



# Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council

## Board of Directors Meeting

Held Via Zoom

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

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#### *GUESTS*

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Alisha Reakoff, Inova Health System, [alisha.reakoff@inova.org](mailto:alisha.reakoff@inova.org)

### *Call to Order*

Council President Anne Marsh welcomed all in attendance and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- No representatives from the public were present to address the Board.

### *Approval of Minutes*

Minutes from the NVEMSC Board of Directors held on June 16, 2022, were sent for review by email

- Brian Hricik stated that Tony Barone, Byron Andrews, and Chris Vernovai were listed both as members and guests in the roster and Beth Adams's name is spelled wrong in the "Approval of the Minutes" as Betha Adams
- Kate Kramer made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections above, seconded by Brian Hricik
- The minutes were **unanimously approved**.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Laura Vandegrift provided the following report in the absence of Keith Morrison:

- The financials for June through August 2022 were sent via email before the meeting.
- On July 18<sup>th</sup>, the Council's [northern@vaems.org](mailto:northern@vaems.org) email address was hacked. It was noticed immediately as council staff was bombarded with emails. Jim Huffman, Council IT manager, was able to disable the email address. In the meantime, the email address was signed up for multiple listservs, newsletters, etc., across the world and in multiple languages. Additionally, the Truist Credit Card Rewards account was accessed, an address for Dallas, Texas was added and \$480 in Macy's gift cards was obtained and overnighted to the Dallas address. Truist was notified by Craig and Laura about the bank and credit card accounts and they were all temporarily disabled. All online banking for bank accounts and credit cards/rewards accounts were closed and re-opened with new credentials and passwords through Truist. There was no compromise to any of the bank or credit card accounts, thankfully. The accounts are monitored every 24-48 hours for any fraudulent activity by Laura. Both Ray and Laura have separate logins to these accounts now and [northern@vaems.org](mailto:northern@vaems.org) has been removed from any of those accounts
  - There was mention at a recent Regional Executive Director's meeting to remove email addresses from Council websites because others are having spam/hack issues as well and the email addresses are easily found on the websites
- We started invoicing through QuickBooks Online and now customers can pay us directly through QuickBooks with their bank account or credit card and not have to call the Council to process it.
  - Additionally, this allowed us to cancel our third party credit card processing app and merchant accounts and saves us \$95 in monthly account maintenance fees between them; these were charged even if no credit cards transactions were run!
  - The fee for credit cards in QuickBooks is 2.9% for each credit card transaction and 3% for ACH debits.
  - We have received more than half of the Annual Membership Assessments in just a matter of days which is a much faster turnaround, thanks to integrated credit card payments
- Ray Whatley advised that he will request a meeting with the Executive Board soon to discuss better interest rates on the Council's bank accounts

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- Beth Adams made a motion to accept the financial reports as submitted, seconded by Brian Hricik
- The Treasurer’s Report and financials were **unanimously approved**

### *President’s Report*

President Anne Marsh advised of the following:

- Ray Whatley has accepted the Executive Director’s position with the Council
  - It has been a seamless process with him filling initially with Craig being out on paternity leave and should continue to be with
- COG meeting recently and DC EMS Chief Ryan Elmore will be head of COG EMS Committee
  - The Trauma MCI plan was recently updated from MIEMSS

### *Executive Director’s Report*

Ray Whatley, Acting Executive Director presented the following:

