

May 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 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
- Treasurer Brad Vande Lune, Iowa
- Member at Large Michael Johnson, Georgia

Executive Committee Members Excused:

- Vice Chair Wayne Denny, Idaho (out of the country)
- Immediate Past Chair Joe Schmider, Texas

Staff:

- Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director
- PWW, Counsel

Call to Order

Chair Kinney called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Secretary Herrera conducted roll call. A quorum was established with four Executive Committee members present. Chair Kinney noted Commissioner Schmider was excused, and Executive Director Woodyard noted Vice Chair Denny was out of the country.

Chair Kinney reviewed the agenda and noted that the Executive Committee would enter executive session following the public portion to address contractual issues. He reviewed meeting norms, including the request for committee members to join by video, use of the raise hand feature for public comment, and the Executive Director's authority to mute disruptive participants.

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 April 2026 Meeting Summary

Commissioner Herrera moved to approve the April 2026 Executive Committee meeting summary. **Commissioner Vande Lune seconded** the motion. With no objections, the motion **passed unanimously**.

EMS Week Campaign and Governor's Office Outreach

Executive Director Woodyard provided an update on the Commission's first ever direct to clinician email campaign for EMS Week. The campaign will reach approximately 400,000 EMS clinicians via direct email from the Commission. The email will include EMS Week recognition, information about the EMS Compact, a link to learn more, and a personalized EMS Week Certificate of Recognition.

Executive Director Woodyard demonstrated a sample certificate (using a randomized example record from Delaware), which displays the clinician's name, license level, and licensing state. Recipients will be able to download a high resolution PDF or image, or share the certificate on social media. Logic has been built to ensure clinicians licensed in multiple states receive only one certificate, since some individuals could otherwise receive as many as twenty. Privilege to practice status will be accessible via an embedded link in the email.

Distribution is scheduled to begin Monday, May 18. Emails will go out in batches, with the primary technical challenge being validation of email addresses on file. The campaign will go to clinicians in 22 to 23 states with complete records, and the Executive Director has personally contacted Commissioners in states that will not be included.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vande Lune presented the report. The previous balance was \$105,213.82. April activity included total debits of \$12,850.00 and one reimbursement of \$691.60, with no credits. The pending balance is \$85,374.22. The report was accepted subject to audit.

Chair's Report

Chair Kinney emphasized the value of the EMS Week campaign as a meaningful way to engage clinicians with a privilege to practice and to elevate the Compact within each member state. He encouraged Commissioners to look at how their state is recognizing the Compact during EMS Week, noting that EMS for Children Day is well established and suggesting that a future EMS Compact Day could similarly be cultivated as part of EMS Week recognition. He noted continued progress with both individual states and national partners.

Executive Director's Report

Legislative Updates:

- **Connecticut:** The EMS Compact has passed and is on the way to the governor's desk. The bill originated as a governor's bill, and signature is expected. Connecticut included a unique provision linking official enactment to passage of the Compact in one of its border states. This provision may help advance the legislation in neighboring states. Connecticut will become the 26th state to pass the legislation, though full enactment will be delayed pending the cross border condition. Staff will work with Connecticut to ensure readiness for activation, and a new map designation may be needed to distinguish passed-but-not-yet-enacted status.
- **Arizona:** The legislation has passed both the House and the Senate. It is currently being held for transmission to the governor while other state budget and unrelated political matters are resolved. Arizona is poised to become the 27th Compact state.
- **Alaska:** The EMS Compact continues to advance on multiple bills, including a standalone bill with strong support and an omnibus bill. Executive Director Woodyard stopped in Juneau during personal vacation last week to check on stakeholders. On-the-

ground intelligence suggests passage and gubernatorial signature are expected. Alaska is strongly positioned to become state #28.

Delaware Full Compliance:

Executive Director Woodyard announced that Delaware became 100% compliant as of the morning of May 13, 2026 with the enactment of paramedic licensure integration. A press release was issued shortly before the meeting. The Executive Director recognized Commissioner Donna Doyle and Delaware leadership for the rapid coordination. Commissioner Doyle joined briefly from the road, thanked the Commission, and expressed enthusiasm about the milestone.

