

Rules and Regulations Committee
Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services
Virginia Public Safety Training Center
August 6, 2026, 9:15 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:	OEMS Staff:	Others:
Kim Craig – Chair	Cody Jackson (excused)	Wayne Perry	David Long
Beth Adams – Vice Chair	Janet Blankenship	Mohamed Abbamin	Tanya Trevilian
Karen Owens			Bruce Stratton
Jason Stroud			Matt Lawler (Virtual)
Theresa Kingsley-Varble			Bill Street (Virtual)
Drew DeHaven			Michael Capps (Virtual)
David Hupp			Gary Samuels (Virtual)
Steve Higgins			

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I. Call to order/Welcome:	<i>Call to order</i> – The meeting was called to order by Chair, Kim Craig. <i>Meeting minute approval</i> – The committee reviewed the April 30, 2026, EMS Rules & Regulations Committee meeting minutes. Approval was addressed as part of the committee's regular business. <i>Agenda approval</i> – The draft agenda for the August 6, 2026, meeting was presented for approval and accepted by the committee.	
II. Staff Report	Wayne Perry reported that the Virginia Department of Health review process for EMS variances and exceptions has been completed. Authority for review and approval has been delegated by the Commissioner to Dr. Beermann-Foat. Future requests for variances and exceptions will be submitted directly through the Office of EMS and will no longer come before the Rules and Regulations Committee. Existing requests that are already in process will continue through the newly established pathway without requiring resubmission.	
III. Ongoing Regulatory Activities – Chapter 32 Workgroup Report	Beth Adams provided a detailed report on Chapter 32 Workgroup's activities. The work group met twice monthly beginning in March. Members reviewed proposed regulatory edits submitted by advisory committees and stakeholders.	

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	Key Accomplishments - Completed review of Air Medical Committee proposed revisions. - Completed review of Medical Direction Committee proposed edits. - Reviewed Training and Certification Committee submissions received after the original deadline. - Conducted a partial review of TPAM recommendations. Discussion Highlights - The workgroup was tasked with reviewing and consolidating proposed Chapter 32 revisions that had been approved previously and later expired during the regulatory review process. - Medical Direction Committee recommendations to separate compliance requirements into a standalone referenced document were not advanced because no such document currently exists. - Concern was expressed regarding a Medical Direction Committee motion requesting OEMS to consider a complete overhaul of Chapter 32 and discontinue the current piecemeal editing process. - OEMS staff clarified that the Medical Direction Committee's recommendation must first be considered by the EMS Advisory Board before any action could be requested of OEMS. - Staff emphasized that the work completed by the workgroup remains valuable and will be utilized regardless of future decisions regarding the regulatory process. Committee Concerns Committee members expressed concerns regarding: - The future role of the Rules and Regulations Committee. - Uncertainty about pathways for regulatory development and approval. - Whether committee work should continue pending clarification from OEMS, the Attorney General's Office, and the Advisory Board.	A report will be delivered to the EMS Advisory Board on August 7, 2026, requesting guidance on how to proceed with the Chapter 32 review process.
IV. New Business	The committee discussed the recent changes to the background checks and the completion of the CSDR.	

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	The following clarification was provided: • Agency affiliation background checks and certification-related background checks are separate requirements. • Agency affiliation requirements have not changed and may be administered through OEMS or participating in local jurisdictions as permitted by law. • Individuals entering certification programs must have a background check associated with their certification application to comply with Virginia law and EMS Compact requirements. • A recent portal update was implemented to ensure students cannot be marked complete in a certification course without satisfying the background check requirement. • For existing classes, OEMS is accepting background checks completed within 60 days before course enrollment and through the present period to allow compliance. For future classes, background checks must be completed within 60 days of enrollment. • OEMS continues reviewing the process and further updates were expected from Dr. Beerman Foat at the following day's Advisory Board meeting. Committee members discussed: • Duplicate fingerprinting concerns individuals affiliating with agencies while simultaneously pursuing EMS certification. • Cost impacts associated with fingerprint processing. • EMS Compact requirements are mandating that the certifying authority maintain custody of certification-related background checks.	
V. Public Comment:	No public comment	
VI. Date of Next Meeting:	The next meeting is November 5, 2026, at 9:15 a.m.	
VII. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.	