- As mentioned, he has accepted the Executive Director position and is currently working through the transition with the retirement board from Alexandria and working with the Council
  - He is receiving lots of help from Laura, Margaret, and Michelle and we continue to work as we did when he was filling in for Craig on paternity leave
  - The plan is to go full-time with the Council on October 17th
  - His official retirement from Alexandria is October 28<sup>th</sup>, but he’ll take annual leave during the short overlap and will be at the City on October 28<sup>th</sup> as required by policy
- The Council became a member of the PW Chamber of Commerce – thanks to Todd Lupton and Chief Garrett from the City of Manassas for helping make that happen
  - Margaret has been using those contacts often
- The Council Workplan was submitted to OEMS and there have been some follow-up questions asked, but overall, it’s going well, and they are awaiting final approval
  - Now extended contract until 12/31
  - Anticipated between October and December to be in force
  - Regional educator position and stroke smart assistant for Margaret were added -0 unknown if approved
- Ray was able to deliver Chief Joe Reshetar’s Excellence in EMS Regional Award at his home in NC while he was on vacation in the area
  - Chief Reshetar was surprised by the award
- Chief Brian Hricik from Alexandria received the Regional Award for Outstanding EMS Leadership yesterday
- The 2022 Fall RSAF Grant period closes today at 5pm if you are interested in submitting an award and haven’t yet
  - I would encourage your staff to attend the Financial Assistance Review Committee meeting when they meet in Richmond. This may be beneficial if you plan to apply in the future.
    - The meeting is November 17, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at Embassy Suites at 2925 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, Virginia 23294.
- MCIM – Capt. Nicole Artisst, LCFR, met with Jon Paras, Arlington EM to discuss his graduate paper that has a shared interest in the Hospital Task Force.
- Controlled substance registration
  - There was a recent meeting with Ron Passmore and the regional directors

- There is a 4-page document on the OIMS website under compliance and guidance documents
- This is a Board of Pharmacy thing and is not enforceable by OEMS but once DEA standards are in force, you'll have to get a DEA license
- Most agencies were out of compliance when they conducted an informal survey during recent inspections
- This includes your hospital exchange program whether one for one or kit for kit and be sure to include your training supplies because they count

### ***Stroke Smart Advocate Report***

Margaret Probst provided the following report:

- The original objective was to reach out to 13 elected leaders to get in and have them adopt Stroke Smart proclamations
- Fairfax county will do a proclamation soon and a County Executive has requested training for himself and is the first one to ask for that
- She has approached Purcellville but is at the end of the line there – if anyone has any contacts to help get that moving
- She has been working with Herndon and will likely get a proclamation after Fairfax's proclamation is in place
  - The proclamations are the first step and help open doors, but training is the most important part
- Ann Wheeler in PWC did their proclamation and has via email given her many contacts within PWC such as the libraries, police chief and chief of staff to mandate video for their staff, social services director mandated training for her staff
  - Doing many via zoom or video training
  - PWC wants to do a Stroke Smart video for them alone
  - Alex Stephenson from Prince William Fire & Rescue has been very helpful in getting this rolling
- Governor Glenn Youngkin did a preamble to the current Stroke Smart video and she'll send a link for everyone to see that
- Dr. Alison Anscher who is the PWC Health Director put her in touch with the Walmart health and wellness director to start training pharmacists, but Margaret wants to expand that eventually to all staff
- Margaret was invited to the Loudoun County Chamber breakfast and was asked to address the entire crowd of 140 business leaders in Loudoun to explain how to be Stroke Smart and offer training to their businesses
  - She invited them to contact her for this fully-funded training for their staff
  - She has also seen several businesses in the Loudoun area, including the Ruritans in Leesburg and she is looking for
  - Looking for partnerships in all areas
- Dr. Reed Smith from Arlington County recommended adding the BEFAST acronym on their supplies and she has included this in her training
- If anyone is interested in her training, please contact her
  - It is approximately 30 minutes and can be via Zoom or video and is in the train the trainer model

### **STATE AND REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***AHA Training Center***

Ray Whatley provided the following report:

- There is a joint venture between AHA & the University of Miami called Advanced Stroke Life Support
  - Targeting ACLS instructors as a hybrid course as a HeartCode or BLS online type of program
  - \$120 per person
  - 3 practical sessions
  - CEs can be awarded
  - They will do in-person training in various parts of the country if there are training departments that want to send trainers
  - If anyone is interested, can reach out to Ray directly
- There was an interesting study from 2017 on the rates of CPR being done
  - It found that females were less likely to receive CPR done than males
    - They are adding female CPR manikins to help promote doing CPR on females
- Beth Adams asked about the March press release on providing support for citizens who provide CPR and asked if has anything come out of that
  - Ray said all the regional ECC committees are trying to recognize people who do bystander CPR and they'll be sent a certificate for saying "thanks for doing CPR" but there is nothing related to the actual outcome and peer support is more up to the locality
  - Beth advised this was more about emotional support and processing the psychological effects of doing bystander CPR and acknowledging how stressful it can be when the citizen is left wondering whether they did it right or may be concerned they were hurting the person, etc.
    - She will forward a link to Ray to review

