



## Minutes

<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services – Executive Subcommittee Meeting		
<b>DATE</b>	January 16, 2025	<b>TIME</b>	1:30 PM EST
<b>LOCATION</b>	Virtual/In-Person	<b>ROOM</b>	Teams Meeting Platform/MUB547C

### Members

<b>P</b>	Keith Smith, Chair	<b>P</b>	Harry Clark			<b>P</b>	Ex Officio: Eddie Slone, Executive Director
<b>P</b>	David Webb, Vice Chair	<b>P</b>	Pennie Berry				
<b>P</b>	Brandon Edmiston	<b>P</b>	Rob Rothenburger				
<b>P</b>	Steve Eubank						<b>7 Total: 4=Quorum</b>

#	Item	Discussion/Issue	Action/Responsible Party
1	Call to Order	Officially call meeting to order	Chair Keith Smith called the meeting to order at 13:31PM EST.
2	Roll Call	Check roll and ensure quorum	Seven (7) members present with audio and visual capabilities.
3	Public Comment		Chair Keith Smith None
4	Approval of Minutes	Review for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>November 21, 2024</li> </ul>	Motion to approve the November 21, 2024, minutes made by Rob Rothenburger and seconded by Brandon Edmiston. Motion carries.
5	Financial Report		Update provided by Executive Director Slone
6	Goals for 2025	Long Range Projects for Executive Committee	Chair Keith Smith asked for committee members' thoughts on goals based on the EMS Assessment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications between Air and Ground Medical VHF some are using analog, and some are using digital. We need a common frequency on the radio.</li> </ol> Wayne Briscoe - Emergency Response did present during our assessment review, and we are partnering with them going forward.

			<p>Eddie Slone: We will reach out to State Police and EMS people before the next Executive meeting to see if they have recommendations about the radios – KFOG channels. Would the Board want everyone to have them on portable? Cheapest is analog, VHF, and portable.</p> <p>Most counties have more than one radio; the issue is having them on the right frequency. EMS may not be the best place for this to be. Could be Fire/Fire and Rescue. We will come back with two or three choices. Will obtain feedback from: Police, Fire and EMS.</p> <p>2. Individually make a list of items you think we should work on and then reconvene to discuss and perhaps have workgroups to address the different topics. Email Wayne Briscoe and he can keep the information and locate it all in one spot. We will follow up by the end of this week with how the information will be shared.</p>
7	Background Checks and Criminal Charges	Update	<p>Eddie Slone – trying to include and exclude on the background checks. Interest in some Bills HB87 will require the Board to identify disqualifiers to go back for review. Those charges that are misdemeanors and non-sexual we will be more lenient with, and felonies will be on a case-by-case review.</p> <p>No need for the Board to review.</p>
8	202 KAR 7:545 Out of State Transfer Licensure and Classifications	Update and Discussion	<p>Executive Director Slone and Deputy Executive Director Briscoe provided updates.</p> <p>Special called meeting before 1/30/25 to discuss regulations.</p> <p>Both 545 and 501 are needed for review before sending them to the Full Board.</p> <p>Areas to review are double bolded in the document. Please review those documents and be ready to discuss at the special called meeting.</p> <p>Eddie Slone: out of state Class 3 – consider reciprocity license. Looking to make it more streamlined.</p>

			<p>If you have questions call Eddie Slone or Wayne Briscoe. A date will be coming for the special called meeting.</p>
9	EMS Assessment	Update and Discussion	<p>Deputy Executive Director Briscoe  55 different recommendations.  13 Legislative  Over 40 that are Board partnership.  Overall, it was a success, and we received some good recommendations to move EMS forward.</p> <p>Keith Smith– Thank you to the Board Staff that worked on this project and Board Members that showed up and attended.  David Webb – KAPA Meeting January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Would like someone to present about the EMS assessment.</p>
10	Drug Use Policy	Discussion	<p>Executive Director Slone  KY Medical Marijuana and Recreation  Becoming an issue in other states; how are we going to deal with it?  Federally, it's still against the law. Most people look at the Federal Law. As of last week, it was still a no on their website.  Needs to be on the radar. It's new and other states are struggling.  The Board needs to know and begin researching on what their stance is going to be.  Keith Smith– if we don't have a true policy in place, it makes it difficult. Something does need to be established. Federal or state mandate? Worth looking into it as a Board.  Judge Clark – passing something in his county where it's going to lead to discipline (including EMS) up to termination. KRS 218B.040  Is there a threshold or legal stance for THC as far as it not</p>

			<p>affecting you?</p> <p>Eddie Slone– KY has not adopted a threshold. There is a bill out there that assigns nanograms.</p> <p>5 nanograms as under the influence; presumptive.</p>
11	EMD Dispatching Endorsement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a movement to remove for the initial requirement of EMD training for Kentucky dispatchers.</li> <li>• There is a request that the Board support the continuation of requiring EMD training in the initial training.</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Director Slone and Deputy Executive Director Briscoe</p> <p>Came out of the EMS Assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a movement to remove for the initial requirement of EMD training for Kentucky dispatchers. They are asking for our support to keep the requirement. One of the recommendations from the assessment.</li> <li>• They are looking for a letter of support.</li> <li>• Motion made by Rob Rothenburger and seconded by David Webb to create a letter a of support referencing this as one of objectives from the EMS Assessment. Motion carries.</li> <li>• KBEMS Staff will draft the letter for the Board.</li> </ul> <p>Committee feels we need to keep this training in and not get rid of it.</p> <p>* DOJTC looking to remove it.</p>
12	Announcements	<p>Next Meeting Date:</p> <p>Special Called Meeting January 30, 2025</p> <p>Regular Scheduled Meeting March 13, 2025</p>	<p>Chair Keith Smith</p> <p>Judge Clark continue to make EMS known. How we as EMS are vital in our communities and set stage for the budget cycle.</p> <p>Keith Smith – Legislators haven’t realized our funding sources aren’t like other groups such as Fire Commission and education needs to occur with them.</p> <p>Special Called Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 1:30pm to discuss regulatory changes and suggested topics for 2025 goals and workgroups.</p>

13	Adjournment		Chair Keith Smith Motion to adjourn made by David Webb and seconded Judge Clark. Meeting adjourned at 14:32PM
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