

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL CONTROL BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2026**

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board met in person at the John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Building, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Conference Room 130, Largo, Florida, at 10:00 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Dr. Matt Nelson, St. Anthony's Hospital (Primary) – Chair
Mr. Brent Burish, HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital (Primary) – Vice Chair
Ms. Diane Conti, HCA Largo Medical Center (Alternate)
Dr. Hasan Rasheed, Morton Plant Hospital (Alternate)
Ms. Nancy Hopkins, Morton Plant Mease Healthcare (Alternate)
Dr. Meghan Martin, Pediatric Physician

Members Not Present:

Dr. Matthew Smith, AdventHealth North Pinellas (Primary) – Secretary
Dr. Jose Barquin, AdventHealth North Pinellas (Alternate)
Dr. Krista Gillis, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg (Primary)
Dr. Siddarth Goyal, Bayfront Health St. Petersburg (Alternate)
Dr. Jennifer Pearson, C.W. Bill Young V.A. Medical Center
Dr. Roberto Bellini, Mease Countryside Hospital (Primary)
Dr. Craig Kizewic, Mease Countryside Hospital (Alternate)
Dr. Robyn Ache, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (Primary)
Dr. Anthony Ottaviani, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society (Alternate)

Staff Present:

Craig Hare, EMS Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Brett Schlatterer, Fire Director, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Angus Jameson, Medical Director
Dr. Morgan Uebelacker, OMD
Patrick Allman, County Attorney's Office
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration
Marianne Merola, EMS & Fire Administration
Tom Hund, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Jazmin Soloman, Sunstar Paramedics

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Dr. Matt Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Roll call was taken, and Marianne Merola determined that a quorum was present. There were six (6) voting members in attendance.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING – APPROVED

Upon presentation, Dr. Matt Nelson moved, seconded by Dr. Meghan Martin and carried unanimously, that the minutes of the December 18, 2025 EMS Medical Control Board meeting be approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Attorney Patrick Allman provided a brief overview of the election process.

- Appointment of Chair – Following Attorney Allman’s call for nominees for Chair, Dr. Matt Nelson volunteered for the Chair position; whereupon, Mr. Brent Burish moved, seconded by Dr. Hasan Rasheed, that Dr. Matt Nelson be reappointed Chair of the EMS Medical Control Board, for a one-year term ending March 2027. Upon call for the vote, the motion was approved unanimously.
- Appointment of Vice-Chair – Following Attorney Allman’s call for nominees for Vice-Chair, Dr. Matt Nelson nominated Mr. Brent Burish for the Vice-Chair position and moved, seconded by Dr. Hasan Rasheed, that Mr. Brent Burish be reappointed Vice-Chair of the EMS Medical Control Board, for a one-year term ending March 2027. Upon call for the vote, the motion was approved unanimously.
- Appointment of Secretary – Following Attorney Allman’s call for nominees for Secretary, Dr. Matt Nelson Smith nominated Dr. Meghan Martin for the Secretary position and moved, seconded by Dr. Hasan Rasheed, that Dr. Meghan Martin be appointed Secretary of the EMS Medical Control Board, for a one-year term ending March 2027. Upon call for the vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

CLINICAL UPDATES – DR. JAMESON

Dr. Jameson provided an overview of Video Laryngoscope equipment. Craig Hare mentioned cost of \$600k for equipment and implementation of airway training. Item supported by members. Mr. Brent Burish moved, seconded by Dr. Matt Nelson and carried unanimously, that the Medical Control Board Support the budget request for Video Laryngoscope equipment purchase.

Dr. Jameson referred to a document titled *April 2026 Medical Operations Manual Protocol Updates Executive Summary, Volume 1 Clinical Operating Guidelines (Effective April 1, 2026)* and provided the following clinical updates:

a. Approval Items

- **Protocols to go-live April 1, 2026 - APPROVED**
 - CS16 DNRO/MOLST/POLST
 - CS18 Mass Casualty
 - CP24 Patient Restraint for Transport
 - CP27 Normal Childbirth
 - CP34 Ramp Triage
 - CT29 Ramp Triage

Dr. Jameson referred to the Executive Summary and pages 8 through 21 of the protocol packet and summarized the CS16 DNRO/MOLST/POLST, CS18 Mass Casualty, CP24 Patient Restraint for Transport, CP27 Normal Childbirth, CP34 Ramp Triage, and CT29 Ramp Triage protocols. Dr. Jameson confirmed that the DNR form will continue to be printed on yellow paper.

Following discussion, Ms. Nancy Hopkins moved, seconded by Dr. Meghan Martin, that the CS16 DNRO/MOLST/POLST, CS18 Mass Casualty, CP24 Patient Restraint for Transport, CP27 Normal Childbirth, CP34 Ramp Triage, and CT29 Ramp Triage protocols be approved. Upon call for the vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Jameson discussed collaborating with JHACH to provide an EMS rotation for their Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellows. During the rotation, fellows will spend time on Sunstar units, with the Office of the Medical Director, and at 9-1-1 Dispatch. We are pleased to officially serve as a clinical training site for the fellowship and to support the continued education of their trainees.

EMS SYSTEM UPDATE

Craig Hare provided an overview of the following highlights:

- Results of Surveys for training (Field, Leadership, Instructors/Mentors):
 - Dividing training per quarter, online and in-person classrooms give flexibility to agencies.
 - Looking for more resources for IPD Instructor Development to invest in the instructors.
 - In Spring/Fall 2027, related plans to add an extra instructor for each class with 3 instructor hours.
- Active Assailant class for mid-level Commanders, Rescue Lieutenants, EMS Supervisors, Triage, half day every other week.
- On 3/25, Planning Session workshops took place for Fire & EMS Chiefs and Training Ops for workforce development.
 - A County-run academy was suggested to include EMT and Paramedic programs.
 - Integrate Fire and EMS training for EMRs & EMTs.
 - Fire Academy to enforce hosting for Fire Department officers' career path and leadership development.
- This afternoon, 3/26/26, a Rules & Regulations meeting is scheduled to review needed updates.
- EMSAC meeting scheduled for tomorrow, 3/27/26. Presentations scheduled for 15 Enhancement projects throughout the county.
- DEA has new rules for EMS Registration for Controlled Substances which are under review by the County.
- Pre-authorizations have been rescinded by David Hare, Interim Bureau Director. No deadline noted. It will be a collaborative effort.

NEXT MEETING

The next MCB meeting will be held in person on June 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the John Morroni EMS & Fire Administration Building, 12490 Ulmerton Road, Conference Room 130/132, Largo, Florida 33774.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Matt Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hopkins and carried unanimously, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

***Audio and any correspondence received for this meeting is on file at the
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.***