

Rules and Regulations Committee
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Virginia Public Safety Training Center, Hanover, Va
April 30, 2026 at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Kim Craig - Chair		Ron Passmore	Bruce Stratton
Beth Adams – Vice Chair		Doug Layton	Bryan Kimberlin
Cody Jackson			Gary Samuels
David Hupp			Matthew Allen
Jason Stroud			John H. Craig III
Theresa Kingsley			Debbie Akers
Drew DeHaven			Byron Andrews
Steve Higgins			Joseph Williams
Janet Blankenship - virtual			
Karen Owens – virtual			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	<p>I. Called to order - Quorum Present</p> <p>II. 2 Members of the committee on Remote Participation: Janet Blankenship and Karen Owens, Motion Made by Cody Jackson and Second by Theresa Kingsley to allow members to participate remotely. Motion Approved.</p> <p>III. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>IV. Approval of July 2025, November 2025 & February 2026 meeting minutes with Revision of correction of date on the November Heading and removal of incomplete sentence in the February minutes. Motion made by Beth Adams; seconded by Cody Jackson to approve the presented meeting minutes with revisions.</p>	
II. Introductions:	Attendees and audience members introduced themselves	
III. Staff Report	<p><i>Chapter 32 Workgroup report:</i> Report given by Beth Adams – Chair of Workgroup</p> <p>The Chapter 32 work group was appointed in January 2026 for review of the suggested edits. The update of Chapter 32 began in 2017 but was stalled in the Office of Attorney General, requiring the review process to start over. The Rules and Regulation committee recommended reopening the review to allow Advisory Board committees to examine the portions of Chapter 32 relevant to their scopes and submit proposed edits. The Advisory Board approved this approach at the November 2025</p>	

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	<p>meeting. The workgroup is responsible for reviewing and resolving the proposed edits to Chapter 32 and documents incorporated by reference (DIBR), for instance the Required Equipment List (RVEL)</p> <p>The work group meets biweekly (2nd and 4th Tuesdays, March–July; adjusted in May). The meetings are open to the public and posted on Virginia Town Hall.</p> <p>Goal is to submit the final draft of Chapter 32 to the Rules and Regulations committee at the August 2026 meeting, for approval at the November 2026 meeting and then forward to the Advisory Board with approval at the February 2026 meeting. Once approved can move to the regulatory process</p> <p>Key Progress Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Medical Committee input reviewed and largely finalized. This included updates to personnel roles, certifications, training requirements, and updates to required vehicle/equipment lists reflecting current industry practice. • The work group began line-by-line review of 113-page Chapter 32 document. Article I (Definitions) completed and Article II review initiated. • Medical Direction Committee submitted proposed Chapter 32 edits and a proposed standalone compliance manual (DIBR). The consensus is that compliance manual is out of scope for this work group at this time. The decision was made to table the compliance manual effort until after Chapter 32 completion. • The TPAM document is intended for inclusion by reference. The committee emphasized urgency for delivery to the work group. 	

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<p>IV. Regulation and Compliance Enforcement Updates</p>	<p>Regulation and Compliance Division Update - New Virginia Commissioner of Health appointed, Dr. Webb. Delegated authority for variances and exemptions under Chapter 31 requires reauthorization with each new commissioner. Currently, variance requests may continue to be processed. Final approval notifications are on hold pending delegated authority approval from the Commissioner.</p> <p><i>Variance Request #8572 Cumberland Fire and EMS - Request: Temporary variance allowing two QRVs to operate using portable radios only following catastrophic lightning strike on the radio infrastructure. A new radio system is scheduled to come online in August; agency seeking to avoid installing equipment soon to be replaced. The scope is limited to non-transport units. Motion made by Cody Jackson; seconded by Jason Stroud for Approval of variance. Outcome: Approved by committee (pending Commissioner authorization).</i></p> <p><i>Exemption Request #8672 Stafford County Fire and Rescue - Request: Variance to replace rigid cervical collars with soft cervical collars and backboards with Reeves stretchers. This is supported by the medical director and consistent with emerging evidence-based practices. The attendees acknowledged overlap with ongoing required equipment list review. Motion made by Drew DeHaven; seconded by Steve Higgins. Approve variance. Outcome: Approved by committee (pending Commissioner authorization).</i></p> <p><i>EVOC course review request for approval Update from Work group</i></p> <p><i>a. National Safety Council, CEVO5 - Reviewed by EVOC work group. The program well-structured and comprehensive. It is recommended that course be edited to include content specific to Virginia traffic laws. Motion made by</i></p>	

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	<p>David Hupp; seconded by Cody Jackson. Approval of CEVO-5 program. Outcome: Approved; program to be added to approved list (not reliant on Commissioner approval).</p> <p><i>b. Simulator-Based EVOC Program</i> – The program was reviewed by work group. It was determined as suitable as a prerequisite or supplemental training but was not ready for standalone EVOC program approval. Motion: by Cody Jackson; seconded by David Hupp not to approve program. Outcome: Motion approved; program not accepted.</p>	
V. Unfinished Business:	<p>Committee Leadership & Administrative Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair: Beth Adams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made and approved to ratify appointment. • Recording Secretary: Karen Owens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made and approved to ratify appointment. 	
VI. Public Comment:	none	
VII. Date of Next Meeting:	August 6, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. November 5, 2026 9:15	
VIII. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 10:00	