



20220816-Rules-Committee-Minutes

Tuesday, August 16, 2022
11:00 AM

Meeting Subject: Maine EMS Rules Committee Meeting - 8/16/2022

Meeting Date: 8/16/2022 11:00 AM

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

“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. Called to Order at 11:03
2. Reading of the "Mission of Maine EMS"
3. Attendance
 - a. Committee Members: Joe Kellner, Judy Gerrish, Katelyn Damon, John Martel, Brent Libby
Note: Tim Beals has resigned from the committee. Committee vacancies will be addressed at the September 7 EMS Board Meeting.
 - b. Guests: Bill Cyr, Tom Judge, Michael Azevedo, Christopher Pare
 - c. Maine EMS Staff: Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, Chris Azevedo, Director Hurley
4. Modifications to the agenda
 - a. No modifications
5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Libby motioned to approve the May 24, 2022 Minutes; seconded by Damon. Passed with no opposition.
6. Public Comments
 - a. No comments
7. Old Business
 - a. Responses to chapters 2-5-5B-17-22-23 Public Comments
 - i. There were four comments received regarding Chapter 2. The committee drafted language in response to all comments and



committed to appropriately formatting the document but did not modify the proposed rules as a result of them.

- ii. There were two comments received regarding Chapter 5B. The committee drafted language in response to the comments but did not modify the proposed rules as a result of them.
- iii. Three comments were received regarding Chapter 17. The committee recommends revising the Iodine requirement to “Iodine or Chlorohexdine” and drafted language in response to the final comment citing a recently adopted and published policy which clarifies the equipment approval process cited in the rule.
- iv. Five comments were received regarding Chapter 22. The committee drafted language in response to some of the comments and recommends substantive changes to this chapter as a result of the comments received. The committee will return to this chapter after seeking legal counsel to determine if the authority exists to require EMS agencies to report to a single vendor contracted by the EMS Office.
- v. Eight comments were received regarding Chapter 23. The committee drafted language in response to the comments but does not recommend any modification to the proposed rule as a result of them. They did request additional information about the requirement for an interface between the AED Registry software and Computer Aided Dispatch software, as well as the anticipated cost. The committee will return to this chapter for reconsideration with answers to the requested information.

b. Basis Statement – Tabled due to time.

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Action Items for next meeting

- a. Return to comments from Chapter 22 with advice from Legal Counsel.
- b. Return to comments from Chapter 23 with answers to requested information.

10. Next Meeting



a. August 30, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.
11.Adjournment at 12:58

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	Present	Motion1	Motion2	Motion3	Motion4
Joe Kellner		Y			
Brent Libby		1Y			
Maria Russell					
Judy Gerrish		Y			
John Martel		Y			
Katelyn Damon		2Y			