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MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
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Maine Emergency Medical Services Board Meeting
May 6, 2026, at 9:30 am
Champlain Conference Room
Draft Minutes

"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 board should strive to promote the core values of excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity. In serving on this Board, we commit to serve the respective providers, communities, and residents of the jurisdictions that we represent."

Attendance:

Board:

Board Member	In Attendance	Late Arrival (if applicable)	Early Departure (if applicable)
Nate Allen	X		
Stephen Almquist	X		
Bill Cyr	X		
Amy Drinkwater	X		12:34 - Virtual
Judy Gerrish	X		
Brian Langerman	X		
Jack Lewis	X		
Brent Libby	X		
Julie Ontengco	X		
Rebecca Royer	X		12:16 - Virtual
Laura Sandred	Absent (Excused)		
Matthew Sholl	X		
Andy Turcotte	X		
Christopher Whytock	Absent (Excused)		

Staff:
- In person: Soliana Harnish, Jason Cooney, Wil O'Neal, Victoria Clyde,
- Virtual: Jason Oko, Robert Glaspy, Ryan Hall, Darren Davis,

Stakeholders & Guests:

- In person: Chip Getchell, Steve Sloan
- Virtual: Gary Wagner, Don Sheets, Ryan Maker, Bob Hand, Sue Sailsbury, Branden Walker, John Lennon, Rob Sharky, Clif Whitten, Eric Wellman, Shawn Cordwell, Joanne Lebrun, Chris Pare, Phil MacCallum, Dennis Russell, Sean Donaghue, Benjamin A Wallace Jr, John Cordts,

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions and Called to Order at: 09:32

2. Conflict of Interest Disclosures – Langerman, Recuse from MOUD Votes

3. Modifications to the Agenda

   Remove Application for Non-transporting EMS Agency – Rule that was silent, however, it does not need to be reviewed as it was not a transporting agency.

4. Public Comments

   - Public Comment from Rick Petrie to the Board in support of the MOUD Pilot Program
   - Public Comment from Sue Sailsbury, Representative to a portion of Westbrook, to the Board in support of the MOUD Pilot Program
   - Public Comment from Chip Getchell to the Board in support of the MOUD Pilot Program

5. Maine EMS Licensing Board Update – The Licensing Board did not meet in April due to a lack of a quorum.

6. Old Business
   a. Meeting Minutes – March 4th, 2026

      MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes from March 4, 2026, and April 1, 2026, as presented.
      VOTE:
      In Favor: Cyr, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Royer, Langerman, Almquist
      Opposed: None
      Abstained/Recused: Allen, Ontengco

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   b. Maine EMS Director's Update
      Given by Maine EMS Director Wil O'Neal.
      i. Staffing
         1. CP Coordinator

2. Licensing Agent

ii. Legislative

1. 2128 – Passed – Effective July 29th
2. 2132 – Passed – Effective July 29th
3. 2133 – Passed – Effective July 29th
4. 484 – Emergency – Effective Immediately – Impact to immediately clarify in statute our authority surrounding controlled substances.
5. 1004 – Passed – Effective July 29th

iii. NASEMSO Annual Meeting Updates

1. Updates from Jason Cooney, Ashley Moody, and Soliana Harnish

c. Medical Directors' Update

i. Dr. Sholl stepping down as of July 1, 2026.

ii. Continue to get report outs from Pilot projects – Numbers in project for ultrasound are small. Request to approve the Saco Fire Department to participate in the project with Sanford. The MDPB was updated on the MD3 Pilot Project, there was a final report out presented to the MDPB. Dr. Pieh has offered to give a presentation on their project. Delta Pilot Program reports have been bumped for multiple meetings, will report out next month.

iii. Protocols Review – for "Maine EMS Approved" language, ensuring that the intent is described.

iv. Protocol Workgroup Meetings – Multiple protocol suggestions brought forwards, the group has had good engagement with evidence, need, and structure. Will report out to MDPB at their upcoming meeting for the first time.

v. Lots of work going on at the local level surrounding the PPAEMA, it is important to have an intimate knowledge of the DEA's rule(s) and the Controlled Substances Act. We know that our hospital colleagues are invested in stepping away from controlled substances distribution, there is a risk in providing substances to services. Important for the Board to think through how this impacts services into the future.

vi. Dr. Sholl was thanked by Chair Cyr for his work over the past 17 years.

7. New Business

a. MOUD Presentation

i. Discussion and questions were asked during a presentation on a pilot project approved by the MDPB, by the Board of Brian Langerman representing Westbrook Fire Department as the lead agency for the pilot project.

ii. **MOTION**: To approve the MOUD Pilot Project (Turcotte, Seconded by Almquist)

AMENDED MOTION: To approve the Prehospital initiation of Buprenorphine/Naloxone Pilot Project Proposal, May 6, 2026, for the City of Westbrook's Fire Department, and direct that any other agencies seeking to join this pilot project must seek approval from the MDPB and the Emergency Medical Services' Board determining that this project involves a particular emergency medical treatment technique and equipment, that this technique will prevent the deterioration of the patient's condition, and that it is appropriate to be delivered at the scene of an emergency. (Turcotte, Seconded by Almquist)

VOTE:

In Favor: Allen, Drinkwater, Gerrish, Libby, Ontengco, Turcotte, Royer, Almquist, Cyr
Opposed: None
Abstained/Recused: Langerman

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Board Break at 12:16

b. EMS Award Nominations
   i. **MOTION:** To approve the list of nominations put forth by the subcommittee (Langerman, seconded by Almquist)

VOTE:

In Favor: Drinkwater, Gerrish, Langerman, Libby, Ontengco, Turcotte, Almquist
Opposed: None
Abstained/Recused: Allen
Absent: Royer

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c. RHCTP Funding
   i. Discussion from Director O'Neal

Drinkwater Left the Meeting at 12:34
Drinkwater and Royer switched to virtual attendance at 12:36

8. Other
   a. Next meeting – June 3, 2026, at 09:30 AM [Virtual/In Person].

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40. (Turcotte, Seconded by Libby)