Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Wisconsin Division of Public Health
Office of Preparedness and Emergency Health Care
Emergency Medical Services Section
Emergency Medical Services Board Meeting
Minutes Day 1

Date: September 1, 2026
Facilitator: Mark Mandler
Recorder: Helen Pullen

Meeting Invitees:

P	Jerry Biggart, Chair	P	Christopher Anderson, Vice Chair	P	Michael Clark MD
P	Dallas Dietzel	V	Christopher Eberlein MD	V	Frederick Hornby
V	Keith Melvin	V	Amanda Mulvey	P	Adam Rahn
P	Alyssa Cahoon	P	James Small	P	Greg West, Secretary
P	Steven Zils MD				

Agenda:

September 1, 2026 Meeting				
Time:	**Topic:**	**Lead:**	**Follow-up Items:**	**Notes:**
9:17 AM	Welcome and Board member check-in day 1.	Chris Anderson, Vice Chair		
9:17 AM	Call the EMS Board Meeting to order	Jerry Biggart, Chair		
9:18 AM	Board member announcement(s) and review of committee meeting logistics. Committee meetings will occur in succession, in the order listed below, with a 10-minute break between standing committee workgroup sessions. Approximate start and end times are provided for reference. Nonetheless, the meetings will continue in succession, and breaks will be taken between each meeting.	Jerry Biggart, Chair		
9:18 AM	**EMS for Children**	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		
9:19 AM	Roll call of committee members	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		
9:20 AM	Approval of committee meeting minutes	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		Motion to approve by Rebbecca Eklsetad, seconded by Laura Kalsure. All in favor; motion carried.
9:20 AM	Public comment opportunity to committee (2 minutes per attendee unless pre-authorized by Chair)	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		
9:22 AM	Performance Measure's document highlights	Carissa Brunner		

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9:37 AM	Advisory Committee Updates i. Regional Trauma Advisory Council Coordinator position (vote)	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs, Carissa Brunner		
9:40 AM	National Pediatric Readiness (NPRP) i. Emergency Department Assessment score updates	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs, Carissa Brunner		
9:41 AM	Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Recognition Program i. Quick updates	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		
10:04 AM	Other projects and updates i. Education Workshop ii. Pediatric Readiness updates iii. Pediatric Mental Health Grant updates iv. In-Person meeting reminder November 13	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs, Carissa Brunner		
10:08 AM	Adjourn committee	Dr. Michael Kim/Dr. Lorin Browne/Chairs		Motion to adjourn by Rebbecca Eklsetad, seconded by Tom Boyer. All in favor; motion carried.
10:21 AM	**System Quality & Data Committee**	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
10:21 AM	Roll call and introduction of committee members	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
10:24 AM	Approval of previous committee meeting minutes	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
10:24 AM	Public comment opportunity to committee (2 minutes per attendee unless pre-authorized by Chair)	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
10:24 AM	WARDS updates, annual report out, general discussion	Ela Dolski		
10:26 AM	General overview of EMS data including Biospatial and public information; Falls, Opiate, Violence Data Report update and discussion if available	Will Koehne		
10:50 AM	National EMS Quality Alliance (NEMSQA) performance measures	Will Koehne		

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	i. Safety 01, Safety 02, Syncope 01			
11:05 AM	Pediatric specific data discussion	Dr. Michael Kim		
11:09 AM	CARES Wisconsin update	Office		
11:11 AM	Discuss future subcommittee meetings	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
11:11AM	Discuss and develop new business items for the future	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
11:12 AM	Adjourn	Dr. Chris Eberlein, Chair		
11:20 AM	**Rural EMS**	James Small, Chair		
11:20 AM	Roll call and introduction of committee members	James Small, Chair		
11:22 AM	Public comment opportunity to committee (2 minutes per attendee unless pre-authorized by Chair)	James Small, Chair		
11:22 AM	Discussion regarding: i. Review of previous work on the Rural subcommittee ii. Discussions on ongoing rural EMS reliability challenges iii. Future topics at future meetings	James Small, Chair		
11:45 AM	Develop recommendations to send to: i. EMS Board subcommittees for discussion ii. Directly to EMS Board for discussion (if needed)	James Small, Chair		Motion to address funding strategies, active versus inactive roster measurement and teaching EMS on how to engage municipal leaders. Made by Cody Doucette, second by Dan Gellert. All in favor; motion carried.
11:57 AM	Schedule date for next meeting for December 1, 2026, at 15:15	James Small, Chair		
12:00 AM	Adjourn committee	James Small, Chair		Motion to adjourn by Cody Doucette, seconded by Robert Lulling. All in favor; motion carried.

