



MINUTES			
MEETING TYPE	Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services - Board of Directors Meeting		
DATE	April 9, 2026	TIME	1:30 PM ET
LOCATION	Hybrid/In-Person	ROOM	Room MUB547CE

Members							
P	John Holder - Chair	P	Harry Clark	P @141	Kevin Cotton	P	Ex Officio: Dr. Walt Lubbers
P	Keith Smith - Vice Chair	P off at 2:15PM	Tim Webster	P	Beth Spurlin	P	Ex Officio: Eddie Slone
A	Ronald Crafton	P	Ben Neal				
P	Donovan Blackburn	P	Chris Lokits				
P	David Webb	P	Tricia Steward				12 Total: 7= Quorum
#	Item	Discussion / Issue				Action / Responsible Party	
1.	Call to Order	Officially call meeting to order				Chair Holder called the meeting to order at 1:30PM.	
2.	Roll Call	Roll call and ensure quorum				Eleven members were present, and one member was absent. Quorum established.	
3.	Public Comment	Limited to two minutes per speaker.				No public comments.	
4.	Approval of Minutes	Review for Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 9, 2026 				Motion to approve the minutes made by Tim Webster and seconded by David Webb. Minutes approved.	
5.	Financial Report	Update				Executive Director Slone provided the financial report. Motion to approve the financial report made by Judge Clark and seconded by David Webb. Report approved as presented.	
6.	Medical Oversight Committee	202 KAR 550 Equipment List Agency DEA Number Update				Mr. Lokits & Executive Director Slone Medical Center EMS, Bowling Green – changes made as requested and now ready	

		<p style="text-align: center;">Pilot Program Approvals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Center EMS, Bowling Green • Barren-Metcalfe • Hart County EMS 	<p>for approval from the full board. Motion to approve made by Chris Lokits and seconded by Tim Webster. Motion is approved.</p> <p>Barren-Metcalfe and Hart County EMS – Motion to approve made by Chris Lokits and seconded by Tim Webster. Motion is approved.</p> <p>550 Regulation and Equipment List – strike hand operated and leave as portable on page 2. Motion to approve 550 regulation and equipment list made by Chris Lokits and seconded by Kevin Cotton. Motion carries.</p> <p>Agency DEA Numbers – update provided by Executive Director Slone. Still working on an answer but we don't think it will be possible for about a year.</p> <p>Question regarding timeframe on how long the pilot programs will last by Keith Smith; he recommends six months rather than one year. Chris Lokits would like to see the research/data that Mr. Smith references. Mr. Smith will send the study out to the Board.</p> <p>Executive Director Slone – one has reported back data. The other is working on submitting. We will reach out to the pilot programs that are currently operating seeking data from them.</p>
7.	Data Collection Committee	Update	No update provided.

