



United States EMS Compact

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March 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM EST

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Executive Committee Members Present:

- Chair Kraig Kinney, Indiana
- Secretary Mark Herrera, Utah
- Member at Large Michael Johnson, Georgia
- Immediate Past Chair Joe Schmider, Texas

Executive Committee Members Excused:

- Vice Chair Wayne Denny, Idaho
- Treasurer Brad Vande Lune, Iowa

Staff:

- Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director
- PWW, Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM EST. Chair Kinney noted Vice Chair Denny and Treasurer Vande Lune were excused due to legislative session conflicts. A quorum was established with four Executive Committee members present.

Public Comment

Chair Kinney opened the floor for public comment on matters not on the agenda. No members of the public requested to speak.

Approval of January 2026 Meeting Summary

The January 2026 Executive Committee meeting summary was verbally presented. Due to a technical issue preventing the document from being displayed, approval was deferred to the April 2026 Executive Committee meeting.

Compliance Committee Update

Chair Kinney formally designated the Compliance Committee membership. Commissioner Joe House (Kansas) was confirmed as Chair of the Compliance Committee. Commissioner Michael Johnson (Georgia) was designated as a member. During the meeting, Commissioner Jonathan Jones (South Carolina) and Commissioner Joe Schmider (Texas) also expressed interest in serving and were added to the committee. Chair Kinney directed Commissioner House to schedule an initial committee meeting.

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Rural Health Transformation Program Letter to CMS

Chair Kinney reported that NASEMSO's Executive Committee has endorsed the Rural Health Transformation Program letter concept. Executive Director Woodyard revised the language to be more inclusive of all states, not just Compact states. The letter encourages CMS to fund states at a minimum of 5% and create dedicated funding for the EMS Compact.

Chair Kinney moved to authorize submission of the Rural Health Transformation letter to CMS, following distribution to all Commissioners for feedback, with final authorization delegated to the Chair and Executive Director. **Commissioner Johnson seconded** the motion. With no objections, the motion **passed unanimously**.

Treasurer's Report

Executive Director Woodyard presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer Vande Lune. The previous balance on February 1 was \$81,812.72. Credits received totaled \$47,500. After standard debits and expenses, the pending balance as of February 27 was \$111,812.72. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Chair's Report

Chair Kinney highlighted the active legislative season across multiple states and the potential to add new Member States. He encouraged strong participation at the upcoming in-person Full Commission meeting on April 28 in Kansas City, held in conjunction with the NASEMSO Annual Meeting. Chair Kinney requested suggestions for discussion topics for the in-person meeting agenda.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Woodyard provided comprehensive updates on several key areas:

Legislative Updates:

- Florida: HB 693 passed the House and was messaged to the Senate, now assigned to Rules Committee. Regular session ends March 13. Supported by governor's office as part of Rural Health Transformation grant.
- Arizona: SB 1235 passed with "do pass" recommendation. HB 2437 (bipartisan companion bill) is on the House calendar. Supported by governor's office as part of Rural Health Transformation grant.
- Alaska: Omnibus House bill with multiple compacts; second Labor and Commerce Committee hearing scheduled for later today. Senate companion bill SB 256 also active. Executive Director scheduled to provide testimony and technical assistance in Juneau and Fairbanks.
- Connecticut: SB 93 (state budget bill) passed Joint Public Health Committee with favorable recommendation on March 2. Continued stakeholder engagement underway.
- Montana: Included in Rural Health Transformation program. Executive Director invited to provide testimony.
- Massachusetts: HB 4119 in committee; watching Connecticut's progress.
- Illinois: Momentum growing; bill may be introduced this session.
- North Carolina: Governor's office stated the state shall join the EMS Compact as part of Rural Health Transformation program.
- Ohio: EMS Compact included in Rural Health Transformation commitment; no introduced legislation yet.

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Commissioner Schmider asked about the possibility of reaching the 26th state (majority of states) before the NASEMSO conference. Executive Director Woodyard noted several states are close, with success depending on local EMS stakeholder advocacy.

Regional Medical Operations Coordinating Centers (RMOCC):

A letter dated March 3 was sent to federal and military partners regarding Regional Medical Operations Coordinating Centers and the EMS Compact's role in disaster coordination, patient movement, and national preparedness. The letter received very positive responses and continues to generate productive coordination with federal partners.

Database Enhancements:

National Registry leadership confirmed completion of database updates by Q2 2026 (end of June), including: (1) streamlined mechanism for entering denial of licensure, (2) provisional privilege to practice status designation, and (3) improved mechanism for remote states to report discipline affecting privilege to practice.

National EMS Coordinated Database Administrator Report

Ray Mollers provided the database update. Tennessee has not reported since September 2025 and continues working through technical issues. Oklahoma and Pennsylvania are working on new vendor solutions. Delaware continues ALS testing (already reporting BLS). Nebraska has substantial testing completed but not yet ready for production. Indiana now has approximately 500 licenses in the database with continued progress on EMS ID integration. Overall significant progress has been made toward bringing all 25 states to compliance.

New Business

RMOCC Stakeholder Engagement:

Executive Director Woodyard reported continued positive engagement with local, regional, and federal partners on the Regional Medical Operations Coordinating Centers initiative, reinforcing the EMS Compact's importance in national preparedness and disaster response.

Stakeholder Updates

NASEMSO:

Dia Gainor reported on two items: (1) NASEMSO's endorsement of the Rural Health Transformation letter, and (2) arrangements underway for a joint meeting of Compact and NASEMSO leadership with Gamunu Wijetunge, NHTSA Office of EMS Director, tentatively scheduled for March 20. The purpose is a roundtable conversation to ensure unified federal engagement. She also noted that the meeting date is two months to the day from the 15th anniversary of NASEMSO launching the compact concept.

World Cup Planning Update (Texas):

Commissioner Schmider shared that Texas is bringing in 45 ambulances (approximately 100+ personnel) from another state via the Compact to support World Cup operations in Houston. He emphasized the ease of the process—no forms or verification required by Texas—as a powerful example of the Compact working exactly as intended. He praised the founders who created the compact model legislation.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: April 8, 2026, 3:00 PM EST (Virtual)
- Full Commission Meeting: April 28, 2026 (In-Person, Kansas City, in conjunction with NASEMSO Annual Meeting)

Adjournment

With no further business, Chair Kinney adjourned the meeting.

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