

Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board Quarterly Meeting

Meeting Minutes



June 6, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(or until the conclusion of business)

Physical Meeting Location:
11120 International Drive, Suite 200, Rancho
Cordova, CA 95670

Teleconference Meeting Locations:
1571 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026
237 W. Beacon Hill Drive, Longview, WA 98632

Board Members Present:

David Konieczny, Paramedic, *Board Chair*
Jane Kang, Paramedic
Kelli Moore, Public Member
Richard Ramirez, Paramedic
Ann Viricel, Public Member

Board Members Excused:

Jesse Conner, Paramedic
James De La Torre, MD, Physician

EMS Authority Staff Present:

Ryan McElhinney, EMSA Regulations Coordinator
Katherine Rice, Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board Analyst
Diane Sabonis, Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board Attorney
Ashley Williams, Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Board Chair David Konieczny called the meeting to order at 1:01p.m. on June 6, 2024. Board Chair David Konieczny served as the meeting facilitator and conducted roll call. Quorum was established to conduct business.

2. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

3. Review and Approval of March 7, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Board Discussion

Board members made no comments or requests for amendments to the minutes.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Action

Kelli Moore moved to approve the March 7, 2024 Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Anne Viricel seconded the motion.

As noted above, there was no public comment.

Board Chair David Konieczny called for a vote on the motion and took roll call. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Election of Board Chair

Board Discussion

Jane Kang nominated David Konieczny to be the Paramedic Disciplinary Review Board Chairperson. David Konieczny spoke about his background.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Action

Board analyst Katherine Rice called for a vote and took roll call. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Closed Session

There were no disciplinary matters requiring closed session deliberation.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. The HSC 1798.200(c)(9) violation: how are misuse of and excessive use of alcohol and other substances of abuse defined, and discussion of progress on AB 450 mandate, by Board Attorney, Diane Sabonis.

Ms. Sabonis discussed the HSC 1798.200(c)(9) violation via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 1 and 2.

Ms. Sabonis presented information on the definitions of misuse and excessive use of alcohol or substances of abuse from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the California

Health and Safety Code via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 3 through 13.

Ms. Sabonis provided comparisons to the language of drug and alcohol violations used by the California Medical Board and the Board of Registered Nursing via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 14 through 17.

Ms. Sabonis presented multiple case examples of the Administrative Law Judge's interpretations of misuse and excessive use of alcohol or substances of abuse via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 18 through 35.

Ms. Sabonis discussed the history of the HSC 1798.200(c) violations via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 37 and 38.

Ms. Sabonis presented the history of the AB 450 mandate, and discussed how the PDRB completed this mandate via PowerPoint slides in Attachment 1, slides 39 through 43.

Board Discussion

Board members made no comments.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Board Training – Introduction to Regulations, Understanding the Regulatory Process, by Ashley Williams, EMSA Deputy Director of Legislative and External Affairs, and Ryan McElhinney, EMSA Regulations Coordinator.

EMSA Regulations Coordinator Ryan McElhinney discussed the regulations process via the PowerPoint slides in Attachment 2.

Board Discussion

Board members made no comments.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Topics for September 12, 2024 Meeting Agenda

Board Discussion

Board members made no comments.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Board Chair David Konieczny adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m. on June 6, 2024.