

Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice Meeting Summary November 15, 2023

Date: November 15, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern

Location: Microsoft Teams (Virtual Only)

I. Call to Order & Welcome - Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair

- The meeting of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice was convened virtually on November 15, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Chairman Kinney (IN) presided over the meeting, welcoming all attendees.
- Roll Call - Commissioner House (KS), Secretary
 - Secretary House (KS) conducted a roll call, confirming a quorum was present as recorded on the attached roster.
- Introduction of New Commissioners – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair
 - Chairman Kinney introduced the following new commissioners:
 - Bobbie Sullivan – Nevada
 - Dale Adkerson – Oklahoma
 - Teresa Windham – Mississippi
 - Michael Bateman – Colorado
 - Brittany Huss – Delaware
 - Mitch Stewart – South Carolina
 - **Upon motion of Joe Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Brad Vande Lune (IA), the Commission commended, and recognized the service of, former Commissioner Gary Brown who has announced his retirement from a long and productive career for the Commonwealth of Virginia.**
- Adoption of the Business Agenda – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair
 - Request made by Mark Herrera (UT) to amend the agenda by adding an Other Business section and to discuss endorsements under this agenda item.
 - **Upon motion by Herrera (UT) and a 2nd by Taz Meyer (MO), the Commission approved the agenda as amended and without dissent.**

II. Public Comments Regarding Matters Not on the Agenda – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair

- Brian Kliesen, a federal wildland firefighter from the state of New Mexico, provided information the state of New Mexico is re-energizing efforts to join the EMS Compact.

III. Old Business – Commissioner House (KS), Secretary

- House (KS) noted that moving forward, minutes for the full commission and for the Executive Committee would be in summary format and drafted/developed by the Commission's elected Secretary. The minutes for all committees of the Commission would also be in summary format and drafted/developed by the Commission's Executive Director.
- The meeting proceeded with the review and approval of the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes. **Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Herrera (UT), the Commission adopted and approved the June 13, 2023 meeting minutes as presented and without dissent.**

IV. New Business

- Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Vande Lune (IA), Treasurer
 - Vande Lune (IA) provided the report noted on page 7 of the November 15, 2023, Commission Book; noting the Commission is operating within our budget, and providing additional information of the NREMT still being the primary source of income and additional work with the NREMT in relation to assisting with travel expenses.

- Officer Election (Secretary Position) – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair
 - Kinney (IN) recapped the Vice Chair Election in June for the remainder of the term and the 1st full term of Commissioner Denny (ID) as Vice Chair.
 - The Nominations Committee, under Commissioner Schmider (TX), identified only a single nominee as Commissioner House (KS). There were no further nominations from the floor. **Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Michael Johnson (GA), nominations were closed. Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Herrera (UT) and having a single nominee, a unanimous ballot was cast. Secretary House was elected to his 2nd term.**
 - Chair's Report – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair
 - Kinney (IN) noted the Commission is looking at several initiatives: the funding from the NREMT; hearing from the Bylaws Committee; additional Bylaws and Rules coming at the future meetings; and increasing community outreach efforts to promote the EMS Compact and the Commission.
 - Executive Director's Report – Donnie Woodyard, EMS Compact Executive Director
 - Woodyard noted his report on pages 9 and 10 of the Commission Book and provided information upon the following items:
 - Highlighted the Purpose and Objectives of the EMS Compact
 - Federal Legislation for the movement of service members and their spouses that would exempt them from Licensure in many instances noting the exception clause excepting EMS Compact Member States.
 - Increased travel with the focus upon education
 - National EMS Coordinated Database, Administrator Update – Ray Mollers, NREMT
 - Mollers noted the NEMSCD Report on pages 19 and 20 of the Commission Book and provided information upon the following items:
 - Discipline and Member State Actions being updated in NEMSCD
 - Compliance in reporting
 - Transmission date for API – longest delay being about a week
 - Continuing to support on-boarding within states
 - Anticipating Nebraska and Tennessee to be the next full states on-boarded and then moving to focus upon Pennsylvania.
 - Bylaws Committee Report – Joe Schmider (TX), Immediate Past-Chair
 - Schmider (TX) noted their next meeting to be on November 28th at 2pm; looking at Section 10 for database requirements; and for Sections 3 and 11 also for database requirements and home state licensure. It was also anticipated to see bylaw amendment suggestions in the early part of 2024.
- V. Bylaws Change Hearing – Commissioner Kinney (IN), Chair
- Kinney (IN) noted the proposed change in Bylaws has the support of both the Bylaws Committee as well as the Executive Committee of the Commission. The change was to name the Commission as a body politic and was as noted on page 21 of the Commission Book. The Amendment to the Bylaws was published for over 30 days and did have one public comment, but no requests for a hearing.
 - **Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Herrera (UT), the Commission opened the public hearing on the proposed change to the Bylaws. Having received no additional comments during the hearing, upon motion of Meyer (MO) and a 2nd by Schmider (TX) and without dissent, the Commission closed the public hearing on the proposed changes.**
 - **Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Herrera (UT), the Commission adopted the Bylaws Change by Roll Call Vote and without dissent.**

VI. Federal Partners Update – None provided

VII. NGO & Professional Organizations Update – None provided

VIII. Executive Director Report (Part 2) – Donnie Woodyard, Compact Executive Director

- Review/Discuss Position Paper 2023-01: Biometric Background Checks (pages 11 and 12)
 - Woodyard provided an overview indicating this was a position coming from the industry perspective, not necessarily the member states. There is a 2025 deadline for all member states to be performing these biometric based criminal history record checks (note: background is being used as an interchangeable term, but the members states are required to perform criminal history record checks which are notably different from a background check).
 - **Upon motion of Schmider (TX) and a 2nd by Vande Lune (IA), the Commission tasked the Commission's Executive Committee to edit and adopt the final document with input from the full Commission.**
- Review/Discuss Position Paper 2023-02: Professional Code of Conduct (pages 13 and 14)
 - Woodyard provided an overview indicating this was for the Commission to adopt a position on the importance of having a code of conduct for EMS providers as it relates to multi-state practice under the privilege to practice.
 - **Upon motion of House (KS) and a 2nd by Johnson (GA), the Commission tasked Chairman Kinney (IN) to form a workgroup to formulate and work through this paper with updates provided to the Commission's Executive Committee.** It was noted this taskforce may include non-Commissioners, NGO partners, and federal partners.
- Review/Discuss Position Paper 2023-03: Workforce Protection and PII (pages 15 and 16)
 - Woodyard provided an overview indicating when workforce PII comes within bulk form, there is a threat to the workforce. This position states the public needs access in scenarios, but it should clearly be done without a bulk release of anything containing PII. The position calls for all states to review their policies in reviewing and protecting this information within their individual states.
 - **Chairman Kinney (IN) directed this be included within the workgroup formulating and working through 2023-02.**

IX. Other Business – Endorsements

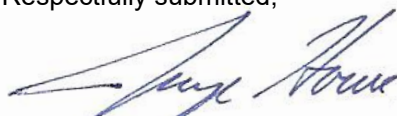
- Herrera (UT) brought forth a desire for the Commission to consider Critical Care endorsed members and to develop a method by which member states could utilize the EMS Compact to recognize this endorsement. Commission discussion yielded this topic would fit well within a workgroup as it was a scope of practice issue and not necessarily a license issue.

X. Adjourn Meeting

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm EST.

****Note: Where page numbers are noted, they are the page numbers within the Commission Book for the November 15, 2023 meeting unless noted otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph House, Secretary
EMS Compact Commissioner, Kansas