

**Harford County EMS Standards Advisory Board Meeting
February 12, 2019
DES Training Room – 2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill**

Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance: John Donohue (Chair), Ben Kurtz, Tami Wiggins, and Dr. David Hexter. Larry Richardson was absent.

Staff in attendance: Director Eddie Hopkins (DES), John Richter (DES), Sharon Blevins (DES), Mike Deckard (DES), Dwayne Owens (DES), Stacy Ness (DES), Dr. Paul Chizmar (DES), Dr. Tim Chizmar (Medical Director), Ben Lloyd (Budget).

Guests in attendance: Bill Dousa (Association), Sam Sauers (Co. 9), Mike Kalck (Co. 13), Jack Mory (Co. 7), Lisa Norton (EMS Foundation).

Chair Report

Chairman Donohue called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. He introduced new board member Ben Kurtz representing the Association.

Ms. Wiggins moved to approve the December minutes as presented. Dr. Hexter seconded and the minutes were approved 4-0.

DES Update

Director Hopkins stated that DES has provided a response to the Association's inquiry regarding EMS expenses, and they have also requested an org chart. He thanked the VFCs and the Association for facilitating access to fire houses when the county medic unit has been transferred. He reported that DES had met with Company 3 to discuss ghost toning and closest unit dispatch.

Job posting for seven additional paramedics will occur in mid-February, and they have used social media and developed a brochure to try to generate more interest. DES is hosting an open house on February 15. The target date for the second medic unit is May 1 and it will be positioned somewhere in the Route 40 corridor.

Old Business

Data

Bill Dousa reported that the data shows that calls for service have stabilized in terms of volume and areas of response.

Strategic Plan

The board went through the plan paragraph-by-paragraph and made grammatical edits. Once approved it will be forwarded to the county's Law Department for a legal review. Dr. Hexter moved that the draft plan be approved with the edits discussed this evening, which was seconded by Ms. Wiggins and approved 4-0.

New Business

Dr. Hexter recognized Bill Dousa for his service and hard work as a member of the EMS Standards Board.

There being no further business, Dr. Hexter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded Ms. Wiggins. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.