



**STATE BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL, FIRE, AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**MEETING MINUTES  
August 21, 2019**

**~ FINAL ~**

**Board Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, August 21, 2019, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Conference room 1106, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Allenstein, Kent Appelhans, Karen Beavers, David DeVore, Herb de la Porte, Geoff Dutton, Patrick Ferguson, Dr. Richard George, Jeffery Jackson, Ruda Jenkins, Mark Resanovich, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz, George Snyder, Kevin Uhl and Dudley Wright.

**Board Members Absent:** Deanna Harris, Susan Kearns, Julie Rose, Dr. Glen Tinkoff, and Jason Walsh

**DPS and EMS Staff Members Present:** Jean Booze, Beverly Cooper, Dr. Carol Cunningham, Joel Demory, Dave Fiffick, Melvin House, Valerie Koker, Ellen Owens, Kris Patalita, Bryan Reardon, Joseph Stack, Rob Wagoner Patrick Williams, and Michael Wise.

**Assistant Attorney General:** Lidia Mowad

**Public Present:** Matthew Clark, Premier Health EMS, Bill Hoover, Sinclair College, Diane Simon, Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital and Ron Wehner; ODPS Fiscal Department.

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**EMFTS Board Meeting**

**Welcome and Introduction**

The meeting began at 10:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

### **Open Forum**

Mr. Wright welcomed Mr. Jeffery Jackson who was recently appointed to Seat #17 and represents the Ohio EMS Chiefs. Mr. Wright inquired if there were any guests who would like to address the Board. No guests were present.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Wright requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including the June 19, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes, the Certificates of Approval, the Certificates of Accreditation, the June 90-Day Extension Requests, the July 90-Day Extension Requests, the June 2019 EMS Certifications and the July 2019 EMS Certifications. It was noted that the continuing education requests were included in the consent agenda and is not to be considered for approval as part of the consent agenda. Mr. Allenstein requested the removal of his name on a motion that he did not abstain from on page 9.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items that were distributed prior to the meeting including June 19, 2019 EMFTS Board meeting minutes with correction on page 9, the Certificates of Approval, the Certificates of Accreditation, the June 90-Day Extension Requests, the July 90-Day Extension Requests, the June 2019 EMS Certifications and the July 2019 EMS Certifications. Mr. de la Porte – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein (Certifications 1085 and 1377) - abstained. Motion approved.***

Mr. Wright introduced himself as the Chair of the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services. The proceedings were called to order at 10:08 a.m. on August 21, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

### **Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

It was noted for the record that a majority of the members of the Board are present.

### **Summary Suspension**

- **EMS Case No. 2019-314-E100, Joshua M. Kinnett, Certificate No. 176092**

Mr. Wright recognized Assistant Attorney General Lidia C. Mowad for the purpose of providing a brief synopsis of the case and the recommendation for disciplinary action.

### **Summary Suspension Synopsis, Ms. Mowad**

- **EMS Case No. 2019-314-E100, Joshua M. Kinnett, Certificate No. 176092.**  
Mr. Kinnett is a certified EMT with an expiration date of December 31, 2019. The Division received an email disclosing that Mr. Kinnett pleaded guilty to a 4<sup>th</sup> degree felony and was sentenced to register as a Tier II sex offender. On or about April 18, 2019 in the Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court he was indicted based on his interactions with a 15-year old girl. His plea deal was pled down to Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor. Mr. Kinnetts sentence included that he register as a Tier II sex offender and post-release control for 5 years. There is clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Kinnett's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. The recommendation is to summarily suspend Mr. Kinnett's certificate to practice.

### **EMS Goldmans**

These proceedings were held before the Board pursuant to Goldman v. State Medical Board of Ohio where the respondents did not properly request a hearing in the cases. The individuals named did not have the ability to present written or oral testimony; however, they may be present to hear the proceedings and outcome.

All Board members received the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits for the Goldman proceedings from the EMS investigators. The affidavits contained the evidence and testimony upon which was deliberated.

There were six adjudications. The proceedings were in the matters of:

- **EMS Case No. 2017-445-E300, Shawn Gregory, Certificate No. 156817**
- **EMS Case No. 2017-540-E300, Linda L. Hartzell, Certificate No. 70673**
- **EMS Case No. 2017-542-E300, Katie E. Meyer-Wilka, Certificate No. 74610**
- **EMS Case No. 2017-546-E300, Tyler L. Davis, Certificate No. 168222**
- **EMS Case No. 2017-725-E400, Brian L. Dudley, Certificate No. 90977**
- **EMS Case No. 2018-264-E100, Kevin W. Brewer, Certificate No. 149495**

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### **EMS Goldmans Synopsis, Ms. Mowad**

- **EMS Case No. 2017-445-E300, Shawn Gregory, Certificate No. 156817.**  
Mr. Gregory is certified as an EMT with an expiration of January 11, 2020. He submitted a renewal application, after being granted an extension, and attested that he completed all of the education requirements. Upon an automatic audit the Division received a letter from Mr. Gregory claiming that he misunderstood the requirements and did not actually complete all of the requirements. The Investigation Unit followed up with Mr. Gregory; however, there was no response. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued for failure to completely and accurately document all continuing education requirements and failure to complete all of the continuing education requirements. Service was completed; however, there was not a request for a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Gregory's certification as an EMT.

