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DRAFT - PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL | For approval at the October 14, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

July 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 **Time:** 3:00 PM ET

Location: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Executive Committee Members Present:

- Chair Kraig Kinney, Indiana
- Vice Chair Wayne Denny, Idaho
- Secretary Mark Herrera, Utah
- Treasurer Brad Vande Lune, Iowa
- Member at Large Michael Johnson, Georgia

Absent:

- Immediate Past Chair Joe Schmider, Texas (excused – conflicting hearings)

Staff:

- Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director
- Christie Mellott, PWW, Counsel

A total of 37 participants attended, including Commissioners, state officials, partner organizations, and members of the public.

Call to Order

Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM ET and conducted roll call on behalf of the Secretary, who was traveling. A quorum was confirmed with five Executive Committee members present. Immediate Past Chair Schmider was unable to attend due to conflicting hearings. Chair Kinney reviewed the meeting norms, including public participation procedures and the two-minute public comment period.

Public Comment

Chair Kinney opened the floor for comment on matters not on the agenda. Judson Bruno of ZPaper, accompanied by CTO Eric Stevens and the company's medical director, presented on HealthScores.ai, a patient-controlled application supporting the CMS "Kill the Clipboard" initiative. The application consolidates patient medical information—medications, allergies, conditions, procedures, and emergency contacts—into a portable profile shareable with healthcare providers and EMS personnel via QR code and smart health link. ZPaper proposed a partnership with the EMS Compact to establish nationwide EMS credential verification using EMS ID, replacing its current state-based verification process and enabling verified EMS professionals to access additional patient-authorized information in the field.

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Executive Director Woodyard noted that the administrative rules adopted in November 2025 created a category permitting qualified entities to use the National EMS Coordinated Database to validate EMS credentials, and that this request appears to align with that intended purpose, though the current software version does not yet support the capability. Secretary Herrera and Member at Large Johnson expressed support for further exploration. Chair Kinney directed the Executive Director to explore the opportunity and report back to the Chair and Vice Chair on how to proceed.

Approval of May 2026 Meeting Summary

The May 2026 Executive Committee meeting summary was presented for approval; the June 2026 meeting had been cancelled. Executive Director Woodyard reviewed the summary, which had been prepared in coordination with the Secretary and transmitted to the Treasurer. **Member at Large Johnson moved** to accept the summary as presented. **Treasurer Vande Lune seconded** the motion. With no objections or abstentions, the motion **passed unanimously**. The summary was approved for posting on the Commission website.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vande Lune presented the financial report. The previous balance was $117,338.58. Total debits for the month were $28,830.94, with no credits. The pending balance is $96,238.52. The report was accepted.

Chair's Report

Chair Kinney commended Executive Director Woodyard for his extensive legislative outreach, which continues to drive the Compact's growth, and highlighted the EMS Week campaign as one of the most innovative initiatives to date, with strong response nationwide. Chair Kinney welcomed Jody Ratliff, the new Commissioner from West Virginia, who introduced himself and recognized the contributions of his predecessor, David Weller. The Chair also noted the Executive Director's continued national engagement with FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Woodyard provided updates on several key areas:

Legislative Updates:

Alaska and Arizona both enacted EMS Compact legislation, effective September 12 and September 20, 2026, respectively, with both states expected to be onboarded and fully participating by the end of September. Connecticut passed Compact legislation with a delayed implementation pending statutory trigger mechanisms. The Executive Director presented testimony last week at a joint House-Senate committee meeting in Montana, where a legislative sponsor is aligned and stakeholder support is strong; Montana is considered likely to be the next state to enact the Compact. New Mexico and Florida, where legislation passed the House but ran out of time in the Senate last session, are expected to reintroduce legislation in the coming session.

EMS Week Campaign:

With assistance from the National Registry, the Commission transmitted more than 400,000 unique emails, each including a certificate and a direct link to the recipient's EMS Compact privilege information. The campaign was highly

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successful, generating thousands of direct responses and significantly increasing visibility of the Compact. A more automated process is planned for next year.

New Website:

The new Commission website is expected to launch within approximately two weeks. The site aligns with .gov accessibility and design requirements, features a robust privilege-to-practice verification tool that generates a timestamped secure PDF with a real-time map of authorized states, and provides tailored pathways for clinicians, medical directors, elected officials, and employers. Content is optimized so that AI platforms draw primary-source, validated information directly from the site. The National Registry is serving as technology partner for the launch.

Upcoming Travel:

The Executive Director will attend the National Conference of State Legislatures in Chicago next week, followed by a series of meetings with federal partners in Washington, D.C.

Agency Affiliation and Scope of Practice Analysis:

In response to a growing volume of inquiries about EMS personnel working in non-traditional settings—construction sites, industrial facilities, casinos, festivals, and disaster response organizations—the Executive Director completed a 50-state review of primary source law. The analysis documents that every state requires affiliation with an authorized agency or entity for EMS practice, and that 46 states additionally require physician medical direction. The Executive Director identified an opportunity, with 28 member states, to partner with NASEMSO or other organizations on a clarification white paper addressing what is required for practice under a state EMS license or Compact privilege to practice, what may be permitted under delegated practice, and what is not permitted. No formal action was requested; the item was presented for awareness and potential future collaborative work.

Recognition of Fallen Providers:

The Executive Director noted the wildfires burning across the nation, including in Colorado, where three wildland firefighters were killed and three critically injured, in addition to the recent loss of a wildland fire aviator. At least one of the fallen firefighters held a valid EMS Compact privilege to practice. Appreciation was extended on the record to those who practice every day and to those who have sacrificed their lives.

National EMS Coordinated Database Administrator Report

Ray Mollers provided the database update. Tennessee has not submitted updated data since last September, and work continues with the state. A data cleanup project is underway with Nebraska. Oklahoma and Pennsylvania remain pending database connectivity. The National Registry is standing by to connect the three newest states. Mr. Mollers announced his retirement effective October 22, 2026; the National Registry is interviewing three candidates for its partner and advocacy team, one or more of whom will assume support of the Compact. Chair Kinney thanked Mr. Mollers for his decades of service.

New Business

No new business was presented.

Stakeholder Updates

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Dia Gainor of NASEMSO requested that, once the National EMS Coordinated Database analysis is finalized and approved by the Commission, a descriptive paragraph be provided, and invited the Executive Director to present to the NASEMSO Board of Directors, regional chairs, and the NASEMSO annual meeting in Anchorage during the week of April 11. The Executive Director welcomed the opportunity, noting that the database now covers every state, territory, and military outpost of the United States with at least one provider holding an EMS Compact privilege to practice, and that some non-compact states have more than 2,000 residents holding Compact privileges. Chair Kinney directed the Executive Director to move forward with the outreach.

Upcoming Meetings

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026; Chair Kinney noted he will likely be unavailable due to travel. The full Commission will meet on August 19, 2026, with additional information to follow.

Executive Session

Chair Kinney noted that an executive session had been certified by counsel as qualifying under applicable requirements. **Vice Chair Denny moved** to enter executive session with the Executive Director and counsel invited to attend. **Treasurer Vande Lune seconded** the motion. With no objections, the motion **passed** and the public meeting concluded.

Next Meeting: Executive Committee – August 12, 2026

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