

Oregon Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board (EMSAB)

Meeting Summary

2025 Quarter 1 | February 2025



Slides and recording available upon request.

Appointed Board Members		
Name	Position	Attendance
David Lehrfeld	State EMS medical director (ex officio, chairperson)	Present
Marcus Allen	EMS provider – rural agency or rural hospital	Present
Natalie Booker	Hospital administrator	Present
Frank Ehrmantraut	Special districts representative	Present
Justin Gibbs	County ambulance service plan administrator	Present
Kevin Harris	Public safety answering point representative	Present
Doug Kelly	Non-transport representative	Present
Jamie Kennel	Patient advocate or education professional	Present
Matt Philbrick	EMS provider – private agency	Present
Nicolette Reilly	Long-term care facility representative	Present
Ritu Sahni	Emergency medical services physician	Present
Kris Siewert	Labor union representative	Present
Jordan Tyer	EMS provider – public agency	Present
Misty Wadzeck	Emergency department nurse	Present
Trish Weber	Rural hospital representative	Present

1. Call to Order (David Lehrfeld) (Timestamp: 0905)

- OHA EMS Program staff members introduced themselves.
- Roll call was conducted; quorum was met.

2. Board Member Introductions (Timestamp: 0916)

- Board members introduced themselves with their names, positions on the board, professional titles, and affiliations.
- Members were asked to fill in the blank: "Achieving equity in emergency care in Oregon will require ____." Sample answers included regulation, tools and training, leveraging expertise and different perspectives, teamwork, and legislative advocacy.

3. EMSAB Overview (Dana Selover, Oregon Health Authority Health Care Regulation and Quality Improvement Section) (Timestamp: 0934)

- Dana and David discussed the EMS Program's scope of work and the statutory charge of the Board under EMS Modernization ([HB 4081](#), now [OL 2024 Ch 32](#)).
- EMSAB's 2025 goals include orientation and board formation in Quarter 1, reviewing time-sensitive emergency state standards in Quarters 2 and 3, and advising on regionalization in Quarter 4.

- 4. Bylaws (Stella Scott, Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program) (Timestamp: 1039)**
 - a. Stella reviewed the Board's draft bylaws, including proposed additions to the Committee's statutory membership.
 - b. Members discussed how to phrase the frequency of the Board's meetings in the bylaws in Article VI.
 - Frank Ehrmantraut motioned for Article VI (A) to read, "The EMSAB shall meet at a minimum two meetings per year or at the request of the chairperson."
 - Second: Misty Wadzeck
 - The group discussed, with several members arguing in favor of increasing the prescribed frequency. Clarification was requested about the notice period if the chairperson requests an additional meeting; Stella answered that meetings are scheduled a year in advance.
 - Stella explained that the bylaws can be revised at any point if a member requests.
 - Frank amended his motion to "at a minimum of four meetings year or at the request of the chairperson."
 - Second: Marcus Allen
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
 - c. The Board voted to approve the bylaws.
 - Motion to approve: Misty Wadzeck
 - Second: Ritu Sahni
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- 5. Vice Chairperson Election (Stella Scott) (Timestamp: 1117)**
 - a. The Board needed to elect one officer position, the vice chairperson.
 - b. Natalie Booker nominated Matt Philbrick to serve as vice chairperson.
 - Matt accepted the nomination.
 - Nomination was seconded by Frank Ehrmantraut.
 - No other nominations were brought forward.
 - Matt abstained from voting; all other appointed members voted in favor.
- 6. Advisory Committees Overview (Stella Scott, Nicole Perkins, and Rachel Ford, Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program) (Timestamp: 1215)**
 - a. Stella explained the new tiered board and committee structure under EMS Modernization, including which groups are planned to start in 2025, 2026, and 2027.
 - b. The EMS Modernization legislation specified some positions for each advisory committee. The Board was asked to advise on and approve additional positions for each committee and subcommittee.
 - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
 - Following group discussion, the Board decided to change to "EMS provider or ambulance-based clinician," to expand the EMS education position description to include agency-based educators, and to remove 'rural' from the law enforcement representative position.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee – Licensing and Discipline Subcommittee
 - Following group discussion, the Board moved forward with adopting the positions as proposed.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
- Time-Sensitive Medical Emergencies Advisory Committee and Subcommittees
 - Following group discussion, the Board decided to substitute one nurse position on each of the cardiac, stroke, and trauma subcommittees for an EMS provider and move forward with the positions as proposed for the main committee.
 - Separate votes were held for each subcommittee and for the main committee; motions carried for all four votes.
- EMS for Children Advisory Committee
 - The Board moved forward with adopting the positions as proposed.
 - All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

7. **Behavioral Health Integration (Nicole Perkins) (Timestamp: 1421)**
 - a. The behavioral health work described in the EMS Modernization bill will require significant collaboration and coordination with Oregon Health Authority partners to avoid redundancy and set scope appropriately.
 - b. Sarah Adelhart, manager of Oregon Health Authority's 988 and Crisis System Program, provided brief background on her team's work and answered member questions.
8. **EMS Program Director and Manager Updates (Dana Selover and Adam Wagner, Oregon Health Authority Emergency Medical Services Program) (Timestamp: 1438)**
 - a. The EMS Program has significant load this legislative session, with many bills under consideration that would require program involvement.
 - b. Adam has conducted recruitments for several new team members across the data, administrative support, and licensure portfolios.
 - c. EMS personnel licensure renewals for EMT through Paramedic will take place April through June. Workforce survey questions will be included.
9. **Key Takeaways (Nicole Perkins) (Timestamp: 1441)**
 - a. The EMS Program will be recruiting for many board and committee vacancies. Members were encouraged to tell their networks about the opportunities to serve.
 - b. Next meeting will be held May 9, 2025, 0900-1500, in person at the Portland State Office Building.
10. **Public Comment (Timestamp: 1452)**
 - a. Kathy Tompkins asked about ensuring equitable representation across the state on the advisory committees. Dana Selover stated that the membership lists display the region each member is representing. Stella Scott mentioned that the requirement for representation is in statute. Nicole Perkins emphasized the role of committee

recruitment in ensuring a diverse candidate pool, and that the EMS Program considers regional representation in selection.

Meeting adjourned at 1458.

Next meeting:

May 9, 2025, 0900-1500, in person
Portland State Office Building, Room 177
800 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR, 97232