



20220510-Rules-Committee-Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2022
11:00 AM

Meeting Subject: Maine EMS Rules Committee Meeting - 5/10/2022

Meeting Date: 5/10/2022 11:00 AM

Location: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/87807888690>

Maine EMS Rules Committee Minutes
May 10, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

“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 clinicians. All members of this committee should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this committee, we commit to serve the respective clinicians, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent.”

1. Call to Order at 11:01 by Chair, Joe Kellner
2. Mission Statement read by Chair, Joe Kellner
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members – Tim Beals, Katelyn Damon, Joe Kellner, Brent Libby, Dr. John Martel
 - b. Maine EMS Staff – Melissa Adams, Christopher Azevedo, Jason Cooney, David Davies, J. Sam Hurley, Jason Oko, Ashley Moody, AAG Samantha Morgan
 - c. Guests – Chip Getchell, Ben Van Dyke, Amy Drinkwater, Chris Pare, Kacie Bragdon, Phil MacCallum, Aiden Koplovsky, James Seymour, Sarah Spratt, Mike Norton, Scott Loureiro
4. Modifications to the proposed agenda

- a. Melissa Adams requested the committee consider a proposal from the Licensing Team for revision in Chapter 17. Chair Kellner advised it would be added under old business.
- 5. Previous meeting minutes
 - a. March 15, 2022
 - i. **Motion 1** to approve the minutes. (Libby, seconded by Beals; passed)
 - b. March 29, 2022
 - i. **Motion 2** to accept the minutes. (Damon, seconded by Libby; passed)
 - c. April 12, 2022
 - i. **Motion 3** to approve the minutes (Libby, seconded by Damon; passed)
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Junior EMS Update from AAG (Addressed as the fourth and final item of business)
 - i. Samantha Morgan advises that she has concerns about the Board's authority to regulate a class of individuals that are not licensed by the Board. She believes that the way to impact the relationships between unlicensed Junior Members and individual licensees would be through rules for licensed EMS services. If the Junior EMS person is licensed by the Board, the Board may adopt rules
 - b. Chapter 21 Comments (Taken out of order as the third item of business with no objection)
 - i. The Committee discussed reasons for moving forward with the vaccination rule, including protecting the integrity of the EMS workforce, aligning our professional standards with that of other healthcare professions, and recognizing that current data reflects decreased transmissibility of the disease by vaccinated individuals which may correlate with safer patient encounters.
 - ii. The Committee discussed reasons for not moving forward with the vaccination rule or providing a masking exemption, including recognizing that masking and increased hand hygiene work to reduce viral transmission, the risk of losing staff who

refuse to be vaccinated but may be retained with a masking exemption.

- iii. The Committee recognized they will not have time to respond to take up the business of responding to the public comments received on Chapter 21 today, this item will be moved to the next meeting under Old Business.
- c. Chapter 17 Proposal from Licensing Team (Taken out of order as the second item of business with no objection)
 - i. Add non-transporting services to section 1, paragraph 1, F. for required equipment at permit level.
 - ii. The group went through the required equipment to identify exempted items.
 - iii. **MOTION 5 to send Chapter 17, with proposed revisions, to the Board for review at their meeting on May 20.** (Libby, seconded by Beals; passed)

7. New business

- a. Chapter 5 modifications (Taken out of order as first item of business with no objection)
 - i. Chris Azevedo proposed to update all references to the 2019 Scope of Practice. No objection.
 - ii. Maine EMS staff proposed to add a requirement for licensees to completing Protocol updates and scope of practice expansion training. Discussion pointing out that the MDPB has developed policy that the protocol updates will not be effective until at least 90-days after Education is made available to licensees and that the Board has the final authority on protocol changes and effective dates. No objection.
 - iii. Revisions to wording around license cycles recognizing the change from existing three-year cycle to a two-year cycle after November 1, 2023. No objections.
 - iv. Effective date for NCCP transition moved to November 1, 2023 to eliminate the phases of transition recognizing the difficulty for licensees and the office to have several license renewals rules effective concurrently. No objection.
 - v. Language revisions proposed by Maine EMS staff recognizing audit procedures and making language consistent between

licensing chapters related to auditing CEHs for renewal. No objection.

- vi. Maine EMS staff added clarifying language around continued competency verification and an effective date for this process of November 1, 2023 to be consistent with NCCP transition rules cited above. Verification from parties in attendance that the term "evaluation" will include a portfolio model. No objection.
- vii. Maine EMS Staff added clarifying language around requirements to report changes in name or address, to include language about email address which are required to be provided in accordance with M.R.S. Title 32, Ch 2-B, 90-B and C. No objection.
- viii. **MOTION 4 to send Chapter 17, with proposed revisions, to the Board for review at their meeting on May 20. (? , seconded by ?; passed)**

8. Items for next agenda

- a. Chapter 21 Rules Comments

9. Adjournment at 12:56, moved by Libby with no objection.

10. Next Meeting

- a. May 24, 2022, start time changed from 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Motion tracker

A "1" in front of the "y" or "n" indicates the individual made the motion, and a "2" indicates the member seconded the motion

Member	Motion1	Motion2	Motion3	Motion4	Motion5
Brent Libby	1Yes	Abstain	1Yes	yes	yes
Tim Beals	2Yes	2Abstain	Yes	yes	yes
Judy Gerrish	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
John Martel	Abstain	Yes	Yes	yes	yes
Katelyn Damon	Abstain	1Yes	2Yes	yes	yes
Joe Kellner	Yes	Yes	Yes	yes	yes