

Virginia EMS Advisory Board State Medical Direction Committee Official Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Medical Direction Committee was called to order.

2. Attendance

Members present: Joe Lang; George Lindbeck; Kayla Long; Allen Yee; John Morgan; Asher Brand; Paul Phillips, (remote); Stewart Martin; Scott Weir, John Morgan; Kevin Gutterman (EMS for Children); Charles Lane; Tania White; Eddie Ferguson (remote)

3. Approval of Remote Participation

Remote participation was approved by unanimous consent without objection.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Martin

Second: Morgan

Vote: Unanimous approval.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: Gutterman

Second: Yee

Vote: Unanimous approval.

6. Special Report – Epidemiology

Ms. Daisy Banta presented updates on EMS system performance, including dashboard metrics and call volume trends. The Committee discussed stroke indicator definitions, including alignment with national standards. Consensus supported continued emphasis on 'last known well,' with consideration for dual reporting alongside symptom onset. Performance on blood glucose documentation and stroke destination metrics aligns with national benchmarks. Trauma temperature management was discussed, with opportunities for statewide improvement identified.

Action: Ms. Banta will provide retrospective data and continue ongoing data tracking.

7. DEA and Board of Pharmacy Matters

Dr. Yee reported that Virginia remains compliant with federal medication access requirements. Discussion included potential regulatory changes related to temperature monitoring of medication storage areas.

8. Old Business

a. FARC Funding Tiers:

Motion (Yee/Long) to move POCUS to Tier 3.

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Recommendation: Request one-year outcome reports from funded EMS agencies.

b. Resuscitation White Paper:

Chair requested formation of a workgroup under Dr. Brand.

c. Committee Regulations:

Update provided regarding Chapter 32 workgroup.

d. Bylaws:

Revisions approved by Executive Committee; pending Advisory Board review cycle.

9. Workgroup Reports

a. Pediatric Pain Project – Update provided.

b. MIH Project – Update provided.

c. LZ Safety Project:

Initial motion failed (4–3). Revised motion (Brand/Yee) to approve infographic as amended passed unanimously.

d. EMS to HEMS Handover – Further evaluation requested.

e. Incapacitated Pilots – No action recommended.

f. REVLS – Draft reviewed; vote deferred. Discussion included equipment considerations.

10. New Business

a. At-Large Membership – Interest solicited.

b. Turnout Gear – Discussion regarding safety versus PFAS exposure; additional stakeholder input to be obtained.

c. Vacant Trauma Position – No additional discussion recorded.

11. OEMS Report

Dr. Beerman-Foat reported significant staffing shortages and ongoing operational restructuring. Process improvements, training initiatives, and system stabilization efforts are underway. Stakeholders were asked to exercise patience during the transition period.

12. State Medical Director Report

No proposed changes to scope of practice or formulary. OMD training initiatives are being expanded, including virtual offerings.

13. TECC Report

Dr. Lane reported ongoing review of Emergency Care (EC) program structure, including EC1 and EC2 designations.

14. OEMS Funding Discussion

Overview of EMS funding structure provided. Federal Rural Health Transformation Grant application submitted by VDH.

15. Public Comment

Stakeholder discussion regarding development of an Advanced Practice Paramedic role.

16. Future Meetings

July 9, 2026

October 1, 2026

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned By Dr. Lang