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## January 2026 Executive Committee Meeting Summary

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 PM EST

**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 – Vacant
- Immediate Past Chair Joe Schmider, Texas

#### **Staff:**

- Donnie Woodyard, Executive Director
- PWW, Counsel

### Call to Order

Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM EST. Secretary Herrera conducted roll call, confirming a quorum with all Executive Committee members present except for the vacant Member at Large position. Chair Kinney acknowledged the resignation of Aaron Koehler from Wyoming, who served as both Commissioner and Member at Large, and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Compact.

### 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 October 2025 Meeting Summary

The October 2025 Executive Committee meeting summary was presented for approval. **Secretary Herrera moved** to approve the minutes as presented. **Vice Chair Denny seconded** the motion. With no objections or abstentions, the motion **passed unanimously**. The Executive Director was authorized to post the approved summary on the Commission website.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vande Lune presented the financial report for the period. The previous balance was \$116,406.33. Debits included Executive Director retainer payments on January 1 (\$6,412.50), December 15 (\$6,564.24), expense reimbursement (\$1,087.29), additional reimbursement (\$1,200.00), check payment (\$181.32), and another retainer payment on January 2 (\$6,412.50). The current balance is \$94,662.72. The report was accepted subject to audit.

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## Chair's Report

Chair Kinney reported that the goals for 2026 will continue to mirror 2025, with a focus on growth and engagement. He commended Executive Director Woodyard for his excellent work in increasing Commission visibility through public presentations and stakeholder engagement. The strong meeting attendance was noted as evidence of Commissioner engagement and effective outreach.

## Rules & Bylaws Committee Report

Immediate Past Chair Schmider reported that the committee successfully completed the administrative rules update in late 2025. The committee will focus on bylaws review in 2026. Commissioner Schmider noted he will be on medical leave during February and the committee will regroup in March. Chair Kinney thanked the committee for its work on the rules adopted last year.

## Criminal Conviction Committee Report

Commissioner Jones presented the committee's draft position paper on criminal convictions. The committee has agreed upon the document and sought guidance from the Executive Committee on next steps. Following discussion, **Secretary Herrera moved** to forward the position paper to the full Commission for consideration at the February 2026 meeting. **Vice Chair Denny seconded** the motion. With no objections or abstentions, the motion **passed unanimously**.

## Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Woodyard provided updates on several key areas:

### **Rural Health Transformation Grants:**

The 25 EMS Compact states gained competitive points in the federal Rural Health Transformation Grant program. At least three governors—Alaska, Oregon, and Ohio—included joining the EMS Compact as a priority in their grant applications. States that fail to follow through on this commitment will incur penalties in subsequent grant years.

### **Military Base Scorecard:**

The Air Force and Department of Defense updated the military base scorecard to include EMS Compact membership. States not part of the Compact will receive point deductions, impacting base expansion, closure, and funding decisions.

### **Safe Streets for All Grant:**

Analysis of the Safe Streets for All federal grant (521 awards, approximately \$1 billion total) showed EMS Compact states received 73% of all EMS-related funding, approximately \$150 million of the \$200 million allocated for EMS projects. Texas received \$26.5 million and Oklahoma \$25 million for EMS-related projects. Drone projects for EMS were noted in Texas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

### **Legislative Updates:**

Active legislation is being tracked in multiple states. Florida legislation was read on the House floor on January 13. Massachusetts legislation moved to a one-year study bill. New Jersey has active legislation under consideration. New Mexico has legislation pending introduction. Additional interest has been expressed from states in the Northeast, Midwest, and West Coast.

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## **National Coordinated Database Roadmap:**

Development continues on the roadmap for the National EMS Coordinated Database. The project is awaiting appropriation of federal funding, with positive news expected in the next three to four months. Planned enhancements include better NEMSIS data linkage, improved EMS ID utilization, enhanced workforce tracking, streamlined NPDB/discipline submission processes, employer modules with push notifications, and integration with external databases for address changes and Medicare/Medicaid exclusion lists.

## **National EMS Coordinated Database Administrator Report**

Ray Mollers provided the database update, noting that Steven Wilson has departed the National Registry and Mollers is handling his duties until a replacement is found. Most states are submitting data within one to two days. Tennessee encountered errors in September and continues working through resolution. Delaware is testing to add ALS data to their existing BLS reporting. Indiana's vendor is conducting testing with expected integration by month's end. Nebraska continues testing. Oklahoma and Pennsylvania have not yet submitted data; Pennsylvania reported they are finalizing an agreement with ImageTrend for their registry, with an estimated six-month implementation. Chair Kinney reminded attendees that a Compliance Committee has been formed to address such matters.

## **New Business**

### **Vacant Commissioner Appointments:**

The Executive Director reported that Wyoming and Missouri have vacant Commissioner positions due to resignations. Missouri has identified a candidate (Sam Vance, former Texas EMSC Coordinator and now Missouri State EMS Director) starting later this week. Wyoming has posted the position and hopes to have a candidate identified before the February Commission meeting. Certificates honoring the service of departing Commissioners Miller (Missouri) and Koehler (Wyoming) have been prepared and sent.

### **Executive Committee Meeting Schedule:**

The 2026 Executive Committee meeting schedule was reviewed. Two conflicts were identified: February 11 conflicts with the full Commission meeting, and November 11 is Veterans Day. Chair Kinney directed the cancellation of the February 11 Executive Committee meeting and rescheduling of the November 11 meeting to November 4, 2026.

### **Q1 2026 Full Commission Meeting:**

The February 11, 2026 full Commission meeting will include seating of new Commissioners (Missouri and Wyoming), consideration of the Criminal Conviction Position Paper, and standard operational reports. Executive Director Woodyard explained that position papers are non-binding recommendations on best practices, distinct from administrative rules which have the effect of law.

## **Election of Member at Large**

The Executive Committee considered filling the vacant Member at Large position following Commissioner Koehler's resignation. Per the bylaws, the Executive Committee has authority to appoint during a term vacancy. Two candidates submitted applications: Commissioner Michael Johnson (Georgia) and Commissioner Jonathan Jones (South Carolina). Both candidates addressed the committee, expressing their interest in serving and commitment to the Compact's mission.

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**Secretary Herrera moved** to conduct a roll call vote. **Treasurer Vande Lune seconded**. The voting proceeded as follows:

- Treasurer Vande Lune: Commissioner Jones
- Vice Chair Denny: Commissioner Johnson
- Secretary Herrera: Commissioner Johnson
- Chair Kinney: Commissioner Johnson

**Commissioner Michael Johnson (Georgia) was elected Member at Large** by a vote of 3-1, effective immediately. Chair Kinney thanked both candidates and noted Commissioner Jones's continued contributions to the Commission.

## Partner Organizations

Chair Kinney invited partner organizations to provide updates. No partner organizations requested to speak during this session.

## Adjournment

With no further business, Treasurer Vande Lune moved to adjourn the meeting. Chair Kinney seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** Full Commission Meeting – February 11, 2026, 3:00 PM EST

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