National EMS Coordinated Database Analytics Preview:

Executive Director Woodyard previewed initial analytics from the National EMS Coordinated Database. In recognition of EMS Week, the analysis demonstrates that the EMS Compact now has clinicians with a privilege to practice in all 50 states. While 25 (soon to be 28) states have enacted the law, every state in the nation has clinicians licensed in a Compact home state with a reported residential address in a non-Compact state. Examples cited include nearly 2,000 such clinicians in North Carolina and approximately 1,200 each in Florida and California.

Additional analytics in development include workforce movement, FEMA region staffing, and deduplicated workforce counts. The Executive Director noted the Commission will carefully determine how this information is disseminated, ensuring appropriate protection and security, particularly given national preparedness implications.

Chair Kinney observed that Connecticut's delayed enactment model could serve as a template for future states that need time to come into full compliance (for example, implementing the required FBI criminal history check) before formally entering the Compact. Executive Director Woodyard confirmed that all grace periods have now expired, so the Commission must evaluate full compliance before granting admission, and Connecticut's approach may be a useful model for similarly situated states.

National EMS Coordinated Database Administrator Update

Ray Mollers presented an abbreviated report. Nebraska, Delaware, and several states previously reported as having difficulties have moved to current submission status. Tennessee remains the primary outstanding state, having not updated since September 2025; work continues with Tennessee leadership. As reported at the in-person meeting, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania are both working through contracts to onboard vendors for license management systems, which will allow them to connect their licensure data to the coordinated database.

Regarding the data pool referenced in the Executive Director's report, approximately 1% of the data showed anomalies. Iowa identified duplicate EMS ID numbers, and the Registry is working with Iowa to (1) understand how the duplication occurred, (2) confirm it is not still occurring, and (3) provide Iowa a path forward to correct the records.

New Business

NEMSCD Database Analysis Report and Next Steps:

Executive Director Woodyard expanded on the analytics preview from his earlier report, framing the item as informational rather than decisional. The current analytics suite includes quality assurance reports (which helped Iowa and other states improve data submission), unique

clinician counts, and state pair analyses identifying clinicians who hold two or more active licenses across Compact states. Tens of thousands of clinicians hold multiple active Compact-state licenses even though only one is required.

The Executive Director outlined a forward vision that includes (1) expanding the report, since the current pull was a manual and intensive process, (2) obtaining funding to automate analytics generation, (3) developing on-demand Commissioner reports through a secure portal for near real-time state-level analysis, and (4) collaborating with federal partners on disaster preparedness and planning applications.

Executive Director Woodyard noted that the administrative rules passed last year were written in anticipation of this capability and provide a clear framework for what reports can be generated, how they are categorized and classified, and how the data are protected. Some analytics (like the national clinician moving map shared during the meeting) can be discussed openly, while other elements require careful handling given national security and preparedness sensitivities.

Chair Kinney commended the work, noted he had no immediate next step recommendation, and encouraged Executive Committee members and Commissioners to review the report from additional vantage points to identify how this capability can be expanded. The item was taken under advisement.

Stakeholder Organization Updates

Chair Kinney noted that Dia Gainor (NASEMSO) indicated via chat that she had no further report beyond the wrap-up of the Annual Meeting. Chair Kinney thanked NASEMSO for hosting the in-person Commissioner meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. No other stakeholder organizations requested time to report.

Upcoming Meetings

- Next Executive Committee Meeting: June 10, 2026 (Virtual)
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting: June 17, 2026
- Next Full Commission Meeting: August 19, 2026

Adjournment of Public Portion and Move to Executive Session

Commissioner Herrera moved to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and enter executive session with the Executive Director and Counsel to address contractual matters.

Commissioner Vande Lune seconded the motion. Executive Director Woodyard noted for the record that Counsel had certified the agenda for the executive session. With no objections, the motion **passed unanimously**, and the Executive Committee adjourned from the public meeting and proceeded into executive session.