### ***State EMS Advisory Board***

Beth Adams provided the following written report:

- The Legislative & Planning Committee met on August 5, just before the Board meeting
  - Workgroup continuing to work with Office of the Attorney General re: language in pursuit of drafting legislation to amend the Virginia Code to make EMS an essential service. Plan to have draft language and talking points available by early October.
  - Set a special meeting date in September to finalize the VaOEMS Strategic Plan.
- Advisory Board met on August 5
  - Passed a motion to write a statement urging Virginia State Police to reinstate 24/7 access for VSP MedFlight. Overnight (2400 – 0800) service is currently not available due to a pilot shortage. Note: Pilots are restricted from flying more than 14 hours in any 24-hour period, so a holdover is not an option.
  - Passed a motion to hire a consultant to conduct a needs assessment related to reimbursement and rising equipment costs. This is related to the ongoing discussion about feasibility & need to increase 4forLife funds.
  - Passed a motion that the Advisory Board opposes the proposed NREMT resolution [Updated Eligibility Criteria for Initial EMS Education (22-Resolution-13) [22-RESOLUTION-13-Updated-Eligibility-Criteria\\_1.pdf \(nremt.org\)](#) Note: many EMS organizations have also released opposition statements, for instance, NAEMSP, NAEMT,

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NAEMSE, NASEMSO. The public comment period is open until August 17. [National Registry Board Meeting – June 2022 Summary, Public Notice and Call for Public Comment | National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians \(nremt.org\)](#)

- Approved Medical Direction Committee recommendation to update the Scope of Practice to allow AEMTs to administer Epi by IV or intranasal. See attached draft version, anticipate the final (approved) document has been updated on the OEMS website.
- Rules & Regs meeting on October 5, to finish up the final edits so that we can send the document (3+ years in the making) forward to the Advisory Board & then on for public comment.

### *Provider Health and Safety*

Brian Hricik advised he was not able to attend the last meeting

- The next meeting will not be at the symposium like it has been in the past
- Some membership changes are coming soon, and he'll keep everyone posted after the next meeting

### *Trauma PI Committee*

Dr. Morgan advised of the following:

- They met on September 14, 2022 topic was MCI with a presentation by Chris Cook from RHCC
- The next meeting is on December 14, 2022, with the topic of pedestrian struck and hopefully a presentation from Vision Zero

### *Medevac Committee*

Rick Cohen provided the following:

- Trying to revitalize committee and membership
  - Now they have more non-member medevacs in the meeting than members

### *Regional Medical Directors & State Medical Direction Committee*

Dr. Morgan provided the following update:

- The next regional Medical Direction Committee follows this meeting today at noon
  - Switched to monthly meeting from biweekly
  - The last meeting had several issues discussed on blood program from IBDS where blood was out of spec from temp standpoint and working through that
  - They discussed the continued concern related to Sentara NVMC and delayed entry to ED with ambulance transports
- The quarterly OMD meeting was on July 7<sup>th</sup> in Richmond
  - The issues discussed were:
    - Expected update to DEA BOP issues possibly as soon as next month
    - Updated rules and regulations sent to the GAB with expected further action in October with possible modifications after the first of the year, then the public comment period will be open
    - AEMT scope of practice for use of intranasal and IV epinephrine was approved
    - They took the position on the elimination of accreditation with NREMT

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- They discussed that there is a lack of oversight of EMS providers at facilities and in-home health agencies as they are using EMS-certified providers to go into people's home
  - Should there be a medical direction or an OEMS role for oversight on this?
    - This was just a discussion and no official position was taken
- They discussed the red dot issue and requested clarification from OEMS
- Next meeting October 6th

### *Training and Certification Committee*

Ray Whatley advised there was no report

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### JURISDICTIONAL REPORTS

#### *City of Alexandria Fire Department*

Brian Hricik provided the following update:

