



Maine EMS Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 11, 2026

Time: 9:04 AM – 10:46 AM

Meeting Recording: [View the Meeting Recording](#)

1. Call to Order & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Paul Froman once a quorum of 7 members was reached.

Members Present:

- Paul Froman (Chair), Joanne Lebrun, Brian Chamberlin, Benjamin Zetterman, TW, AJ Gagnon, Leah Mitchell

State Staff/Public Present:

- Maine EMS Staff
 - Jason Oko, Melissa Adams, Robert Glaspy, Jason Cooney
- Guests
 - Don Sheets, Eric Wellman, Brian Langerman, John Lennon, Joe Wardwell

2. Maine EMS Mission Statement

Paul Froman read the Maine EMS Mission Statement, emphasizing the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity.

3. Public Comment

- **Don Sheets:** Informed the group of a legislative hearing for **Bill LD2132** at 10:00 AM. The bill adds EMS instructors and training centers to specific penalty statutes. He noted that the term "EMS Educator" is currently undefined in statute or rule and submitted testimony requesting clarification.
- **Discussion:** Members requested the bill link. Jason Oko noted that while the meeting chat is disabled, he would facilitate sending the link to the committee.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the January 2026 minutes.
- **Moved by:** Joanne Lebrun; **Seconded by:** AJ Gagnon.
- **Result:** Passed unanimously via roll call vote.

5. Changes to the Agenda

- **Addition:** "Clinical Capacity" was added to New Business.
- **Procedural Suggestion:** Leah Mitchell requested that future review materials include direct links to the documents on the website to improve efficiency and ensure members are looking at the correct versions.



6. State Update

- **Staffing News:** Jason Oko shared on behalf of Director O'Neill that **John DeArmond has resigned** from Maine EMS. Transition planning has begun.
- **CEH Bulletin Concerns:** A discussion ensued regarding a recent clinical bulletin. Members expressed concern that the language implies CEH requests *must* be linked to a specific Maine EMS protocol, which could limit advanced medical education. Melissa Adams clarified that this was not the intent and offered to work with the committee to clarify the language.
- **Regional Meetings:** Jason Oko noted that Regional Council meetings for Regions 3 and 4 were occurring later in the day to vote on draft bylaws.

7. Old Business

- **Out-of-State Training Centers:** No update provided.
- **Meeting Time and Survey:** Survey results indicated a preference for moving to an afternoon slot (3:00 PM or 4:00 PM).
 - **Motion:** To table the decision until the March meeting to allow for outreach to members who were not present for the survey.
 - **Moved by:** AJ Gagnon; **Seconded by:** Joanne Lebrun.
 - **Result:** Passed unanimously.
- **Training Center Standards:** The review of Chapters 0-4 was postponed as the prepared drafts were not available for display.

8. New Business

- **Clinical Capacity:** Paul Froman led a discussion on the critical shortage of clinical and field sites. The state currently has a record number of students, but hospitals and services are at capacity.
 - **System Failures:** AJ Gagnon highlighted the pressure from nursing programs also competing for hospital space. There is a fear that hospitals may soon close clinical access to EMS students entirely.
 - **Shared Platforms:** The group discussed the benefits of shared platforms like Platinum/FISDAP for transparency with clinical partners.



9. Action Items

Task	Responsible	Deadline
Draft CEH Clarification: Create a footnote or clarification for the CEH bulletin to ensure medical references are not restricted solely to protocols.	Jason Oko / Office	March Meeting
Outreach to Absent Members: Contact members not present today to discuss the proposed meeting time change.	Paul Froman	March Meeting
Standards Review: Review Chapters 0-7 of the Training Center Standards and provide written feedback 3 days prior to the next meeting.	All Members	March 8, 2026
Clinical Capacity Workgroup: Convene an ad hoc group (Froman, Gagnon, Lebrun, Mitchell, Sheets, TW) to gather data on capacity and draft a statement for the Board.	Paul Froman	Ongoing

Next Meeting: March 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM.