

State of Minnesota
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2019

Attendance: J.B. Guiton, Board Chair; Aaron Burnett, M.D.; Megan Hartigan; Kevin Miller; Tony Spector; Executive Director; Tanner Berris, EMSRB Staff; Ryan Brodsky, EMSRB Staff; Melody Nagy, EMSRB Staff; Greg Schaefer, Assistant Attorney General

Absent: Jeffrey Ho, M.D.; Matt Simpson

1. Call to Order – 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Guiton called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Prior to beginning the business of the meeting, staff from MN.IT services provided replacement laptops to board members and assisted with device login.

2. Review and Approve Agenda – 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Guiton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Miller moved to approve the agenda. Dr. Burnett seconded. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment – 9:22 a.m.

The public comment portion of the meeting is where the public is invited to address the Committee on subjects which are not part of the meeting agenda. Persons wishing to speak are asked to complete the participation form located at the meeting room door prior to the start of the meeting. Please limit remarks to three minutes.

None.

4. Approve Minutes – 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Guiton asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Mr. Miller moved to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2019, Executive Committee meeting. Dr. Burnett seconded. Motion carried.

5. Board Chair Report – 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Guiton said the Minnesota Ambulance Association (MAA) wrote a letter expressing concerns about the direction of the EMSRB. Mr. Guiton said he is concerned about the inaccuracies expressed in that letter and had invited the MAA to today's meeting. The MAA declined and instead proposed a meeting between the EMSRB Executive Committee and the MAA Executive Committee at the September meeting of the EMS Medical Director's Conference in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Mr. Spector then reviewed the written response to the MAA letter.

Mr. Spector introduced Ryan Brodsky recently hired as a student worker for this summer. Mr. Spector provided additional information on the hiring progress for several other positions.

Mr. Miller said he has not heard that any Board members have been contacted by any member of the MAA Executive Committee. Mr. Miller commented on the bureaucracy involved in the hiring process at the State of Minnesota. Mr. Miller said that much of work related to the hiring is done behind the scenes.

6. Executive Director Report – 9:45 a.m.

Agency Report

Mr. Spector provided handouts on policy bills heard at the Legislature and signed into law.

- HF 85 – Patient Assisted Medication
Mr. Spector said he said he testified on this bill which requires the EMSRB to propose guidelines and draft legislation (if necessary) by January 1, 2020. Mr. Spector asked the Executive Committee to consider whether this topic is a discussion item for the next Board meeting in July and/or something to be discussed by MDSAC.
- HF 148 – Community EMT
Mr. Spector said that there were several aspects to this bill. He said the original definition of Community EMT was an EMT registered with a medical response unit recognized by the EMSRB. The definition was changed to a Community EMT registered with a medical response unit or a basic life support ambulance service. Another change involved telemedicine service. He said he testified on this legislation and expressed the agency concern that there is no training requirement for telemedicine in the Community EMT curriculum. The legislation was changed to exclude Community EMT but Community Paramedic was included. Mr. Spector said the other policy issued addressed Minnesota Statute 256B.0625 that discusses payment. Dr. Burnett said this is an encouragement for MRUs to enroll as a volunteer agency. Mr. Spector said this should be a further discussion because the EMSRB regulates ambulance services and individuals but not other non-transport providers. Dr. Burnett suggested a statute change is needed for several items.

Mr. Spector provided documents regarding a revenue appropriation review for FY 20 and FY 21. He said the agency received an operational increase and funding for an EMS education specialist. Mr. Spector said he is researching the position parameters. Mr. Spector said he will work with stakeholders and the consultant from the Management Analysis Division to craft this position description.

Mr. Spector said he is working with a consultant and State's Real Estate and Construction Division to develop a plan for a functional reorganization of the office space.

7. New Business– 9:55 a.m.

None.

8. Adjourn – 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Reviewed and Approved By

Megan Hartigan (by email)
Board Secretary/Treasurer

7/8/19
Date