

AIR AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Air Ambulance Committee Meeting
Date	December 4, 2023
Time	10:00 am CST
Location	665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Room
Participants	Members present: Robbie Tester, Cindy Bailey, Kevin Nooner, Matthew Owens, Lesley Roberts, John Smith, Brian Tomkins, Brandon Ward

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary / Decision	Assignments / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
Robbie Tester	Roll Call	The meeting was called to order by Robbie Tester at 1001. Roll call was completed via introductions of members.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Election of chair	Motion by Matt Owens by elect Robbie Tester as chair. Motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Election of secretary	Terry Neal was the previous secretary with Kevin Nooner assisting in his absence. Motion by Les Roberts to elect Kevin Nooner as Secretary. Motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Robbie Tester	Dates for upcoming meetings	Historically committee meeting has been days immediately preceding the board meeting. Director Ward shared the EMS Board typically meets quarterly, but there are additional board meetings in January and February 2024. Committee meetings are currently scheduled for Mar 18, Sep 16, and Dec 9, 2024, at 1000. June 2024 board meeting is disciplinary only. Motion by Matt Owens to continue regular quarterly cadence of meetings independently of EMS Board meeting schedule and to schedule a 2nd quarter meeting, if possible, in the week of June 10, 2024, and adding additional meetings as necessary. Motion approved unanimously.	n/a	n/a	n/a

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		<p>Tentative schedule for meetings through 2026 received from EMS Office. Motion by Kevin Nooner to approve schedule: 2024 – March 18, June 17, September 16, December 9 2025 – March 17, June 16, September 15, December 8 2026 – March 16, June 15, September 14, December 7 Meetings at 1000 in Iris room. Motion approved unanimously.</p>			
Robbie Tester	Old Business	<p>Air Medical EMS Rules: The current rules were approved in 2007. Rules were revamped and submitted by Air Ambulance Committee in 2015. Around 2021, rules were again reviewed and revamped by the Air Ambulance committee. They were approved by the EMS Board and are now in OGC review. Robbie received questions on how our rules compare to neighboring states. Robbie responded that there are some differences, but the committee felt these were appropriate for our state and in line with national and accrediting body standards. After OGC review, they will go to an EMS rule-making hearing. After rule making, they will move to the Attorney General’s office for review, then to Governor for signature then Secretary of State for filing. Department of EMS has had an attorney change and is now represented by four attorneys (three discipline and one Board business). Robbie to distribute the most recent version of the proposed rules from OGC.</p> <p>This committee needs to construct the equipment list for air ambulances. Brian recommended to remain as consistent as possible with ground units with</p>	<p>Distribute updated rules.</p>	<p>Robbie Tester</p>	<p>Prior to next meeting</p>
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		consideration of weight and space. Director Ward suggested equipment list go to Clinical Issues prior to their Sept. meeting as that is when they review the equipment list and changes. Also need to consider any differences between rotor and fixed wing aircraft. Will plan to have a workgroup meeting prior to TASA Mid-Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, TN, on February 20, 2024, from 1200 – 1600 EST.			
Robbie Tester	New Business	Discussion on communication with ground EMS services. John shared that the TACN network includes two landing zone frequencies for each Grand Division. There has been some discussion on creating channels per division due to concern on volume on those channels and experiences of other states on a similar system.	Clarify landing zone channels and number being included in TACN	Brandon Ward	Next meeting
	Next Meeting	March 18, 2024, at 1000 in Iris Room	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by Matt Owens passed unanimously and meeting adjourned at 1100.	n/a	n/a	n/a

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kevin Nooner. Minutes are not necessarily recorded in order of discussion.