930 hrs.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

- a. Motion made by Joanne Lebrun to adjourn and seconded by Rick Petrie.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 1128 hrs.