

AEMS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 17, 2025

Minutes

Board of Governors in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart, RN; Marcia Barry, RN; Eileen Blackstone; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Nicola Crim; Garth Gemar, MD; Gaby Iskander, MD; Steven Maher, MD; Tracy Moroney, RN; Martin Murphy; Kristin Niehoff, RN; Sandra Nygaard; Beth Ranney, MD; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Casey Solem, MD; and Ryan Southworth, DO

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Mark Barnhart; Shelley Bissell; Shari Brand; Zoe Bushroe; James Cunningham; Kendal Dold; Daniel Didier; Val Gale; Shauna Griffith; Christopher Hale; Dave Ha so; Kyle Henson; Josephine Johnson; Andrew Johnston; Dan Jarrett; Marc Puleo; Adam Rodriguez; Savannah Sandlin; Stephen Ferris; Julia Vinton; Julie Smith; James Stoltenberg; Shelby Wirtanen.

- I. Call to order and introduction of Guests: 12:01pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
 - b. ACTION: Passed without dissent
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Monthly Activities: event updates, established relationship with the New Mexico Nurses Association to secure CEUs for nurses at all educational events
 - b. AZDHS Contract FY25 & FY26 status: no reports
- IV. Board Officers' Report
 - a. Treasurer's report
 - i. Financial Reports
 1. MOTION: Approve the financial reports as presented.
 2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
 - b. Chair's Report
 - i. Executive Committee Report
 1. Strategic Plan:
 - a. Member survey to be developed and distributed to assess member needs. Updated contacts will be important to successful survey. Reminder to members present to provide any updates. Ongoing work to establish in-person meetings and events. Review of statutory responsibilities and scope of region.
 - ii. Regional Update Report
 1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium
 - a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: document editing process underway with anticipated published date in early 2026. Next meeting in mid-January
 2. ROCC: No report
 3. Rural
 - a. OBLS Grant Implementation: No update on continued funding. Research team evaluating how ongoing education can be provided without adversely affecting the research efforts. Research team and Perinatal Trute team evaluating other opportunities for funding. A limited number of training mannequins to remain in Arizona for future use when funding and additional educational opportunities identified.

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- b. Patient Management
 - i. Categorization
 - 1. ACTION: Approve Complete Healthcare Lake Pleasant as a Free-Standing Emergency Department.
 - 2. ACTION: Passed without dissent
 - 3. Status change form: reminder for facilities to provide any facility updates on this form
- c. Transfer of care:
 - i. Facilities working with appropriate parties regarding questions related to transfers greater than 100 miles. No reports of extended wait times at this time.
- d. RED Bood Update: revision process to be pursued in 2026
- e. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition
 - i. Tiered triage discussion to continue in 2026. Discussion between CARE MDC guideline development and Stroke Center Coalition partners ongoing. Stroke Center Coalition members now attending categorization committee meetings
- f. Trauma: no report
- g. Additional reports: None
- VII. Program and Committee Reports: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: None
- X. Call to the Public: brief review of draft legislation that related to ambulance rules and regional needs assessment
- XI. Adjournment: 1:25pm