- **EMS Case No. 2017-540-E300, Linda L. Hartzell, Certificate No. 70673.**  
Ms. Hartzell is certified as an EMT with an expiration on February 16, 2020. She submitted a renewal application and attested that she completed all educational requirements. Upon a random audit she supplied proof of continuing education which reflected that Ms. Hartzell was 18 hours short of the requirements. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued for failure to completely and accurately document all continuing education requirements and to complete all continuing education requirements. Service was completed; however, Ms. Hartzell did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Hartzell's EMT certification.
- **EMS Case No. 2017-542-E300, Katie E. Meyer-Wilka, Certificate No. 74610.**  
Ms. Meyer-Wilka is certified as a continuing education instructor with an expiration of May 7, 2020. She submitted a renewal application and attested that she completed all educational requirements. Upon a random audit she advised that she had a serious medical issue that kept her from responding. The Division attempted to contact her via phone; however, it had been disconnected. An email was sent to Ms. Meyer-Wilka and there was no response. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued for failure to completely and accurately document all continuing education requirements and to complete all continuing education requirements. Service was completed; however she did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Ms. Meyer-Wilka's certification as a continuing education instructor.
- **EMS Case No. 2017-546-E300, Tyler L. Davis, Certificate No. 168222.**  
Mr. Davis is certified as an EMT with an expiration of February 1, 2020. He submitted a renewal application and attested that he completed all educational requirements. Upon an automatic audit service was unclaimed and there was no response from Mr. Davis. A Notice for Opportunity for Hearing was sent; however, he did not request a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Davis's certification as an EMT.
- **EMS Case No. 2017-725-E400, Brian L. Dudley, Certificate No. 90977.**  
Mr. Dudley is certified as a paramedic with an expiration of January 26, 2020. The Division received a complaint from a patient stating that on July 31, 2017, Mr. Dudley failed to complete an evaluation, transport, or render any treatment and falsified the refusal to transport paperwork. After an investigation a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued for failure to conform to minimal standards of care and failure to provide medically appropriate evaluation treatment and disposition consistent with his department's policies. Service was perfected on the Notice for Opportunity for Hearing; however, there was not a request for a hearing. The recommendation is to suspend Mr. Dudley's paramedic certification for 30 days.
- **EMS Case No. 2018-264-E100, Kevin W. Brewer, Certificate No. 149495.**  
Mr. Brewer is certified as a paramedic with an expiration of January 7, 2021. He submitted a renewal application and claimed no pending charges or past convictions for felony or misdemeanor. The Division received complaints from co-workers. Their investigation revealed multiple undisclosed criminal convictions. A Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued for the conviction and failing to disclose that conviction. Service was perfected on the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing; however, there was not a request for a hearing. The recommendation is to revoke Mr. Brewer's certification as a paramedic.

Having heard AAG Mowad's synopses and recommended disciplinary actions for the cases, Mr. Wright requested a motion to admit the sworn affidavits and the accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned cases into evidence.

***ACTION: Motion to admit the sworn affidavits and accompanying exhibits in the aforementioned case into evidence.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. de la Porte– Second. None opposed. None abstained. Motion approved.

There being no further evidence to come before the Board, the proceedings closed at 10:23 a.m.

Mr. Wright requested a motion to recess the meeting for the purpose of entering into quasi-judicial deliberations on the following matters pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B). The Board will reconvene following deliberations.

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and go into private session for the purpose of quasi-judicial deliberation on these matters pursuant to ORC Chapter 119 and that are required to be kept confidential under R.C. 4765.102(B).*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.

### **EMS Summary Suspension**

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2019-314-E100, Joshua M. Kinnett, Certificate Number 176092, I move that the Board issue an order to summarily suspend Mr. Kinnett's certificate to practice. There is clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public and that the certificate holder has pled guilty to Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, a felony of the fourth degree. The Board order shall include a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violations of Ohio Revised Code 4765.112 and Ohio Administrative Code 4765-10-03(B)(2)(a).*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **EMS Goldman Motions**

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-445-E300, Shawn Gregory, Certificate Number 156817, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Gregory failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in counts 1 through 3 of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Gregory's certification be revoked.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION: In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-540-E300, Linda L. Hartzell, Certificate Number 70673, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Hartzell failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Hartzell's certification be revoked.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Resanovich – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-542-E300, Katie E. Meyer-Wilka, Certificate Number 74610, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Ms. Meyer-Wilka failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Ms. Meyer-Wilka's EMS continuing education instructor certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Jackson - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-546-E300, Tyler L. Davis, Certificate Number 168222, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Davis failed to comply with continuing education requirements as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Davis' certification be revoked.* Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-725-E400, Brian L. Dudley, Certificate Number 90977, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Dudley failed to conform to minimal standards of care for his certification level by failing to provide medically appropriate evaluation, treatment, and disposition of a patient as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Dudley's certification be suspended for thirty days. The suspension shall be stayed pending satisfactory completion of a 3-year probation. Mr. Dudley's probation is subject to compliance of all rules and laws subject to certification.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. No discussion.  
In Favor – 9. Opposed – 3. Abstain – 3. **Motion Failed.**

A discussion ensued regarding a change in the motion.

