

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 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 11:08 a.m.

Present Grace Ahn, Archie Bowles, Xon Burris, Melinda Elayda, Nicholas Fajardo, Michael Gregory, Kacey Hansen, James Lambert, Ellen Leng, Lance Maples, Rebecca Pfeifer-Rosenblum, Chad Pierce, Scott Vermillion, and Judy Woo

Absent Jonas Aguiar, Gary Giusti, Ari Kestler, James Lang, Kate Lewis, Glenn McIntyre, Regina Rubier, and Wayne Repard

Non-voting Marshall Bennett, and Senai Kidane

2. Approval of Minutes from the June 10, 2025 meeting

A motion was made by Fajardo, seconded by Bowles, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Motion: Fajardo

Second: Bowles

Aye: Ahn, Bowles, Burris, Elayda, Fajardo, Gregory, Hansen, Lambert, Leng, Maples, Pfeifer-Rosenblum, Pierce, Vermillion, and Woo

Absent: Aguiar, Giusti, Kestler, Lang, Lewis, McIntyre, Rubier, and Repard

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).

Public comment was given regarding the paramedic accreditation process.

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

No report.

5. Members' Reports - Presentation of new slate of officers for EMCC Executive Committee by Nominating Committee

A motion was made by Burris, seconded by Lambert, to approve the new slate for the 2025-2027 Executive Committee. The slate includes Maples for Chair, Elayda for Vice Chair, and Fajardo and Pierce for the non-officer positions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Motion: Burris

Second: Lambert

Aye: Ahn, Bowles, Burris, Elayda, Fajardo, Gregory, Hansen, Lambert, Leng, Maples, Pfeifer-Rosenblum, Pierce, Vermillion, and Woo

Absent: Aguiar, Giusti, Kestler, Lang, Lewis, McIntyre, Rubier, and Repard
Result: Passed

6. CCCEMSA Staff Report(s) - CCCEMSA PHCC Staff Member(s)

-CCCEMSA Prehospital Care Coordinator (PHCC) Geoff Martin gave a brief presentation on infometrics, APOT, dispatch liaison, field treatment guideline development, system development, cardiac arrest system of care, EMS mobile app, and opioid multi-agency response initiative (OMRI).

7. CCH Integration of Outreach and Response - Matt Kaufmann, Contra Costa Health Deputy Director

Kaufmann spoke on the coordinated outreach and response teams within Contra Costa Health. There are upwards of 5 to 6 teams in the field, developed over the years. The teams include A3 (anyone, anywhere anytime); CORE (coordinated outreach and referral engagement); Transitions team; MHET (mental health evaluation team); and HCH (health care for the homeless). To aid in coordination of the teams, a new Director of Community Response role within Contra Costa Health has been created. Kaufmann spoke of the future direction of the teams and potential impacts.

8. Implementation of EMD Card 38 - Judy Woo, CCCFPD Fire Communications Manager

Members Woo and Burris spoke on challenges presented by the January 1, 2026 implementation of Card 38. CCCEMSA memorandum 25-MEMO-008 was referenced.

9. Fire Chiefs' Report - Fire Executive Chief Representative

No report.

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

Chief Burris (CCCFPD):

-Since last meeting in June, BLS ambulances are being dispatched to approved calls in Zone B with 70 or more transports on some days. Integration of Richmond Fire into calls is projected. Dispatch centers will need to be coordinated.

-APOT numbers are holding steady since the implementation of the signing tool.

-CCCFPD has a new medical director, Dr. Craig DeVinney.

Chief Maples (SRVFPD):

-A new drill grounds, funded by Measure X, will have a grand opening with a ribbon cutting.

-Q3 training is ready to close out. Training materials can be made available to other providers.

-SRVFPD is working with EMSA on a potential telehealth pilot program.

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

Training for updated 2026 field treatment guidelines will be released to field providers soon. Kidane spoke on some of the system updates that will be included in the training.

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

-Introduced new CCCEMSA Assistant Director, Guy Valente.

-The RFP and EMS Plan remains at EMSA with no movement. County counsel is involved to encourage movement.

-Working on an extension to the Alliance contract to ensure no gaps in service.

13. The next meeting is currently scheduled for December 2, 2025.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Attachments:

[Sept 23 EMCC Materials Packet](#)

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