8.	Education Committee	Update	<p>Mr. Duke – No actions from the March 3rd meeting. Preparing though for changes to regulation and post-legislative. Special called meeting on March 27th to work on the 601 regulation.</p> <p>Chair Holder request that 601 be reviewed for changes.</p> <p>Mr. Duke – 601 draft regulation to be sent to the Board in the next two months. Education Committee will have it prepared for the August Board of Director’s meeting. Medical Director Overview – update will be given at the next Board of Directors meeting.</p>
9.	Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC)	Update	<p>Ms. Scaggs provided an update for EMSC. Partial award came in today. Application window for recognition awards will be voted on April 15.</p>
10.	State Medical Advisor Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The following EMS agencies have requested Medical Director Changes and have been approved by the State Medical Advisor and the Board Staff as of April 2, 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Amanda Derington, SkyLife Frankfort, #2003 • Dr. Ashley Panas, Vanderbilt LifeFlight, #7002 • Dr. Brian Miller, Petersburg Fire Protection District, #TEI 408 • Dr. Charles Moore, Middlesboro Fire Department #TEI-409 • Dr. Clay Young, HealthNet Aeromedical Services, #7009 • Dr. Clifford Freeman, Allen County Ambulance Service, #1414 • Dr. Matthew Nelson, Owensboro Health Regional Hospital, #TEI 394 • Dr. Steven Milesko, Breck Central Ambulance, #1080 2) The following EMS agencies have requested protocol revisions and/or adoption of the state protocols and have been preliminarily approved by the State Medical Advisor and Board Staff as of April 2, 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchorage Middletown Fire & EMS, #1431 	<p>Medical Directors and Protocols will be ratified by consent. Board Members may request specific Protocols or Medical Directors to be removed from consent discussion.</p> <p>State Medical Advisor – Dr. Lubbers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Motion: Ratify Medical Director and Protocol submissions as approved by the State Medical Advisor. <p>Motion to approve Medical Directors made by Chris Lokits and seconded by Keith Smith. Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion to approve Protocols made by Keith Smith and seconded by David Webb. Motion approved.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burlington Fire Protection District, #1490 • Central Campbell County Fire District, #1560 • City of Taylor Mill Fire/EMS, #1446 • Covington Fire Department Ambulance Service CP, #5008 • Covington Fire Department Ambulance Service, #1304 • Dry Ridge Fire Department, #1641 • Erlanger Fire & EMS, #1512 • Fire Department of Bellevue-Dayton, #1127 • Fort Thomas Fire Department Ambulance Service, #1126 • Jessamine Co. Ambulance Service, #1449 • Knott County Ambulance Service DBA Perry County Ambulance, #1376 • Murray-Calloway County Hospital Ambulance Service, #1004 • Newport Fire Department Ambulance Service, #1309 • Oldham County EMS, #1633 • Perry County Ambulance Authority, Inc., #1416 • Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center, Inc., #3020 • SkyLife Frankfort, #2003 • Union Fire Protection District, #1489 • Whitley County EMS, #1619 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Executive Committee</p>	<p>Random Agency Inspections HCA Data Exchange</p>	<p>Motion to approve the random agency document (striking number 5) made by Judge Clark and seconded by Kevin Cotton. Motion carries.</p> <p>Executive Director Slone - HCA and Image Trend – no effort and no cost to us but needed direction from the Board.</p> <p>Motion made by Keith Smith to allow exchange of data between HCA and Image Trend, seconded by David Webb. Tim Webster was absent from the meeting at</p>

			this time and did not vote. Motion carries.
12.	EMS TAC	Update	Mr. Smith – MCO’s are going to require documentation.
13.	Workforce Development	Update EMS Compact Update	Mr. Ferguson provided an update. Hybrid Paramedic Program is currently about halfway through the licensed providers that got through the program (approximately 40 paramedics). Some completed Advanced EMT if they couldn’t get to the paramedic level. August 2026 another hybrid program starting. Focus this year will be on retention and overall leadership and development. EMS Compact Update – group recommended not joining the compact.
14.	Executive Director Updates	Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Practice Continuing Hours Application • Boards and Commission Appointments • Legislative Review 	Executive Director Slone provided updates. Advanced Practice Continuing Education Hours – yes, it can count towards other areas. Four contracts up for renewal and we will renew those: PPC for administrative services, Legal, Medical Director and contract with Attorney General’s Office for hearings. Boards and Commission Appointments-current board members, if you are interested in serving go now and fill out your application. Let the person who makes the recommendation know you are interested. Others outside the board, you can go to the website if you are interested in being on the Board and complete the application process. Terms end at the end of June and appointments will be made likely in the month of June since they expire July 1.

			<p>Random Agency Inspections Each agency will receive an email advising on how the random inspections will be handled. Likely, July before the first random inspection is done. We want everyone to be educated and have the opportunity to ask questions before the first one is completed.</p> <p>Legislative review A positive for EMS, agencies now have the ability to choose whether they want to continue to be licensed by propriety education. The bill also took out three classes: HIV, Pediatric and Sexual Assault education, still part of the education program but not specific that it has to be kept up on. We requested 100K for agencies on the grants but only received our 10K we have had for years (no increase). 447 did not move.</p> <p>KBEMS grant –Start getting out the word now about what it takes to keep EMS going. Government has to support this more or revenue has to come into agencies so we can survive. If the revenue comes in then we wouldn't need the grant. Start working on it today at the local level. Chair Holder – working on grant expansions for three cycles now and this is the closest we've gotten; do not to give up.</p>
15.	Information/Announcements	Next meeting: June 11, 2026 In-Person Meeting	Next meeting June 11, 2026 – In-Person meeting only
16.	Adjournment		Chris Lokits made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Keith Smith. Meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.