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-725-E400, Brian L. Dudley, Certificate Number 90977, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Dudley failed to conform to minimal standards of care for his certification level by failing to provide medically appropriate evaluation, treatment, and disposition of a patient as indicated in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and that Mr. Dudley be issued a written reprimand.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. No discussion.  
In Favor – 10. Opposed – 2. Abstain – 3. **Motion Failed.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2017-725-E400, Brian L. Dudley, Certificate Number 90977, I move that the Board table this disciplinary matter until the next regularly scheduled EMFTS Board meeting.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second.  
In Favor – 12. Opposed – 3. Abstain – 0. **Motion approved to table this matter.**

***ACTION:*** *In the matter of EMS Case Number 2018-264-E100, Kevin W. Brewer, Certificate Number 149495, I move that the Board issue an adjudication order finding that Mr. Brewer has been convicted of Deception to a Obtain Dangerous Drug, a felony of the fifth degree, and failed to report the conviction to the Division of EMS, and that Mr. Brewer's certifications be revoked.*

Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None opposed. Mr. Allenstein - abstained. **Motion approved.**

**EMS Investigations**

***ACTION: Motion to adjourn and enter executive session for the purpose of discussing proposed disciplinary action against certificate holders pursuant to O.R.C. Section 121.22(G)(1) and pursuant to 121.22(G)(5) that involve matters required to be kept confidential under O.R.C. Sections 149.43(A)(2) and 4765.102(B).*** Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

**Roll Call**

Mr. Thomas Allenstein	Present	Ms. Ruda Jenkins	Present
Mr. Kent Appelhans (V.Chair)	Present	Ms. Susan Kearns	Absent
Ms. Karen Beavers	Present	Mr. Mark Resanovich	Present
Mr. Herb de la Porte	Present	Ms. Julie Rose	Absent
Mr. David DeVore	Present	Dr. Hamilton Schwartz	Present
Mr. Geoff Dutton	Present	Mr. George B. Snyder	Present
Mr. Patrick Ferguson	Present	Dr. Thomas Tallman	Present
Dr. Richard George	Present	Dr. Glen Tinkoff	Absent
Ms. Deanna Harris	Absent	Mr. Kevin Uhl	Present
Mr. Jeffery Jackson	Present	Mr. Jason Walsh	Absent
		Mr. Dudley Wright (Chair)	Present

***ACTION: Motion to accept proposed agreement for the following Education cases.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. Mr. Allenstein and Mr. Resanovich – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2019-315-E300

***ACTION: Motion to close the following Education cases.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-229-E300	2018-584-E300	2018-704-E500
2018-230-E500	2019-198-E300	

***ACTION: Motion to close the following Medical Transportation case(s).*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-376-E400 *Refer to ODH Long Term Care Facility Investigations	2018-206-E400
2017-604-E400	2018-243-E400 *Refer to local Medical Director

***ACTION: Motion to issue Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for the following Medical Transportation case(s):*** Mr. Snyder– First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved**

2018-657-E700	2019-290-E700
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**ACTION: Motion to accept the following Consent Agreement(s):** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Ms. Beavers (2018-563-BE100) and Mr. Ferguson (2019-166-BE100/2019-167-BE100) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-562-E300	2018-339-E500	2019-166-BE100
2017-774-E400	2018-346-E300	2019-167-BE100
2017-775-E400	2018-563-BE100	2019-219-E500
2017-776-E400	2018-680-BE100	2019-237-E100
2018-48-E300	2018-733-BE100	2019-241-BE100
2018-71-BE100	2019-050-BE100	2019-242-E100
2018-203-E300	2019-075-E400	2019-306-BE100
2018-234-BE500		2019-332-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to lack of jurisdiction, referral to local medical director, deferral to department discipline, certifications have expired, or non-violations of ORC and/or OAC:** Mr. Snyder – First. Ms. Jenkins – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-201-E500	2018-332-BE500	2018-274-BE500	2018-714-E400
2017-330-E500	2018-333-BE500	2018-693-E100	2019-291-E400

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The following cases have been recommended to be closed and referred back to local medical director for review.** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-118-E500	2018-162-E400	2019-179-E400
2018-161-E400	2018-726-E400	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases, individuals have met the stipulations of their Consent Agreements:** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2015-594-E100	2016-555-E300	2017-119-E300
2015-703-E300	2016-571-E300	2017-736-BE100
2016-27-E100	2016-576-E300	2018-394-E100
2016-262-E300	2016-623-E300	
2016-528-F300	2017-59-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases. The Board accepts the surrendering of their respective certificates to practice or teach. Re-open if re-applies:** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-715-E300	2019-249-BE300	2019-296-E300
2018-665-E300	2019-266-E300	

