

**State EMS Advisory Board
Public Safety Training Center
7093 Broad Neck Road, Hanover Virginia 23609
Friday, August 7, 2026
10am**

I. Opening Session

- Call to Order – Dr. Paula Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM, Chair
- Pledge of Allegiance – Beth Matish, Vice Chair
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2026
- Approval of Current Meeting Agenda – August 7, 2026

II. Reports

- Chairman’s Report – Dr. Paula Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM
- State Health Commissioner – Dr. B. Cameron Webb, MD, JD
- Deputy Commissioner for Population Health & Preparedness – Stephanie Dunkel
- VDH Office of EMS Report – Dr. Maria Beermann-Foat, PhD, NRP
 - OEMS Presentation on New Advisory Board Contact Form
- State Board of Health EMS Representative Report – Kevin Dillard

III. Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee** – Dr. Paula Ferrada, MD, FACS, FCCM
- **Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC)** – Robert Trimmer
- **Rules and Regulations Committee** – Kim Craig
- **Emergency Management Committee** – Joseph Williams
- **EMS Workforce Resilience Committee** - Brian Frankel
- **Medical Direction Committee** – Dr. Joseph Lang, MD
- **Trauma Administration and Governance Committee** – James Reynolds
- **Training and Certification Committee** – Melissa Meador

IV. Public Comment

Access to public form → [VDH-OEMS Public Comment Form](#)

V. Business Matters

- Unfinished Business
- New Business

- Friday, November 6, 2026 - 10 a.m. - Public Safety Training Center is 7093 Broad Neck Road, Hanover Virginia 23609

VI. Adjournment

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Landing Zone (LZ) Safety Recommendations

Landing zones should be set up according to local Air Medical Program Protocols utilizing both LZ Command and a Safety Officer



Air Methods Air Life
Carilion Clinic Life-Guard
Centra One
Duke Life Flight
Fairfax County Police
HCA Air Care Eagle
Highlands Emergency Air Rescue & Transport



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