

**EMS Licensing Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 9, 2022; 10:00am
NM Gaming Control Board
4900 Alameda Blvd NE | Albuquerque, NM 87113
Microsoft Teams Hybrid Meeting**

1. **Commissioner Harrell called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and conducted introductions.**

Commission members in attendance:

- Andrew (Drew) Harrell, MD (Chair) Representing NM Chapter of ACEP
- Mary Bailey, EMT-I Representing NM EMT- Intermediates
- Chelsea White, MD Representing NM Chapter of ACEP
- Aaron Teague Britnell Representing NM EMT-Paramedics
- Larry Tackman Representing the Public

Commission members absent:

- Vacant Representing NM Physicians
- Vacant Representing NM EMT-Basics

Department of Health (DOH) Staff present for the meeting were:

- Chris Woodward, Office of General Counsel
- Solange Pihut, EMS Program Manager
- Kyle Thornton, EMS Bureau Chief
- Peggy Ann Griego, EMS Licensing Manager

Guests in attendance:

1. Dan Nye
 2. Charles Schroeder
 2. Pete Farrow
 3. Leonard Elliot
 4. Jaime Lujan
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
 3. **With changes made to May 10, 2022, meetings minutes as well as the tabled minutes from February 8, 2022 meeting, were approved by Drew Harrel, seconded by Aaron Britnell.**
 4. Commissioner Harrell asked for if there was any Public Comment; there was none.

5. The Confidentiality Statements will not be reviewed until February 2023.
6. The Open Meetings Resolutions were not reviewed.
7. **At 10:12 am Mary Bailey motioned to close the meeting, pursuant to Section 10-15-1 H (1) NMSA 1978 of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, to discuss matters pertaining to the suspension, denial, renewal or revocation of individual EMS licenses, seconded by Chelsea White. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.**

CLOSED SESSION

1. **At 11:40 am Mary Bailey motioned for the Commission to return to open session, seconded by Chelsea White. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Commission returned to open session to consider matters concerning individual licensure and to hear staff reports. The matters discussed in the closed session were limited only to those specified in the matters for closure.**

OPEN SESSION

INVESTIGATIONS

Mary Bailey moved in the matter of Alejandro Sanchez, EMT-Basic; that a Letter of Concern be sent out to licensee based on DOH Rule 7.27.2.14(G)(3)(h) NMAC, “any demonstrated pattern of alcohol or substance abuse,” and DOH Rule 7.27.2.14(G)(3)(c) NMAC, “Unprofessional Conduct.” The motion was seconded by Chelsea White. The motion was approved.

Mary Bailey moved in the matter of Joetta Waupekenay, EMT-Basic; that no action be taken on licensee based on DOH Rule 7.27.2.14 (G)(3)(c) (vii) NMAC, “failure to make or keep accurate, intelligible entries in records as required by law, policy and standards for the practice of pre-hospital emergency care” and DOH Rule 7.27.2.14(G)(3)(c) NMAC, “Unprofessional Conduct.” The motion was seconded by Chelsea White. The motion was approved.

BACKGROUND CHECK VIOLATIONS

NAME	LEVEL	SUMMARY	VERIFICATION	ACTION
None.				

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT

The following individuals have been sanctioned for non-compliance with the Parental Responsibility Act:

NAME	LEVEL	ACTION	ACTION DATE	SUMMARY
None.				
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE RECEIVED				
None.				

No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.

NON SUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS

NAME	LEVEL	ACTION	AMOUNT Owed	SUMMARY
None				

No action was necessary by the EMS Licensing Commission.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

None.

WAIVER REQUESTS

NAME	LEVEL	REQUEST	SITUATION	EMS BUREAU RECOMMENDATION
None.				

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL UPDATE

In the case of Daniel DeMoore, the case had been appealed and taken to court, and licensee had license revoked. Licensee has the option to repeal this.

EMS BUREAU UPDATE

The National Registry is having talks of ending specific requirements surrounding CoA for paramedics. The current issued proposal/suggestion is to have a State alternative test to the National Registry test. This will not affect New Mexico rule for EMS as institutional accreditation is still required.

An expansion request has gone to legislation for \$85,000.

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The investigator position is attempted to be revived. The position was approved during 2019 legislation, but implementing it is still in the works.

Through the Office of Policy and Accountability, the EMS Legacy Act was submitted. The purpose for this is to designate a percentage of insurance costs for EMS, similar to the Fire Fund. This would create a continuous source of income. This is the 6th time that it has been submitted.

Rachel Marquez was hired for the Fund Act Coordinator position.


OTHER BUSINESS

This meeting was conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Meeting was appropriately posted in a timely manner.


The EMT-Basic Commissioner position is still open but a candidate has come forth. Letter of appointment is expected to be drafted on September 9 in order to confirm new Commissioner.

The next regularly scheduled EMS Licensing Commission meeting is to be determined as the Licensing Commission will decide on next year's meeting schedule during the last meeting of the year. The location will be determined.

Mary Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm, Aaron Teague Britnell seconded the motion with unanimous approval.



Andrew Harrell, Chair



Date