**ACTION: Motion to close the following case(s). The individuals/entities did not meet the requirements of their consent agreement prior to certification surrender or certification expiration. Re-open if re-applies.** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein - Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2016-412-E300	2016-575-E300	2016-635-E300	2016-674-E300
2016-420-E300	2016-582-E300	2016-672-E300	2017-63-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following case due to individuals not providing the required documentation to process their applications. Therefore, their application was rendered incomplete.** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2018-518-E100

**ACTION: Motion to issue Notices of Opportunity for Hearings for the following cases.** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein, Mr. Uhl (2018-540-BE100) and Dr. Schwartz (2018-540-BE100) – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-238-E300	2018-326-E300	2018-645-E300	2017-238-E300
2017-270-E300	2018-460-BE100	2018-711-E300	2017-270-E300
2017-659-BE100	2018-472-E300	2019-131-BE100	2017-659-BE100
2017-680-E300	2018-531-E300	2019-143-E300	2017-680-E300
2018-35-E100	2018-540-BE100	2019-212-E300	2018-35-E100
2018-222-E300	2018-607-E300	2019-310-E500	2018-222-E300
2018-323-E300	2018-638-E300		2018-323-E300

**ACTION: Motion to close the following cases due to one of the following reasons; inadvertently marked yes to conviction question, misdemeanor convictions which the Board has previously deemed “not involving moral turpitude,” continuing education cases which now meet the requirements, non-patient care issues, and grandfathering issues of certification/conviction.**

Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. George – Second. Mr. Allenstein – Abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

2017-330-E500	2018-298-E100	2019-246-E100	2019-282-E100	2019-313-BE100
2017-476-E500	2018-334-E300	2019-257-BE100	2019-284-E100	2019-319-BE100
2017-486-E500	2018-479-E100	2019-259-E100	2019-285-E100	2019-320-E100
2017-489-E300	2018-593-E300	2019-260-BE100	2019-286-E100	2019-330-BE100
2017-548-E300	2018-596-E700	2019-264-E100	2019-289-BE100	2019-331-BE100
2017-619-E300	2018-633-E500	2019-265-BE100	2019-295-E100	2019-333-E100
2017-650-BE100	2019-119-E300	2019-274-E100	2019-301-E500	2019-336-BE100
2018-95-BE100	2019-147-E100	2019-280-BE100	2019-302-BE100	2019-519-E100
2018-294-B100	2019-231-E100	2019-281-E100	2019-311-E100	2019-650-E500

### **EMFTS Board Chair’s Report, Dudley Wright**

No report to present.

### **State EMS Medical Director Report, Dr. Carol Cunningham**

Dr. Cunningham reported that the Regional Physician Advisory Board (RPAB) Region 8 still has a need for membership. Region 7 has one member. The RPAB Chairperson meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

The revisions of the State of Ohio DNR Comfort Care will go into effect on September 1, 2019. The significant amendments include non-invasive positive airway pressure devices (CPAP and BiPAP) are now specifically cited as permissible and that physician assistants and registered nurses may sign the Ohio DNR Comfort Care document. The education modules highlights the law that EMS providers will only honor documents that are signed by a physician. A discussion ensued regarding different scenarios.

The Ohio EMS Medical Director's Conference will be held on November 13, 2019 at the Ohio Department of Transportation auditorium. The conference is CME approved. The registration fee proposed to be increased by \$5.00 to cover the increased cost of lunch. The registration link will be available soon.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) have drafted the National EMS Education Standards and the public comment period will be open until September 20, 2019. The document is posted at EMS.gov.

### **EMS Staff Legal Counsel, Michael Wise**

Mr. Wise reported that there is a motion to be brought forward regarding rules for Medical Transportation.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the filing of Rule 4766-5 of the Ohio Administrative Code with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.***

Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Assistant Attorney General, Lidia Mowad**

Ms. Mowad reported that there is still one appeal outstanding in Adams County.

### **Legislative Report, Dan Fitzpatrick**

Mr. Fitzpatrick was unable to attend; therefore, Executive Director House presented the legislative report.

The Ohio General Assembly completed work on HB 166, the State's operating budget bill and recessed for summer break on July 17, 2019. The items of interest to EMS in the budget bill includes the following:

- Non-opioid Directives – The House added a provision in their substitute version of HB166 that would have placed the EMFTS Board in charge of developing a program to allow individuals to create a non-opioid directive. The Senate removed this provision when they amended the bill and the Conference Committee left this item out of the final bill. There is still standalone legislation for this program, however, those bills do not put the EMFTS Board in charge of the program.
- Temporary Occupational License for Military/Spouse – The Senate amended SB 7 into their version of the budget bill. The Conference Committee then removed this provision from the bill. SB 7 passed the Senate unanimously and is now pending in the House. The House version, HB 133, passed the House 97-0 and is on its way to the Senate. While this provision was not passed as part of the budget, it is extremely likely that one of the standalone bills will pass this General Assembly.
- Regulatory Restrictions – All state agencies are now required to identify which Administrative Rules include "regulatory restrictions" and produce an inventory of such restrictions by December 31, 2019. For the next four years, the Department will be required to eliminate two regulatory restrictions for every new regulatory restriction we promulgate through the JCARR process. Any rule that includes the words "shall", "must", "require", "shall not", "may not", or "prohibit" will be considered to contain regulatory restrictions. A discussion ensued regarding these regulatory restrictions.

