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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 13:00-15:00

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

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MINUTES

Call to Order at 13:02 by Chairperson Turcotte

"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), Judy Gerrish, Amy Drinkwater, Laura Sandred, Brian Langerman
- Members Absent: Brent Libby
- Staff: AAG Samantha Andrews, Jason Cooney, Melissa Adams, Director Wil O'Neal
- Guests: Shawn Mitchell, Jacob Thurston, Harper Hutchins, David Ireland, Jeremy Ogden

Modifications to the Agenda: None

Investigations

1. Thurston Application Review

Summary: On an application for a new EMT license, the applicant failed to disclose a criminal conviction in 2007 for assault, a class D crime.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing professional conduct and requirement to disclose certain facts to the Board; to remain on file for two (2) license cycles. (Sandred, Gerrish)

Yes: Drinkwater, Gerrish, Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

2. Perkins Application Review

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Summary: On an application for a new Ambulance Operator license, the applicant failed to disclose criminal convictions in 1998 for trespassing, a class E crime, and in 2000 for negotiating a worthless instrument, a class E crime.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing professional conduct and requirement to disclose certain facts to the Board; to remain on file for two (2) license cycles.

(Turcotte, Sandred)

Yes: Drinkwater, Gerrish, Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

3. Nelson Application review

Summary: On an application for a new Ambulance Operator license, the applicant failed to disclose criminal convictions in 1995 for assault, a class D crime, and seven counts of negotiating a worthless instrument, a class E crime; in 1996 for negotiating a worthless instrument, a class E crime; and in 2004 for negotiating a worthless instrument, a class E crime.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance citing professional conduct and requirement to disclose certain facts to the Board; to remain on file for two (2) license cycles.

(Turcotte, Gerrish)

Yes: Drinkwater, Gerrish, Sandred, Langerman, Turcotte

No: None

Abstain/Recuse: None

PASSED

Old Business:

1. Criminal History Question on Applications

Staff explained that the goal was to add clarity by rewording the criminal history question to clarify the need to disclose felony, misdemeanor, and civil convictions of any age or disposition in a new application for licensure. They also explained the goal of adding the previously disclosed history as visible to an applicant on a renewal application to verify that it is complete and accurate, versus having to disclose old things over and over again. The committee directed staff to continue working on this.

New Business: None

This is the last scheduled meeting of the Maine EMS Investigations Committee. Effective September 24, 2025, the EMS Licensing Board will review and adjudicate complaints. Director O'Neal thanked the members of the committee for their dedication and commitment to the EMS system. Judy Gerrish thanked the individual office staff and AAG representatives during her tenure on the committee for their work.

Adjourned at 13:16

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