	12:00-13:15 (Approximately) Lunch on your own (immediately following the Education & Training Meeting). A quorum of Board members may be present; however, Board business will not be discussed or conducted at this time.			
1:15 PM	**System Management & Development Committee**	Chris Anderson, Chair		
1:15 PM	Roll call and introduction of committee members	Chris Anderson, Chair		
1:17 PM	Approval of previous committee meeting minutes	Chris Anderson, Chair		
1:18 PM	Public comment opportunity to committee (2 minutes per attendee unless pre-authorized by Chair)	Chris Anderson, Chair		
1:18 PM	EMS Section update items	Mark Mandler, EMS Section Manager		
1:18 PM	Community Paramedic presentation and data	Matt Koz, Wausau Fire Department		
1:45 PM	Discuss and develop ideas on referrals from Rural EMS subcommittee related to ambulance response reliability	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:32 PM	Discuss and develop ideas and concepts to prevent violence toward emergency medical practitioners	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:35 PM	Discuss and develop concepts for the use of artificial intelligence (A.I.) in emergency medical services	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:36 PM	Discuss the use of body-worn cameras by EMS practitioners	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:39 PM	Discuss options for screening patients for weapons	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:44 PM	Request from hospital system to reinforce WARDS upload within 24 hours i. Requirement to leave written report at patient hand-off	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:53 PM	Request from hospital system on EMS access to WARDS trauma outcome data	Chris Anderson, Chair		

2:54 PM	Discuss and develop future new business items	Chris Anderson, Chair		
2:55 PM	Adjourn	Chris Anderson, Chair		Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Meyers, seconded by Jessica Montgomery. All in favor; motion carried.
3:00 PM	**Physician's Advisory Committee (PAC)**	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		
3:03 PM	Roll call and introduction of committee members	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		
3:03 PM	Approval of previous committee meeting minutes	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		Motion to approve by Dr. Marquis, seconded by Dr. Zemple. All in favor; motion carried.
3:03 PM	Public comment opportunity to committee (2 minutes per attendee unless pre-authorized by Chair)	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		
3:05 PM	EMS Section report	Mark Mandler, EMS Section Manager		
3:05 PM	State EMS Medical Director report	Dr. Riccardo Colella		
3:06 PM	Discussion, review and possible action on EMR, EMT, AEMT, Intermediate, Paramedic scope of practice i. Ultrasound at the paramedic (optional) level	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		Motion by Dr. Eberlein to support as an optional skill at the paramedic level for use of ultrasound as a procedural adjunct for pericardiocentesis, surgical airway, vascular access (currently approved paramedic scope optional skills). Seconded by Dr. Clark. Modified motion by Dr. Eberlein to support as an optional skill at the paramedic level for use of ultrasound as a procedural adjunct for vascular access. Seconded by Dr. Clark. In favor: Dr. Eberlein, Dr. Clark, Dr. Engel, Dr. Zemple, Dr. Schultz, Dr. Kronenfeld, and Dr. Marquis. Against: Dr. Zils. Motion carries.

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				Motion made by Dr. Zils to request the EMS Board to request the EMS Section to open rule to allow for authority of the EMS Section to approve or deny optional skills requested by EMS services. Dr. Eberlein seconds. All in favor; motion carried.
4:30 PM	Discussion, review and possible action on best practice document for controlled substances and service provider DEA license update	Dr. Bob Zemple		
4:35 PM	Review STEMI/stroke/trauma destination position statement	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		
4:38PM	Discuss and develop future new business items	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		
4:38 PM	Adjourn	Dr. Steven Zils, Chair		Motion to adjourn by Dr. Engel, seconded by Dr. Kronenfeld. All in favor; motion carried.
4:39 PM	Recess Board Meeting until 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 2026	Jerry Biggart, Chair		

Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting	Date	Time	Facilitator/Host
EMS Board and Subcommittees	December 1-2, 2026	9:00 AM	
EMS Board and Subcommittees	March 2-3, 2027	9:00 AM	
EMS Board and Subcommittees	June 1-2, 2027	9:00 AM	
EMS Board and Subcommittees	September 14-15, 2027	9:00 AM	
EMS Board and Subcommittees	December 7-8, 2027	9:00 AM	

Resources:
Link for the recording of the meeting day one:

https://dhswi.zoomgov.com/rec/share/AoTN1WZ3iqSiK-GkTCStfl40Cy-SZGt_brTGzRufJJklXv0dix0rmFioalsV_BK-.CtDvLY_AfvcCYFBb