- HB 143 – Tax Credit-Volunteer Service – To grant income tax credits to persons who serve as volunteer peace officers, firefighters, or emergency medical technicians. The bill had a second hearing in the House Ways and Means on April 30, 2019.

### **Executive Director and Staff Reports, Melvin House**

Executive Director House reported that all of the seats on the EMFTS Board are full with the appointment of Jeffery Jackson representing the Ohio EMS Chiefs Association.

The Division of EMS does not have any staff vacancies.

Mr. Burke introduced Aria Sovann who began on July 8, 2019 in the Education Section as an Administrative Assistant 2. Ms. Sovann will be working with the audits.

Mr. Burke also introduced Ted Kienzle who began on June 24, 2019 in the Education Section as a Fire Coordinator. He will also be cross training with EMS.

The National Rural EMS and Care Conference is scheduled for April 21 through April 23, 2020 at the Renaissance Marriott Hotel in Downtown Columbus. The Division is awaiting for additional information.

### **EMSIRS Project, Deputy Director Rob Wagoner**

Mr. Wagoner reported that the work on the EMS Incident Reporting System database (EMSIRS) has been moving forward. Approximately 2 million records from 2016 through June 2019 have been uploaded to the new system. The epidemiologist has been working to perform QA on audits on the data received. The EMSIRS system passed all the initial validation testing in regards to sending data to NEMSIS. The next process is direct entry through a web portal. The Division has worked very closely with the CARES project. Ohio will be the first state to submit data to CARES. The DEMS staff is working with ODPS visual communications to incorporate a public facing portion of the EMS website to identify some metrics in CARES. It will be possible to use the data to create meaningful dashboards to agencies. The legal staff is working on some legal language to be processed. Reporting to NEMSIS is anticipated to begin in January 2020.

### **Executive Director, Melvin House**

Updating data systems and the necessary funding has been secured through June 2020. The medical transportation upgrade is underway and it is anticipated that online applications will be available at a later date.

Executive Director House reported that the letter for more information on the CPR training was sent to CAPSE and a response was received. Their answers to our questions were not very clear. Mr. Snyder stated that we need specific answers so that we can determine whether certain CPR training programs meet the requirements.

**ACTION ITEM:** Executive Director House and Mr. Snyder set up a conference call with CAPSE to obtain additional clarification on the CPR training requirements.

### **EMS Exemption Requests, Jean Booze**

Jean Booze reported that a new revised EMS Exemption Request document was distributed to all Board members. Ms. Booze stated that there was one EMS only military exemption request; 2019-8-05 and two dual certified military exemption requests; 2019-8-02 and 2019-8-03. Military documentation was received. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the three military exemption requests to include 2019-08-05, 2019-8-02, and 2019-8-03.*** Ms. Beavers – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Booze reported that there was one EMS medical exemption; however, documentation has not been received and will be brought to the October EMFTS Board meeting.

Ms. Booze reported that there is one dual certified medical request; 2019-8-04. All medical documentation has been received. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the dual certified medical exemption request; 2019-8-04.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Booze reported that a request for a voluntary surrender was received on August 20, 2019. Gregory Prantl, certification number 169931, reported that he no longer needs certification as an EMT. Staff recommends approval and requests a motion to approve.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the voluntary surrender request of Gregory Prantl, certification number 169931, for an emergency medical technician.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Education, James Burke**

Mr. Burke requested approval for the certificates of accreditation to include one initial accreditations, QUAD EMS Academy, requesting training levels EMR, EMT, AEMT and CE.. Staff is recommending approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the certificate of accreditation for the QUAD EMS Academy for training levels EMR, EMT, AEMT, and CE.*** Mr. de la Porte – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. Mr. Resanovich - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Burke requested approval of the Certificate of Approvals to add additional training levels to include CE and EMS Instructor. Staff recommends approval.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the certificate of approvals for Dayton Fire Department EMT Program to include CE and EMS Instructor training levels.*** Mr. Ferguson – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

