



Minutes

MEETING TYPE	Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services – Executive Committee Meeting		
DATE	January 15, 2026	TIME	1:30 PM EST
LOCATION	Virtual/In-Person	ROOM	Teams Meeting Platform/MUB547C

Members

P	Keith Smith, Chair	P	Ashley Powell			P	Ex Officio: Eddie Slone, Executive Director
P	David Webb, Vice Chair	P	Rob Rothenburger				
P	Harry Clark	P	Kevin Cotton @ 1:36pm				
A	Steve Eubank						7 Total: 4=Quorum

#	Item	Discussion/Issue	Action/Responsible Party
1	Call to Order	Officially call meeting to order	Chair Keith Smith called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
2	Roll Call	Check roll and ensure quorum	Six people were present with two in person and four online. One person was absent. Quorum established.
3	Public Comment		No public comments
4	Approval of Minutes	Review for Approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 20, 2025 	Motion to approve the minutes made by Rob Rothenburger and seconded by Judge Clark. Motion passes. Minutes are approved.
5	Introduction of Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ambulance Accident Reports Random Agency Inspections 	<p>Director Slone – no mandatory reporting about ambulance accident reports. Collect data that would require accident reporting with minimal threshold. Consider addressing this topic throughout the year.</p> <p>Random agency inspections – stretch out desk review and maybe do renewals every couple years. Some agencies are not in compliance.</p> <p>Between now and the next meeting we will put together a draft policy and have it on the agenda; how many and how we will move forward. Will be presented at the March meeting.</p>

6	Financial Report		Executive Director Slone provided the financial report. Motion to approve the report made by David Webb and seconded by Ashley Powell. Report approved as presented.
7	Legislative Updates	Updates	<p>Deputy Executive Director Briscoe provided the legislative update. Watching a few bills specifically: HB59, HB105, HB106, HB185, HB236, HB304, HB358. Impacts EMS.</p> <p>EMS on the Hill: Feb 3rd. Meet in the cafeteria around 7:30am EST. Try to be there and set up meetings with your legislators about the bills that are affected. It's a grassroots effort. Start setting up those meetings today.</p> <p>Legislative Reception at The Foundry at 5:00-8:00 that evening.</p> <p>Judge Clark: Sponsored by Jimmy Higdon. Question about SB28 – not using cell phones while operating a motor vehicle. EMS should be part of the conversation.</p>
8	Ground Vehicle Standards	Discussion	<p>Executive Director Slone – is the committee even wanting to consider this or stay with the standards and recommend to the Board exceptions or standards you do not want to meet.</p> <p>Rob Rothenburger made a recommendation to form a workgroup; he is willing to serve on the workgroup. Others on the workgroup: Judge Clark and Ashley Powell. They will present at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>This is a portion of the Equipment 550 regulation.</p>
9	Image Trend & HCA Agreement	Discussion	<p>Executive Director Slone & Doug Taylor</p> <p>There should be a seamless process from Image Trend to HCA and eventually from HCA back to Image Trend and back to the people that created the patient care report. Something other hospitals do (we only have a few right now). KBEMS is looking for directions from the Board.</p> <p>Director Slone will decline at this point unless this committee wants to send it to the full board.</p>

10	Rural Health Transformation Update		<p>Deputy Director Briscoe awarded just under 220 million dollars. Funding for EMS initiatives. Very high-level minutes at this point. Five Pillars: Chronic Disease, Public Maternal, Behavioral Health, Oral Health, EMS and Trauma. May know over the next six months how much money EMS will receive. Right now, we are just one of the points of contact and will push that out to the appropriate parties as we know more.</p> <p>Scott Helle believes 24-45 million related to EMS projects.</p>
11	Bylaws Review		<p>Chair Keith Smith explained the bylaws were last updated about four years ago. After recent questions and discussions about topics in the bylaws it was suggested, the bylaws be reviewed and updated as needed for consistency.</p> <p>Motion made by Ashley Powell and seconded by Kevin Cotton that John Holder and Keith Smith work to form the workgroup that will work on the bylaws. The workgroup should be formed of 3 Board Members and 1 Non-Board Member. Motion passes.</p>
12	Announcements		<p>202.2.510 AirMedical (David Webb) If air medical can't do air travel; we don't have a mutual agreement for ground transportation to do the travel.</p> <p>Chair Keith Smith discussed bringing the issue up at the next Executive Meeting. (510 and 501)</p> <p>Motion made by Ashley Powell that Executive Director Slone and staff work with legal counsel and bring it back to the next meeting. Seconded by Kevin Cotton. Due back at the March meeting. Motion passes.</p> <p>John Wood: Two regulations that are expiring; advisory opinion and definitions regulation to be certified before the February date. Certify or amend those. Regulations</p>

			may need review.
13	Adjournment		Motion made by Rob Rothenburger to adjourn the meeting and seconded by David Webb. Meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.