



**Emergency Medical Services
EMS Oversight Board**
800 Chestnut Street
Virtual Meeting
March 13, 2024
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Minutes

EOB Members:

Executive Satpal Sidhu (Chair)	Rick Kowsky, Cascade Amb. Citizen at Large
Barry Buchanan WC County Council	Kim Lund, City of Bellingham Mayor
Jim Hallet; Finance/Budget Citizen Rep.	Robert Rush Jr. MD, Medical Community Rep.
RobRoy Graham Fire Commissioners Assoc.	Michael Lilliquist, Bellingham City Council
Scott Korthuis, City of Lynden Mayor	Liz Baxter, Accountable Communities of Health

Members Not Present:

Robert Rush Jr. MD, Medical Community Rep.
Liz Baxter, Accountable Communities of Health

Also Present:

Mike Hilley, WCEMS Manager	Hank Maleng, WCF Chiefs Assoc.
Diana Clinch, WCEMS Data Analyst	Melissa Rodriguez, WCEMS office coordinator
Steve Cohen, WCEMS Program Specialist	Jerry DeBruin, WCEMS&TC
Bill Hewitt, Fire Chief BFD	Mark Billmire, Lynden Fire Dept. Chief
Brittany Nick, South Whatcom FD	Marvin Wayne, WCEMS MPD
Dave Pethick, Asst. Chief BFD	Mitch Nolze, South WCFD Chief
	Rachel Carlson, Fire Chief WCFD#1
	Scott Ryckman, Division Chief BFD

1. Welcome & Introductions Chair Sidhu
New EOB Member Barry Buchanan
2. Confirmation September, 2023 Minutes Chair Sidhu
Korthuis motioned to approve meeting minutes Kowsky seconded, no objections meeting minutes approved unanimously. Hilley reminded the group that they were voting for the September, 2023 meeting minutes today because there was no quorum at the December 13th meeting.
3. Confirmation December 13, 2023 Minutes Chair Sidhu
After a few corrections to meeting minutes Korthuis motioned to approve meeting minutes Kowsky seconded, no objections meeting minutes approved unanimously. Mayor Lund abstained.

4. TAB Report Pethick
Hilley updated the group about what was discussed at the last TAB meeting on March 6, 2023.
5. Finance Review 2024 Overview
- Finance Update
- ALS Budget Recommendation Korthuis (Finance Chair)
Korthuis went over the Finance Report. Hewett spoke about the true-up for the GEMT funds and hopes to have a good idea of what that looks like next month. Korthuis asked Hewett if he could forward that true-up information once he has it to Hilley so that it can be forwarded out to the group.
6. BLS/First Response Contract Update
- 2024 BLS Allocation
- 2024 to 2029 Contract Hilley/Maleng
Hilley/Maleng both updated the group on the BLS contract discussion.
7. Introduction EOB Position Nominee Brittany Nick Chair Sidhu
Hilley introduced Brittany Nick to the group as a nominee to the EOB. Hilley will set up a meeting for Mayor Lund and the executive Satpal to meet with Brittany Nick regarding the EOB position.
8. Council Office/Ordinance Demographics Survey Hilley
Hilley shared the Fire District Demographic Survey with the group.
9. Round Table/Good of the Order Chair Sidhu
Korthuis asked about the community paramedics and Mayor Lund's initiative for downtown clean up and wanted to know how that fell into our scope of work. Hewett went over how this falls into the scope of work. Executive Satpal spoke about all of the work being done in regards to the emergency crisis in our community.
10. Public Comment Chair Sidhu
No public comment.