### **Medical Transportation, Dave Fiffick**

Mr. Fiffick presented the list of medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June, July, and August 2019. Staff is requesting a motion and approval pending a satisfactory inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the medical transportation renewal applications with expiration dates of June, July, and August 2019; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Uhl – Second. None opposed. None - abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick requested a motion to ratify 21 new ambulance services upon satisfactory completion of inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve 21 new ambulance services; pending a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Uhl - Second. None opposed. None abstained. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick requested a motion to ratify new satellite locations for 3 ambulance services, 6 ambulance services, and 1 air medical service upon satisfactory completion of inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the new satellite locations for 3 ambulance services, 6 ambulance services and 1 air medical service: pending the completion of a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Fiffick requested a motion to ratify new medical transportation vehicles for 29 ambulance services and 21 ambulance services upon satisfactory completion of inspection.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the new medical transportation vehicles for 29 ambulance services and 21 ambulance services; pending the completion of a satisfactory inspection.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. Ferguson – Second. Mr. de la Porte - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

### **Grants, Johanna Burgess**

Ms. Burgess requested a motion to approve Camden Somers Township Fire Rescue for a supplemental award in the amount of \$16,000 for purchase of a LUCAS device.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Camden Somers Township Fire Rescue for a supplemental award in the amount of \$16,000 to purchase a LUCAS device.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Burgess reported that due to a glitch in the system she is requesting a motion to approve West Point Fire Department be awarded an additional \$2293.00 for a total funding amount of \$4281.00.

***ACTION: Motion to approve West Point be awarded an additional \$2293.00 for a total funding amount of \$4281.00.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Burgess reported there was an application reporting discrepancy for box 21 where the agency indicated they were a transporting agency which increased their funding by \$1300.00 more than what it should have been. Ms. Burgess is requesting a motion to reduce their funding by \$1300.00 for a new total award amount of \$1200.00.

***ACTION: Motion to approve a reduction in funding to an agency by \$1300 for a new total award amount of \$1200.*** Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. Ms. Beavers - abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Ms. Burgess reported that there was a request to add communication headsets/earpieces to be added to the equipment list. A motion was requested to add this to the approved equipment list.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the addition of communication headsets/earpieces to the approved equipment list.*** Mr. Ferguson – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. Mr. de la Porte - opposed. **Motion approved.**

## **Board Committee Reports**

### **Trauma Committee, Diane Simon**

Ms. Simon reported that the committee met on July 10, 2019 and there was a quorum. An education survey has been completed by the researchers at Innovative Emergency Management through a grant. The survey questions included those regarding the level of trauma education providers are receiving and the barriers to trauma education. The pre-hospital response was overwhelming. There will be an analysis of the data so that the gaps can be determined.

The signage along the highways are part of the traffic control design and the traffic engineers are responsible for all the signage on highways in the state of Ohio. The committee agreed that the Trauma Committee draft a letter of support for the placement of trauma signs in the areas where this is none.

The DEMS staff will compile burn data and determine where the burn centers are in the state.

Ms. Simon reported that Mr. Wagoner is creating a pre-hospital information form at patient arrival. The form was reviewed by the Medical Oversight Committee and the Rural EMS Committee. The tentative plan is to increase awareness through a white paper. This will be a topic at the EMS Medical Director Conference. The committee will be continuing to work on this issue.

The next Trauma Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2019.

### **EMS Children Committee, Dr. Hamilton Schwartz**

Dr. Schwartz reported that the EMS-C committee met on August 13, 2019 and there was a quorum.

#### **EMSC Performance Measures**

The Ohio PECC Learning Collaborative State Team held a conference call on July 11, 2019, and a face-to-face meeting on August 6, 2019 at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The meeting included interviews with three current PECCs to be used for reporting to HRSA and for use in an upcoming webinar to promote the PECC project in Ohio. As of August 5th, 93 agencies have registered a PECC. The next conference call for the Ohio PECC State Team will be September 9, 2019.

The Pediatric Disaster Preparedness Coalition has established subcommittees to work on the Pediatric Champion project; this project is designed to encourage hospital emergency departments to add someone to coordinate their pediatric emergency care. The Pediatric Champion workgroup held a conference call on July 22, 2019 and discussed the parameters for the project. The Survey subcommittee held a conference call on July 30, 2019 to finalize the survey for hospital ED managers. A survey of emergency departments will be distributed through the Regional Hospital Coordinators. The next meeting will be September 6, 2019.

### Other Activities

The Ohio EMSC Committee is reviewing the current State of Ohio EMS Pediatric Guidelines and Procedures Manual to ensure its compatibility with the NASEMSO National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines. Dr. Schwartz is coordinating this effort for Dr. Cunningham. Two remaining sections are being completed, and work on formatting the completed sections will begin shortly.

Joe Stack and Dr. Schwartz are working with the Ohio Department of Health to update the Emergency Guidelines for Schools document, ensuring accurate guidance is provided to school nurses and staff in responding to emergency situations in their schools. Conference calls were held June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, and August 20, 2019, and an in-person meeting was held July 30, 2019. Several more meetings will be held to complete the revision and edit the document.

Dr. Deanna Dahl-Grove is leading an effort among hospitals in Ohio and Michigan in applying for the ASPR Pediatric Centers of Excellence Grant. The grant will fund efforts in improving interstate transport of pediatric patients in the event of a mass casualty incident.

Dr. Schwartz reported that Kathy Haley has resigned from the Committee.

