

AEMS Board of Governors

April 15, 2026

Minutes

Board of Governors Members in Attendance: Michelle Angle; Marcia Barry, RN; Peggy Baker; Bruce Barnhart; Eileen Blackstone; Suzanne Buchanan, RN; Franco Castro-Marin, MD; Fernando Cortes, MD; Doug Costal; Garth Gemar, MD; Annie Giagni; Jon Holmes; Gaby Iskander, MD; Marty Murphy; Ray Ochoa; Beth Ranney, MD; Chris Riddle; Roy Ryals; Barbara Schaffer, RN; Julie Smith; Ryan Southworth, DO; and Alyson Welch

Distinguished Guests in Attendance: Ligia Castro; Barbara Elliott; Joe Gibson; Jennifer Gilliland; Brandon Griffith; Shauna Griffith; Shelley Henry; Sandra Nygaard; Heather Plytas; and Heather Santiago

- I. Call to Order and Introduction of Guests: 12:03pm
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - a. MOTION: Approve the minutes as presented
 - i. ACTION: Passed without dissent
- III. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Monthly Activities: Brief review of submitted report
 - b. AzDHS Contract FY26 Status: No report
- IV. Board Officers' Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Financial Reports: Review of updates consolidation of special event expenses and revenue into current FY.
 - ii. MOTION: Accept the financial reports as presented
 1. ACTION: passed without dissent
 - iii. Special thanks to all dues paying members for their continued support
 - b. Chair's Report
 - i. Executive Committee Report
 1. Survey/Outreach/Strategic Plan: Dr. Southworth reviewed responses from board members regarding draft. Continued work to verify regional EMS agencies/partners and contact information. The final version will be widely distributed once contact information is updated.
 2. Draft survey responses indicate continued board member preference for in-person meetings along with virtual participation. Gila River is in the process of opening a conference room capable of supporting a hybrid model likely in July. Any board member who has information about sites with hybrid meeting capabilities is encouraged to contact Peggy.
 - ii. Regional Update Report
 1. Central Region EMS Medical Directors Consortium
 - a. Central Regional EMS Guidelines Updates: Review of process and status of the Consortium.
 - i. App Development: Overview of potential utilization of app for central region agencies/providers/facilities. AEMS collaboration with Consortium members will include financial support as directed by the board.
 - ii. MOTION: The Board supports continue researching app development actions and allocate of funds to develop the guidelines app in collaboration with the Consortium. This is an email vote distributed to Board members. Members are instructed to watch their email for the vote and respond in a timely manner.
 1. ACTION: Pending email results
 - b. ROCC: no report
 - c. Rural
 - i. County Reports: Pinal County reports information related to measles outbreak. No other county reports
 - ii. Arizona Fire District Association: No report
 - iii. Board Transitions
 1. Elections
 - a. Functional Group – Planning and Outreach Chair
 - i. Elected by unanimous consent: Jon Holmes

2. Vacancies:
 - a. All vacant with no incumbents
 - i. Vice Chair, Officer of the Board and Executive Committee (Nominees must come from within the Board)
 - ii. One Emergency Medical Care Technician (EMCT-B), serving their employers in a predominantly non-administrative capacity
 - iii. One Representative recommended by a statewide fire district association
 - iv. One Representative from a public employer of emergency medical care technicians (EMCTs), from a distinct political subdivision with a population of between 50,000 and 500,000
- V. State Report
 - a. BEMSTS Activities and Updates: general update provided
 - b. SHARE Update: No report
 - c. The Arizona Pre-Hospital Information & EMS Registry System (AZ-PIERS): No report
 - d. Pediatric: No report
 - e. State Committees: brief discussion regarding outstanding appointments. Peggy and Dr. Southworth to follow-up with appropriate state representatives.
- VI. Functional Group Review
 - a. Planning & Outreach
 - i. Education Committee
 1. New Chairs: Jon Holmes and Glenn Trainor will be co-chairing. Brief discussion regarding opportunities to increase educational offerings including workshops tied to regularly scheduled meetings.
 2. EMS Odyssey Conference: Agenda has been finalized and speakers confirmed. Nursing CEU application process will be completed with the New Mexico Nursing Association
 - a. 2026 Conference date/format: June 11/Virtual format
 3. EMS CE Fall Forum: December 10, 2026
 - ii. Outreach: As stated earlier, contact list being updated.
 - b. Patient Management
 - i. Categorization Committee: Peggy and Martin Murphy finalizing new application form.
 1. Status change form: Reminder to update facility status as needed.
 - ii. Transfer of Care
 1. Sector reports: No reports
 - iii. RED book update: No additional report – guidelines discussed previously
 - iv. Phoenix Stroke Center Coalition: general update on status of Coalition meeting cadence. CARE MDC updated guidance on appropriate receiving hospitals. Coalition is represented on the Categorization Committee.
 - v. Trauma: No report
 - vi. Additional Reports: None
- VII. Program and Committee Reports: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: None
- X. Call to the public: None
- XI. Adjournment: 1:34pm