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**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR EMS PERSONNEL PRACTICE  
May 22, 2018 – MEETING MINUTES  
Providence, Rhode Island**

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

**Attendance:** Stephen Wilson (Alabama) Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (Colorado), Earnest Doss (Georgia), Wayne Denny (Idaho), Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee), Alisa Williams (Mississippi) Joe Schmider (Texas), Guy Dansie (Utah), Gary Brown (Virginia), Andy Gienapp (Wyoming), Robert Wronski (South Carolina), Claire Covert-ByBee (Nebraska)

**Excused:** Diane Hainsworth – McgGinnis (Delaware), Joe House (Kansas)

Meeting was gaveled to order by Chair Joe Schmider at 6:32p.m. EST

**Present:** Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Utah, Wyoming, South Carolina, Nebraska, Mississippi, Alabama.

**Staff:** Sue Prentiss, Advocate, Zoe Renfo, ASMI/NASEMSO

**Guests:** Drew Dawson, NREMT, Donnie Woodyard, NREMT, Tom Abram, Counsel for NREMT, Tim Wilson, Nebraska Office of EMS

**Public Attendance:** Sign in sheet attached.

**Virtual Participants:** Claire Covert-ByBee (Nebraska), Sharon Love, Kaylee McGinnis

**Seating of New Commissioners:**

The formal seating of Nebraska and South Carolina will take place at the next full in-person Commission meeting.

**Welcome:**

Chair Schmider (Texas) welcomed the Commission members and the public.

Alabama - Colorado - Delaware - Georgia - Idaho - Kansas - Mississippi  
-Nebraska - South Carolina - Tennessee - Texas - Utah - Virginia - Wyoming

## **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2018:**

Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee) made a motion to approve the April 20, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jeanne-Marie Bakehouse (Colorado).

**Motion Passed 12-0**

## **Public Comments on the Meeting Agenda:**

Chair Schmider asked opened the floor for any comments on the meeting agenda. No comments were made.

Stephen Wilson (Alabama) made a motion to take the agenda out of order, specifically to move the discussion with the NREMT in non-public to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Wayne Denny (Idaho).

**Motion passed 12-0**

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Stephen Wilson (Alabama) reported that we do not have any funds. An EIN number has been established. Stephen provided members of the Commission with a copy of the letter to Wells Fargo Bank that grants Stephen Wilson (Alabama), Doug Wolfberg and Joe Schmider (Texas) to be allowed as the responsible signatures on any back transactions on behalf of the Commission.

Guy Dansie (Utah) made a motion directing Chair Joe Schmider to sign the letter to Wells Fargo Bank. The motion was seconded by Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee).

**Motion passed 12-0**

## **Commissioners Discussion on Compact Operation Scenarios:**

At the April 20, 2018, Commission meeting Chair Schmider reviewed a plan with the group to develop operational scenarios based on questions members of the Commission have presented as part of moving towards a rulemaking process. These scenarios had been submitted to Sue Prentiss on or around May 4, 2018. Dia Gainor from NASEMSO also solicited responses from state EMS officials. The scenarios will be reviewed tonight for the purposes of clarity and making sure they are complete before submission to Counsel. The members of the Commission, not to be answered. The "Scenarios" questions document is attached (via the minutes).

## **Future Rulemaking Discussion:**

Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee) provided an updated draft version of the Commission Rulemaking Map as a policy and updated. Donna shared she had reviewed this with Libby Lund from the Nurse Licensure Compact for feedback based on their process (document attached to minutes). Donna reminded Commissioners that when rules are drafted that they need to take them back to their states legal counsel for review and to make sure they don't present any conflicts. This document aligns with Commission Bylaws and the Rule on Rulemaking. Chairman Schmider reviewed the policy with the Commission and believes this allows the Rules Committee to have frank and constructive discussions. This is a highly public process always has been, wanted to provide more clarity.

Gary Brown (Virginia) made a motion to adopt the Rulemaking Chart as a Commission policy. The motion was seconded by Ernie Doss (Georgia).

### **Motion passed 12-0**

Wayne Denny (Idaho), Chair of the Rules Committee presented and oriented the group to document his Committee had worked on that distilled the Compact's language down to a series of questions that will help the group develop some policy pieces and help the Commission to reach agreement on so the Rules Committee can start writing rules. Wayne believes that the answers to the scenarios will further guide this conversation. The document is organized by sections and color coated for ease of review. Donna Tidwell (Tennessee) commented that the document was well organized.

Chair Schmider asked Wayne is he had a direction on what the policies are? Home State and Appropriate Authority are at the top of the list. Can you have more than one Home State and can Appropriate Authority have more than one meaning? Next the criminal history background check results and what are the disqualifiers between states and how will that work?

Gary Brown (Virginia) asked that this list be included with the minutes and entered into the record (see attached).

Andy Gienapp (Wyoming) asked Donnie Woodyard, NREMT, about the slides provided a snapshot of applicant criminal mobility – applicants that moved to avoid licensure action. Specifically, if there were follow up examples available based on these slides from an email thread (April 4, 2018). Donnie stated that he did not have the specific examples. Andy thought that this information would provide some background to inform this work. Chair Schmider asked NREMT staff to keep an eye out for scenarios that the group could work from when preparing rules on Adverse Actions and the Coordinated Database. The NREMT is able to report actions they take, this includes personnel that work overseas when a licensure/certification action is taken.

### **Public Comment from Non-Commissioner Attendees:**

Chair Schmider invited comment. No comments were stated.

Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee) wanted to go on the record and dispel any rumors that Tennessee is leaving the Compact.

Mark Taylor from the New York State EMS Office commented that he thought it was important have the Commission and, or the Advocate offer some education about REPLICA and the Commission to new state EMS Directors.

### **Enter into Non-Public session - Agreement(s) between Commission and NREMT for the Coordinated Database and Commission Administrative Support:**

Stephen Wilson (Alabama) made a motion for the Commission to go into a non-public session in accordance with Section 10. Subsection B. 5, item (d) "Negotiation of contracts for the purchase or sale of goods, services, or real estate". The motion seconded by Ernie Doss (Georgia).

Chairman Schmider called for a roll call vote.

Doug Wolfberg, Commission Counsel certified the non-public session for the record. A copy of the non-public certification was included in the briefing book.

Chairman Schmider called for a roll call vote:

In the affirmative:

Alabama  
Colorado  
Georgia  
Idaho  
Mississippi  
Nebraska  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Virginia  
Wyoming

### **Motion passed 12-0**

Commission entered into a non-public session at 8:05p.m. EST.

Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee) made a motion to go back into public session. The motion seconded by Claire Covert-ByBee (Nebraska).

### **Motion Passed 12-0**

Commission returns to public session at 8:49p.m.p.m. EDT.

Donna G. Tidwell (Tennessee) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Claire Covert-ByBee (Nebraska).

**Motion passed 12-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. EDT.**