Dr. Schwartz requested a motion to add two applicants for membership: Dr. Ann Dietrich of OhioHealth, and Jean Butler of Toledo Children's Hospital. Both have been vetted by the DEMS staff. This will bring the Committee to 15 members.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Ann Dietrich and Jean Butler to the EMS-Children Committee.*** Dr. Schwartz – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed.  
**Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 15, 2019.

### Homeland Security Subcommittee, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris was not in attendance; therefore, there was not a report.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on September 6, 2019.

### EMS System Development, Deanna Harris

Ms. Harris was not in attendance and the committee did not meet on August 20, 2019.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 15, 2019.

### EMS Rural Committee, Karen Beavers

Ms. Beavers reported that Mr. Gildone chaired the meeting on August 20, 2019 and there was a quorum.

There were discussions regarding the legislation on the volunteer tax credit. It was suggested that each Board member who represents an organization make them aware of this legislation.

The committee had discussions regarding data collection and pre-hospital communication.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 15, 2019.

### **Education Committee, George Snyder**

Mr. Snyder reported that the committee met on August 20, 2019 and there was a quorum.

The survey results were distributed to the EMFTS Board members. A survey was sent out to all of the program directors in reference to the ultrasound-assisted peripheral IV insertion. Whenever an item is added into the scope of practice it affects the institutions. Many of the questions on the survey inquired how this addition would affect their hours or affect their finances. The survey results demonstrate that this will have an impact on schools. The committee had robust discussions regarding these matters. The recommendation is that the Board have a process of adding items to the scope of practice or to the rules. It was suggested that there be a checklist. The current rule says that those items added to the scope of practice would be required to be taught by the schools. One of the questions was whether they believed that the training should be initial or post education and the results indicated that 11 answered initial and 7 answered post training. Careful consideration should be given as to when to add items to the scope of practice. Discussions shall continue regarding these issues.

At the June 2019 Board meeting a motion was made to limit the timeline to January 1, 2020 for the early practical skills testing until the survey results were gathered. Mr. Snyder reported that the National Registry offers early practical skills testing for advanced and paramedic levels. Based on the results of the survey it was determined to continue the early practical skills testing for advanced and paramedics level currently being utilized and will continue indefinitely.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the early practical skills testing for advanced and paramedic levels that is currently being utilized and will continue indefinitely.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Homeland Security Subcommittee are reviewing the Rescue Task Force awareness training to determine if there are any updates to be made.

The committee's Quality Continuing Education workgroup continues to review the possibility of less continuing education that provides quality education.

Thomas Beers from Cleveland Clinic presented the lack of awareness about human trafficking in the state of Ohio. He has a training module prepared in hopes it can be added to the ODPS Training Campus as continuing education to be voluntary. If Ohio responders are unaware of human trafficking signs, the problem will continue to grow. Mr. Wright stated that ODPS has a human trafficking section that may be a resource for this project.

Mr. Snyder stated it has been decided to remove a committee member, Mr. Larry Manaro, due to the lack of attendance. Mr. Snyder has requested the appointment of Matthew Phillips.

***ACTION: Motion to remove Larry Manaro from the committee and to approve the appointment of Matthew Phillips to the Education Committee.*** Mr. Snyder – First. Dr. Schwartz – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 15, 2019.

**Medical Oversight Committee, Geoff Dutton**

Mr. Dutton reported that the committee met August 21, 2019 and there was a quorum.

There were many discussions to include the improvement of communication between pre-hospital and hospital staff regarding the patient and pertinent information needed by the emergency room doctors.

Discussions also included non-emergency transports of pediatric patients.

The Ohio EMS Medical Director Conference will be held on November 13, 2019 at the ODOT auditorium.

Mr. Dutton reported that there were two motions to rescind from the June 19, 2019 Board meeting.

***ACTION: Motion to rescind the motion approved on June 19, 2019 to approve filing rules 4765-16-04 and 4765-16-06, amended to include ketamine, and the Business Impact Analysis and with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

***ACTION: Motion to rescind the motion approved on June 19, 2019 to approve filing rules 4765-12-04 and 4765-12-05, amended to include CO-oximetry, and the Business Impact Analysis and with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

Mr. Dutton moved that the following motions be approved:

***ACTION: Motion to approve filing rules 4765-16-04 amended to include ketamine with the Business Impact Analysis and the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

***ACTION: Motion to approve filing rules 4765-12-04 amended to include CO-oximetry with the Business Impact Analysis and the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) office. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Allenstein – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

A request was received for a scope of practice waiver for a research study for ultrasound placement. The DEMS staff and the committee have reviewed the project.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the waiver of scope of practice to allow pre-hospital ultrasound guided IV placement as described in the one year research study proposal submitted by the Cleveland Clinic until August 12, 2020. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

Mr. Dutton requested that Scott McCloud be approved as a new member to the MOC Committee.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Scott McCloud to the Medical Oversight Committee. Mr. Dutton – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on August 20, 2019.

