

# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

*1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553*



## Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**11:00 AM**

**777 Arnold Drive, 1st Floor, Paramount Room, Martinez |  
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## **Emergency Medical Care Committee**

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

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| <b>Present</b>    | Grace Ahn, Archie Bowles, Xon Burris, Melinda Elayda, Gary Giusti, Michael Gregory, Kacey Hansen, Ari Kestler, James Lambert, James Lang, Ellen Leng, Kate Lewis, Lance Maples, Glenn McIntyre, Joshua McMurray, Wayne Repard, and Judy Woo |
| <b>Absent</b>     | Jonas Aguiar, Nicholas Fajardo, Chad Pierce, and Scott Vermillion   |
| <b>Non-voting</b> | Marshall Bennett, and Senai Kidane  |

2. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2024 meeting

**A motion was made by McMurray, seconded by Gregory, to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Motion:** McMurray

**Second:** Gregory

**Aye:** Bowles, Burris, Gregory, Kestler, Lambert, Lewis, Maples, McIntyre, McMurray, Repard, and Woo

**Absent:** Aguiar, Fajardo, Pierce, and Vermillion

**Abstain:** Ahn, Elayda, Giusti, Hansen, Lang, and Leng

**Result:** Passed

3. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

No public comment.

4. Chair's Report - James Lambert, EMCC Chair

-Welcomed the new members in the room.

-The hospital census began to drop in the past week, and hopefully, it will continue to drop and not start to increase in May as it did in 2024.

5. Members' Reports

No reports.

6. CCCEMSA Staff Reports - CCCEMSA PHCC Staff Members

-CCCEMSA Prehospital Care Coordinator (PHCC) Landee Lynn gave a brief presentation on the STEMI and Stroke systems of care, giving an overview of the programs, including some data, goals, and community impact.

-CCCEMSA PHCC Ben Keizer gave a brief presentation on the programs he is responsible for, giving a brief overview and some data. Keizer is responsible for EMT certifications and paramedic accreditations, public safety first aid programs, the EMT AED service provider program, and the professional standards program, including investigations and taking certification or licensure action.

## 7. Fire Chiefs' Report - Fire Executive Chief Representative

No report.

## 8. Quarterly 911 Transport Providers Report - Chief Xon Burris CCCFPD, Chief Lance Maples SRVFPD

Chief Burris (CCCFPD):

-CCCFPD is opening up a lateral paramedic recruitment; the job posting is open now.

-The Alliance is working on outfitting ten new ambulances to go prepare to go through the approval process.

-Contra Costa College is graduating their paramedic cohort on March 26th; 12 of the 19 students are CCCFPD firefighter paramedics and most of them will practice in Contra Costa County. The Program Director provided a statement giving some program updates. The program is in search of more clinical sites, including pediatric sites.

-BLS tiered response is potentially expanding the West county; will provide any updates at the June EMCC meeting.

-APOT continues to be an issue.

Chief Maples (SRVFPD):

-SRVFPD is averaging 25 transports a day; wall times have been somewhat of an issue, but are not delaying service.

-Fire academy began the first of this year; four members of the group drawn from single role paramedics.

-Fleet upgrades have been made this year.

-Behavioral Health program continues to grow. Eighteen percent of behavioral health calls are firefighter first calls. The community is learning about crisis centers and calling 988 as a resource.

## 9. EMCC Executive Committee Non-Officer Vacancy &amp; Nominating Committee - Rachel Morris Staff to EMCC, James Lambert EMCC Chair

-There is currently one non-officer position vacancy on the executive committee. A motion was made by Maples, seconded by Woo to nominate member Burris to fill the vacancy. The motion carried by the following vote:

-Per the Bylaws, it is time to identify EMCC members who are willing to participate on the EMCC Officer Nominating Committee. Staff Morris gave an overview of the bylaws pertaining to the Executive Committee. Chair Lambert asked if anyone is interested in participating. Members Giusti, Leng, and McIntyre volunteered. Staff Morris will work with the nominating committee.

**A motion was made by Maples, seconded by Woo, to nominate member Burris to fill the vacant non-officer position on the EMCC executive committee. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Motion:** Maples

**Second:** Woo

**Aye:** Ahn, Bowles, Burris, Elayda, Giusti, Gregory, Hansen, Kestler, Lambert, Lang, Leng, Lewis, Maples, McIntyre, McMurray, Repard, and Woo

**Absent:** Aguiar, Fajardo, Pierce, and Vermillion

**Result:** Passed

10. EMS Medical Director's Report - Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director

-CCCEMSA is reviewing field treatment guidelines to see if there is any opportunity to improve the delivery of care given to our citizens, including feedback for new medications, drugs, devices, and innovations. This year a conference panel was held to solicit direct feedback from field providers and provider agencies with the hope of increasing facetime between CCCEMSA and the providers in the spirit of collaboration. At least five proposals for enhancements to the system were received and after considering all proposals, at least a few will most likely be adopted.

