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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 28, 2025, 15:00-16:30

45 Commerce Dr. Chamberlain Conference Room, Augusta, ME 04333

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MINUTES

Call to Order by Chairperson Turcotte at 15:08

"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 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 providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."

Attendance

Members Present: Andy Turcotte (Chair), Brian Langerman, Judy Gerrish, Laura Sandred

Members Absent: Brent Libby

Staff: Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, Samantha Andrews

Stakeholders & Guests: David Ireland

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Investigations

1. Christopher Johnson Jr Application Review

Summary: On an application for licensure upgrade, the licensee failed to disclose his criminal history, answering "No" instead of "Yes" to the question "Have you ever been convicted* of any criminal offense**?", which does not match his answer to this same question on a previous renewal application.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing the unprofessional conduct standards, including answering all application questions accurately and honestly, and the responsibility to notify the Board of any new criminal conviction within ten (10) days, to remain on file for two (2) license cycles. (Turcotte, Sandred)

Yes: Gerrish, Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

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2. Cameron Lawrence Application Review

Summary: The applicant for initial licensure as an Emergency Medical Technician disclosed criminal history from another state, occurring in March of this year, involving disorderly conduct and the possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor. The applicant is currently under a “plea in abeyance” (similar to a State of Maine Deferred Disposition) until March 2026.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing the unprofessional conduct standards, including criminal conduct, and the responsibility to notify the Board of any new criminal conviction within ten (10) days, to remain on file for two (2) license cycles. (Gerrish, Sandred)

Yes: Gerrish, Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

3. Jennifer Dorman Application review

Summary: On an application for new licensure as an emergency medical technician, the applicant failed to disclose her criminal history, answering “No” instead of “Yes” to the question “Have you ever been convicted* of any criminal offense**?” The applicant has been previously licensed by the Board, and her answer does not match her answer to this same question on a previous renewal application.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing the unprofessional conduct standards, including answering all application questions accurately and honestly, and the responsibility to notify the Board of any new criminal conviction within ten (10) days, to remain on file for two (2) license cycles. (Turcotte, Sandred)

Yes: Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: Gerrish

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

Old Business: None

New Business:

Amy Drinkwater joined the meeting.

The committee entertained an ad hoc discussion regarding the format of criminal history disclosure questions on applications, particularly around capturing new vs. previously disclosed convictions. Jason Oko was invited to the conversation to discuss criminal history display options in the eLicensing system.

Suggestions for revision included: “Have you EVER been convicted of ANY crime (including any previously disclosed convictions) in any jurisdiction?” and modifying the definition of *Convicted* to “A conviction includes any plea of no contest, a guilty plea, judgment, agreement, or conviction after trial

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resulting in a guilty conviction. It does not include criminal charges that result in a dismissal or not guilty, unless there is an open agreement such as a deferred disposition or plea of abeyance.”

The committee directed staff to add this topic to Old Business for the next meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 28, 2025, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Note that meetings are moving to the 4th Thursday of the month starting in August.

Adjourn at 16:10

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