- Erin Mustian, EMS Training Captain will be the new designee covering Chief Andrews's spot and they'll rotate someone new in with Ray leaving the City
- Congratulations to Ray on his new position and retirement from the City
  - Thank you to Craig Evans for all he did for the Council and we're looking forward to continuing that with Ray
- 5 new Braun ambulances will arrive and be put in service in the next few weeks
  - All front-line units will have the new Braun's and will soon have new Stryker cots as well
  - Stryker is moving buttons internally with framing to cut down on repairs from damage in small elevators at their request
- They've been using BLS units for almost a year and now sharing with mutual aid to other localities
- Currently, they have A207 in service and will soon have A204 in service without creating OT

#### *Arlington County Fire Department*

EMS Battalion Chief Anne Marsh provided the following update:

- They had their OEMS inspection recently and passed and everything went well
  - For the red dot questions, they were told they had to have a list of providers with their certifications and extra training that was done but they did not require an individual letter in each person's file during the inspection
  - Went well due to a good relationship with the inspector and the diligence of station commanders
- They recently instituted BLS epinephrine EPI kits rolled out via the CE program for anaphylaxis
- The blood program going well, just exchanged some blood yesterday
  - No issues with temperatures with blue temp dots to Bluetooth
  - They have Thermal Angels and coolers to keep at the correct temp

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- Have administered a lot of blood recently and was told by the hospital that with the intervention of blood and TXA recently they are confident that a recent stabbing victim lived because of it
- They are having some supply issues getting the Thermal Angels from BoundTree
- They are staying with Stryker cots as well
- They are continuing with BLS transport units and have had no complaints so far from patients
  - There was a recent incident where there was confusion when an Arlington ALS got on a Fairfax BLS unit and coded it wrong on the chart, so the patient got billed by Arlington and Fairfax, but they talked to Fairfax and got it straightened out and it was an education issue that they'll discuss with providers to prevent that in the future
- They just hired 2 new telehealth providers, and they will be on board by October 15<sup>th</sup>
  - In the future they will offer these to regional partners, although they won't be billable services, they will be able to use them as a resource

### *City of Fairfax Fire Department*

Brian Orndoff advised of the following:

- No updates

### *Fairfax County Fire & Rescue*

Beth Adams provided the following update:

- John Tedesco went back into the field as Battalion 4B and the previous Battalion 4B, PJ Durham has gone into the office
  - This occurred around the middle of August
  - She is the first BLS provider in EMS division leadership for Fairfax
    - Beth said they are glad to have fresh eyes to look at how things are being done and hopefully this will help them move from the "ALS is EMS" mindset
- They are in the middle of their state inspection now and so far, it is going well
- There are 2 recruit schools in progress and a new internship group with 19 people in it
- Concerning the billing issue Arlington spoke of, she has since crosschecked all calls when they were the ALS provider and got on another BLS unit and made sure they coded it all correctly

### *Fairfax County Police Helicopter Division*

Paul DeHaven provided the following updates:

- Happy to report that the VCU medic students have completed their course and are in in-flight training at the hangar
  - One of them recently had his first medevac experience in just the first week
- Hangar construction continues, and they were supposed to be in the space in April but the latest is possible for November move-in but more likely early 2023
- Their Narcan is going well and they have trained 800 officers in field operations, narcotics, and crime scene staff, but the current Chief wants all sworn officers trained and appropriately equipped, so they are revising to do all sworn officers and civilians in those entities and hope to have all FCPD trained and equipped with at least one dose of Narcan
- They have been carrying blood for a few months now and have only had 3 administrations so far, but it went well
- Retired Loudoun County Captain Mike Mahoney was a retired FCPD officer and passed away on August 12<sup>th</sup> from a heart attack.