11. EMS Director's Report - Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Director

-The current contract for emergency ambulance services in Areas 1, 2, and 5 is currently held by CCCFPD with AMR as the subcontractor expires on December 31 of this year. The RFP for the next contract cycle was approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 4th, and on the next day it was submitted to EMSA. CCCEMSA is waiting to hear back.

-EMS Plans from 2018 to 2023 that CCCEMSA submitted to EMSA back in 2024 are still in process with Bennett working with the EMSA Director.

-Recent MCI management has been challenging. There has been an uptick in the number of MCIs since COVID and some noncompliance demonstrated at a lot of levels on the scorecard. Increased communication between providers and facilities can improve the situation, and stakeholders are welcome to propose any ideas for improving the situation. CCCEMSA will work to create an opportunity for additional discussion on the topic.

-The Deputy Director position for CCCEMSA has been approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 4th. Another PHCC position is also being recruited.

12. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 10, 2025.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

**Attachments:**

[March 11 EMCC Materials Packet](#)

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For Additional Information Contact: Rachel Morris, [rachel.morris@cchealth.org](mailto:rachel.morris@cchealth.org)

EMCC Attendance 2024-2026

| Seats  | EMCC Members     | 12/3/2024 | 3/11/2025 | 6/10/2025 | 9/9/2025 | 12/9/2025 | 3/10/2026 | 6/9/2026 | 9/8/2026 |
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| B 1<br>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association                      | Grace Ahn        | Absent    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 2<br>American Heart Associaton                                     | Kate Lewis       | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 3<br>American Red Cross  | Michael Gregory  | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 4<br>California Highway Patrol                                     | Wayne Repard     | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 5<br>Communications Center Managers' Association                   | Judy Woo         | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 6<br>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association                         | Jonas Aguiar     | Absent    | Absent    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 7<br>Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association                       | Scott Vermillion | Present   | Absent    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 8<br>Emergency Nurses Association                                  | Melinda Elayda   | Vacant    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 9<br>Hospital Council, Bay Area Division                           | James Lambert    | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 10<br>Public Managers' Association                                 | Joshua McMurray  | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 11<br>Trauma Center (Contra Costa Contract)                        | Kacey Hansen     | Vacant    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 12<br>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff                           | James Lang       | Vacant    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| B 13<br>Contra Costa Health Services - Behavioral Health             | Chad Pierce      | Present   | Absent    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 1<br>Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa 9-1-1 Service Contract)     | Xon Burris       | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 2<br>Air Medical Transportation Provider (Contra Costa Authorized) | Glenn McIntyre   | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 3<br>EMS Training Institution                                      | Gary Giusti      | Absent    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 4<br>Private Provider Field Paramedic                              | Nicholas Fajardo | Present   | Absent    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 5<br>Public Provider Field Paramedic                               | Lance Maples     | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| C 6<br>Emergency Department Physicians                               | Ari Kestler      | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| District I (Gioia)   | Vacant           | Vacant    | Vacant    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| District II (Andersen)   | Archie Bowles    | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| District III (Burgis)  | Nina Silva       | Absent    | Absent    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| District IV (Carlson)  | Ellen Leng       | Absent    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| District V (Scales-Preston)  | Vacant           | Vacant    | Vacant    |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| E 1<br>Ex Officio  | Marshall Bennett | Absent    | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
| E 2<br>Ex Officio  | Senai Kidane     | Present   | Present   |           |          |           |           |          |          |
|  | Quorum           |           |           |           |          |           |           |          |          |

\*Special Meeting

Advisory Body + Brown Act done

Meeting Attendance Requirements per the Bylaws:

- A. EMCC members shall attend EMCC meetings.
- B. A member who cannot attend a meeting must notify the Chair and may have one excused absence in a twelve month period.
- C. Whenever a member does not attend two regularly scheduled meetings, within a rolling twelve month period, complete their Brown Act requirements or fails to meet the criteria for sitting on the advisory body the EMS Agency shall notify the nominating agency/organization of the absences and request appropriate action.
- D. Members must complete the required Ethics and Brown Act training provided by the County within three months of appointment and submit the "Training Certification for Member of County Advisory Body" form to EMS staff prior to participating at any meeting.
- E. Members who do not complete the Ethics and Brown Act training within 3 months may not further participate until the requirement is fulfilled.
- F. Ethics and Brown Act training is recommended to be completed every two years while serving on a County Advisory Committee.