

**AUSTIN – TRAVIS COUNTY EMS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, November 14, 2012



**The Austin – Travis County EMS Advisory Board convened on November 14, 2012,
15 Waller Street, in Austin, Texas at 9:30 a.m.**

Board Members in Attendance: Mark Clayton, Hector Gonzales, Paula Barr, Paul Carrozza, Bob Taylor, Susan Pascoe, Chris Ziebell

Board Members Absent: Vard Curtis

Other Attendees: Ernesto Rodriguez, James Shamard, Vivian Holmes, Keith Simpson, Paul Hinchey, Jeff Hayes, Danny Hobby, Terry Browder, Troy Mayer, Bradley Leach, Casey Ping, Gigi Mao, Harry Evans, Teresa Gardner, Ed Racht, Jeff McCollum

1. CALL TO ORDER –November 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and Chair Taylor introduced new board member, Dr. Chris Ziebell.

2. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL - None

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: The minutes for the regular meeting of May 2, 2012 were approved on Board Member Barr's motion, Vice Chair Pascoe's second on a 7-0 vote.

4. ELECT OFFICERS FOR FY 2012-2013

Chair Taylor opened the floor for nominations. Board members discussed the ability for Chair Taylor to continue in his role since he has completed three terms as Chair. Mr. Keith Simpson read from the City of Austin and Travis County Interlocal Agreement, Section 12, Officers and Committees 12.2 relates to maximum terms for officers and administrative overrides for officer reappointments. In this case, Chair Taylor can serve another term if given two-thirds of the vote.

Motion: Board Member Barr motioned for an administrative override to reappoint Bob Taylor as Chair, seconded by Board Member Gonzales; motion moved 7/0.

Motion: Board Member Barr motioned to nominate Bob Taylor as Chair, seconded by Vice Chair Pascoe; motion moved 7/0.

Motion: Board Member Carrozza motioned to nominate Board Member Mark Clayton as Vice Chair, seconded by Board Member Barr; motion moved 7/0.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSFER FRANCHISE CURRENTLY HELD BY AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE (AMR).

Rick Branning, ATCEMS Customer Care Program Manager, provided introductions of AMR representatives General Manager Jeff McCollom, and Medical Director Dr. Ed Racht. Staff recommendation was to renew the AMR franchise for a standard five year term. Chair Taylor discussed the letter of recommendation given to City Council regarding the Acadian franchise renewal, which was a one-year term; Council did take their letter into consideration, however they approved the standard five-year term.

Vice Chair Clayton mentioned a potential conflict on this item, therefore he abstained from voting.

Motion: Recommendation to Council to approve the AMR franchise renewal on Board Member Pascoe's motion, Board Member Carrozza's second. Motion moved 7/0 with one abstention.

6. REVIEW OF REPORTS FOR FY12 Q3, Q4 & END OF YEAR-ATCEMS, OMD, AFD, STAR FLIGHT

- Chief of Staff James Shamard provided an overview of the operational reports.
- Chief Gardner reviewed STEMI, STROKE and TRAUMA reports.
- STAR Flight Program Manager Casey Ping presented the STAR Flight reports.

7. RATIONALE FOR THE REVISED POLICY OF CONTINUING TO CERTIFYING EMT-I FIRST RESPONDERS

Dr. Paul Hinchey provided an overview and discussed cardiac arrest data.

8. DISCUSSION OF THE BOARD'S APPROACH TO ADVISING THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS COURT

Board members discussed that letters that have been sent to the elected officials in the past. The goal is to keep city and county elected officials informed of what the board recommends on items that are important for the system. Board members discussed other options such as possibly attending Council and Court meetings as well as the Public Safety Commission meeting.

9. RECEIVE REPORT ON THE STATUS AND MAKE-UP OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATCEMS AND THE COUNTY

Travis County Executive Manager Danny Hobby and EMS Chief Ernesto Rodriguez provided an update on interlocal agreement being constructed.

10. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Upon the board's request at the last meeting, Mr. Troy Mayer, Acadian's Vice President of Operations, provided a history of Acadian's non-emergency franchise in Austin and the status of their current operations.
- The City Clerk's office has set up email addresses for all board members to use when conducting advisory board business. In order to keep in compliance with open records requirements, it is recommended that board members use the City address.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

The board discussed agenda items and being more diligent in adding important items. The board should hear from all stakeholders and not just the City of Austin, including ESD's, AFD and small cities. Employee Association president, Tony Marquardt, offered to meet with board members any time. Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Clayton will review suggestions and discuss at the next meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

13. ADJOURN

Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m., without objection.