### **Medical Transportation Committee, Tom Allenstein**

Mr. Allenstein reported that the committee met on August 20, 2019 and there was a quorum.

There were two passenger assistance training programs submitted for approval. Only one met the criteria.

Mr. Allenstein motioned to approve a passenger assistance training program for Full Time Transportation.

***ACTION: Motion to approve Full Time Transportation's passenger assistance training program.***  
Mr. Allenstein – First. Mr. Snyder – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

Mr. Resanovich reported on the Alternative Forms of Stretcher Transportation Ad-hoc Committee. The committee reviewed information on what other states do for alternate forms of transportation; specifically with regards to stretcher vans. Safety is one of the primary goals when looking at different options of transportation. It could be an alternate non-emergent ambulance for those who need to be transported on the stretcher to and from home or to and from the doctor's office. The next meeting will be held October 15, 2019.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 16, 2019.

### **Critical Care Subcommittee, Julie Rose**

Ms. Rose was not in attendance; therefore, Mr. Appelhans, vice chair, reported that the committee met on August 20, 2019 and there was a quorum.

Mr. Appelhans reported that the previous motion regarding pediatric transports would need new language to be more clear and concise. The new language has been sent to the Medical Oversight Committee for approval.

The air medical rules were reviewed. There is an FAA rule regarding cell phone usage in the aircraft.

The new rules to allow a critical care endorsement for the paramedic has been drafted. The language is designed to allow future endorsements. There are still multiple questions on the logistics of providing this endorsement. The spatial constraints on the current certification card is at capacity and there is no room to add the designation of an endorsement. A discussion ensued on what could possibly be accomplished.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on October 16, 2019.

### **Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee, Kevin Uhl**

Mr. Uhl stated that the committee met on August 22, 2019.

Mr. Uhl reported that this committee will meet every month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon for the remainder of 2019.

If a person interested in serving on the Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc committee, they should contact him or the committee's support personnel.

The committee is working on identifying the current scope of practices that could be changed or removed. There is a process to follow in regards to the scope of practice in making changes or

deletions. The committee will be reviewing the gap analysis compared to the national standards in the most constructive and reasonable manner.

Mr. Uhl requested that the following individuals be appointed to the Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee: Dr. Thomas Charlton, Rob Martin and Rachel Velasquez.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Thomas Charlton, Rob Martin and Rachel Velasquez to the Scope of Practice Ad-Hoc Committee.*** Mr. Uhl – First. Mr. Dutton – Second. None abstained. None opposed. **Motion approved.**

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on September 26, 2019.

### **Human Resources Ad-Hoc Committee, Mark Resanovich**

Mr. Resanovich reported that the committee met August 22, 2019.

The primary goal of this committee is to review continuing education. There is a large disparity in continuing education compared to other healthcare providers. Quality continuing education is more important than the quantity.

The committee is also reviewing the research and data regarding fatigue. The committee would like to provide guidance to the approach of fatigue.

Data continues to be gathered regarding crash reports. The committee would like to provide recommendations and guidance regarding this issue.

Executive Director House reported that information regarding learning management system software will be coming to the committee.

The next meeting will be held at the Ohio Department of Public Safety on September 26, 2019.

### **EMS Star of Life Awards, Dr. Tallman**

Dr. Tallman reported that the Ohio ACEP Board met and was reminded that his seat will expire on November 12, 2019.

Dr. Tallman stated that the Ohio ACEP would like to make the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Star of Life Awards more of a gala event. There will be many more discussions regarding the awards ceremony. A review by the legal department will ensue regarding any ethical issues.

### **Old Business ~ none**

### **New Business**

Joel Demory, Chief of Investigations, reported that a system is being reviewed to streamline the process for discipline through a business operational change. The affidavits will be submitted to the EMFTS Board members before the meeting and there would not be a verbal summary presentation during the meeting. A motion would be made to accept those Goldman cases. Should there be serious felonies or controversial cases they would be discussed during executive session. There are other Ohio Boards that have this process. A discussion ensued regarding this change. It was noted that the Board should trust Case Review to determine if a case is out of the ordinary or has serious felonies.

***ACTION: Motion to approve the process to streamline the presentation of Goldman cases. The EMFTS Board members will receive the sworn affidavits of each of the cases before the meeting to include Goldman cases involving continuing education, violation of consent agreements, failure to respond to a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and other cases deemed straight forward by Case Review. A verbal summary presentation would not be required during the EMFTS Board meeting. Mr. de la Porte – First. Ms. Beavers – Second. None abstained. None opposed. Motion approved.***

A discussion ensued regarding complaints received by the Division of EMS. Some have the opinion that the complaints should be dealt with at the local level. However, some members believe the state needs to step in and investigate the complaints. There are many different situations and each matter needs to be investigated individually.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm. Mr. Snyder – First. Mr. de la Porte – Second.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next EMFTS Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety, conference room 1106, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223.

**ACTION ITEM:** Executive Director House and Mr. Snyder to set up a conference call with CAPSE to get additional clarification on the CPR training requirements.