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- There will be a memorial service in Ashburn coming up, hopefully, Loudoun can elaborate on that for those who are interested
- They have now officially created full-time tactical medic positions
  - Previously they all rotated through the unit, but they have one filled full-time person now and a second is in the selection process; they'll have 2 full-time dedicated tactical medics and the remainder in a backup/secondary capacity
- He is part of the High Threat Committee for NVERS and Joint Active Guide has completed re-write and is going before the Police and Fire Chiefs for approval
  - Please reach out if you're interested in viewing it and haven't seen it
  - They are also creating a tactical medic course for fall or spring for any medic supporting a tactical team; try to identify people in your jurisdiction that may be interested

### *Fauquier County DFREM*

No Representation

### *Loudoun County Fire and Rescue*

EMS Battalion Chief Jamie Cooper provided the following updates:

- The memorial service for Mike Mahoney is this Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 43454 Crossroads Drive, Ashburn, VA
  - There will be a 10am visitation with the memorial service at 11am
- The AEMT program is still running well and they are recruiting for the next class
  - The most recent class graduated and is out in the field precepting
- They recently completed their first AEMT to Paramedic class and it went over with great success
  - Class operated well, the speed they could maintain, and the performance of the students was better than anyone expected
- They are finalizing an accelerated recruit school class for those with Pro Board Fire 1 and 2 and Virginia EMS certifications
- They are deeply embedded with Stryker for many products, specifically electrodes and combi-pads for the LifePaks, and are finding there is a 32-week backorder
  - They still have not gotten the order of 8 LifePaks 15s out of their FY22 cycle that was ordered in November or December of last year
    - Is anyone else having this issue with distribution and supply chain issues?
      - Brian Orndoff from the City of Fairfax said they are also having significant supply chain issues and are using items that are expired in many instances because they can't get replacements
        - For AEDs in the field, they are using pads from the hospital sometimes to trade out if they can, but that's not always an option
        - They are considering other vendors because of this
    - Chief Cooper asked, for those that are operating Zoll, are you experiencing supply chain issues?
- Todd Lupton has come to Loudoun as Deputy Chief of Volunteer Operations and they are pleased to have him

### *City of Manassas Fire and Rescue*

Ray Whatley provided the following information:

- As mentioned, Todd Lupton has gone to Loudoun County

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- Chief Garrett has resigned as Fire Chief and the City Manager and Chief Franzello are splitting the duties of the Chief until a new one is hired

### ***City of Manassas Park Fire & Rescue***

James Tharp advised of the following:

- No updates for them
- They are experiencing the same issues with Stryker

### ***MWAA***

No Representation

### ***Prince William County Fire and Rescue***

Nate Strong provided the following update:

- They are having BoundTree and Stryker supply chain issues as well; unsure if new vendors will be helpful
- They are upfitting all engines as paramedic engine companies and will have every career engine in the county staffed as a paramedic engine and 3 volunteer engines as well
- They have 3 new medics and 4 new engines that were on order and are arriving soon
  - They are replacing their Stryker stretchers to the new style and will wait for the new stair chairs before replacing those
- They are graduating the current recruit school in October
- They have another recruit school starting in the fall and will only have one paramedic in that class
- The Sentara NVMC situation is no better since our last discussion and they have requested an investigation by VDH per Dr. Sullivan

### ***Stafford County Fire and Rescue Department***

No representation

### ***LifeCare Medical Transport***

No representation

### ***Northern Virginia Community College***

Kathy Deal provided the following update:

- The fall semester started on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and will end on December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Gary Sargent has accepted additional duties at the college, so Dr. Franke will take over as Council representative going forward in his place

### ***OEMS Program Representative***

Chris Vernovai provided the following update:

- As Ray mentioned, they are still working on Council work plans and had meetings this week to wrap that up
  - There were some follow-up questions asked and some were later responding than others, so some things overlapped, and they had to provide a contract extension as previously mentioned

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- There will be a meeting with the EDs on October 12<sup>th</sup> to go over everything and will hopefully be able to send them for approval by the commissioner at that time
  - They are working hard to have those tied up by mid-October
- They will again meet with the EDs on the Wednesday before the GAB meetings, as they have for the year so far
  - This works out well and is timely with their monthly meeting and they can have a work session in the afternoon if needed
- HandTevy is moving along well and over half of all EMS agencies in the Commonwealth are on board with this now
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### *PHI Aircare*

Rick Cohen advised of the following:

- There was a multi-helicopter scene incident on I66 last week and VSP put a drone in the air and the LZ commander wasn't aware
  - There was a drone near one of the aircrafts that could have caused an issue but thankfully they saw it before they lifted off
  - They are going to work on aircraft safety and making sure all components are aware of what is on the scene, etc. because had the aircraft hit it when lifting off it could have been detrimental to the crew and everyone on the scene
  - Paul DeHaven stated this stresses the importance of unified command so everyone is aware of what is happening in these large type incidents
    - Ray suggested bringing this up at the UAS Group with NVERS
- Nationally PHI went through a reorganization this week and the only change locally is that his position is now called Program Director
  - Everything else for VA & MD is the same

### *Physicians Transport Service*

Kate Passow advised of the following:

- Things going well, supply chain issues are being seen like with most everyone
- The EMS Memorial Bike Ride went well and thank you to the Council for the generous donation
  - It was a very hot day but there were plenty of snacks and hydration and got everyone safely from the hotel to the ride, and back to the hotel
  - Thank you to Arlington County PD for the escort to meet with the families of the fallen
  - They did have some food and drinks left over so they gave them to the honor guards to use over the weekend and they were appreciative
  - The Weekend of Honor will be in Arlington around July 23rd for at least one more year

### *Inova Health System*

Craig French advised of the following update:

- Recently the health system decided to add an armed security force to the allied security that patrols sites based on recent shooter events at hospitals around the country
  - They will not have arrest powers and will call law enforcement for assistance as needed
    - They are at the hospitals now as this started a few weeks ago
    - Free-standing EDs will have occasional coverage and make rounds on no set schedule, will be at hospitals all the time

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### *Reston Hospital Center*

Keith Morrison gave the following update:

- They had their Advanced Thrombectomy Center certification process earlier this week by the Joint Commission
  - Thank you to those from Fairfax and Loudoun who attended at their request
  - They are now awaiting notification
- They are having an MCI drill on October 27<sup>th</sup>, it will be hospital-specific, and they will try to get back on track with regular drills
- Tysons ED continues to grow stronger and is getting busier as the public and EMS are aware of it
  - You can come for a tour if interested
- They are monitoring the potential rail worker strike even though there is an alleged resolution in the works
  - If the strike should happen, it could interrupt supply chain issues

### *StoneSprings Hospital*

No Representation

### *Northern Virginia Emergency Response System*

No Representation

### NEW BUSINESS

- Triage Tags
  - As discussed at the OMD/EMS leadership meeting last month and the Trauma/PI meeting yesterday, the Council sells Metropolitan Washington COG Triage Tags in the region and needs to place an order soon, but the minimum order is 30,000 tags. Does anyone have a strong opinion on adding grey to the tags to coincide with SALT triage since everyone in our region currently uses START triage? The state's position is to use a recognized triage method and does not dictate which one to use. At the meetings mentioned, the consensus was to stay with the current tag and not to add grey
    - Everyone agreed not to add grey to the tags and reorder the tags in the current form
- A nomination committee needs to be formed as the Executive Board rotates this year
  - Positions to be voted on are Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer
    - The nominating committee members are
      - Anne Marsh
      - Brian Hricik
      - Byron Andrews
- Emergility has requested membership as an Associate Member. They have been a provisional Ex-Officio member since June 2021 and have met the requirements for membership. Associate Membership allows them a seat at the table for discussion but does not allow for a vote, no membership fees are assessed, and they are not able to take advantage of Council programs such as the Whole Blood Program
  - Beth Adams made a motion to approve the request to move from Ex-Officio to Associate Member as per their request
  - Brian Hricik seconded the motion
  - ***This motion was approved unanimously***

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business to discuss

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

There was a motion to adjourn at 11:49 am

**The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on October 20, 2022. An invitation and Zoom link have been sent.**

**CERTIFICATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Northern Virginia EMS Council  
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I, Ray Whatley, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia EMS Council certify that the above minutes are a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council held via Zoom on September 15, 2022, and that the meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the state of Virginia and bylaws of the corporation and that a quorum was present. The minutes were officially approved at the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

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Ray Whatley  
Executive Director  
Northern Virginia EMS Council

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Date