

Committee Minutes

AMBULANCE COMMITTEE REPORT March 3, 2026

Hello Board Members,

The ambulance committee met at 10:00am on Wednesday, March 4th in the Iris room of the State EMS Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Valentine, and a roll call was taken with seven of the eight regions represented and all three TASA representatives present thus confirming a quorum.

The first item of business was administrative elections for the committee:

- Rick Valentine was re-elected as chairman
- Brian Newberry was elected as vice-chairman
- Angie Shelton was re-elected as secretary

Old Business: There was a question on the status of the proposed telemedicine rules that were sent to the clinical issues committee for their review. Director Ward advised he would check the status of that item. No other old business.

New Business: Chairman Valentine opened a discussion about how our meetings are conducted with regards to not having new items of business and lengthy drive times for some committee members. Some meetings have only lasted 15 minutes with some committee members driving 3.5 - 4 hours for a short meeting. Tia from the legal department was present and came to the podium advising that virtual meetings were an option. Director Ward was going to investigate further the possibility of having a full and/or partial virtual committee meeting when needed.

White Paper: After a brief discussion about a possible white paper statement to the board regarding the ambulance committee, a small work group of Ted Cox, Joe Dunn, Dan Wheeley and Dustin Kemp agreed to work on this topic and have something to present to the committee at our June meeting. The final document should be presented to you at the June board meeting.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully,

Rick Valentine, Chairman