



BREMS Emergency BOD Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025
3pm

Attendance: Janet Blankenship, Len Cohen, Jeff Tanner, Brad Beam, Robert Lipscomb, Michelle Turner, Lisa Aiken, Jason Ferguson, Tim McConville, Kayla Long (online), Danny Williams (online), Bruce Stratton, Susan Walton (online), Mary Kathryn Allen and Lori Meadows

Absences: Sara McConville

The meeting began at 3:11pm.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Janet Blankenship** opened the meeting, acknowledging the recent rapid developments and thanking participants for their patience and attendance.

2. Updates on the Hybrid Model

- Directors received a call on Tuesday morning from Rachel Stradling (Office of EMS), providing a heads-up about a planned meeting later that day where an announcement would be made regarding the discontinuation of the hybrid council model.
- The group had previously participated in a workgroup meeting to address ongoing changes, which included preliminary discussions about the hybrid model transition.
- A meeting was held earlier in the afternoon with representatives from the four hybrid offices to discuss the discontinuation of the hybrid office model. An agreement was reached to streamline further future messaging from the hybrid council group.

3. Action Items for Council Feedback

Key Requirements:

1. Disseminate quantitative feedback (e.g., 1-5 ratings) and qualitative comments on the hybrid model changes as soon as possible via a survey.
2. Develop messaging to stakeholders that balances brevity with clarity. Responses should not exceed 3-5 minutes to ensure engagement.
3. Specify how feedback may be shared externally if needed.

4. EMS Day at the Capitol

Date: Next Tuesday

- **Attendance Encouraged:** Participants were urged to attend in uniform if possible, to demonstrate collective interest and advocacy for EMS-related challenges.
- **Key Message:** “We appreciate your support but also need your help navigating current challenges and uncertainties.”
- It was noted that some traditional councils may also be present, potentially with their own advocacy priorities.

5. Planning for Next Steps

- **Follow-Up Meeting:** A scheduling poll will be distributed to determine the best date for a follow-up meeting. Suggested dates include January 29, 30, or 31. A Google form will be used to streamline the process.

6. Closing Remarks

- Janet Blankenship thanked participants for their time and contributions, emphasizing the importance of collaboration during this transitional period.
- The meeting concluded with an acknowledgment of ongoing training and planning efforts for future sessions.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25pm.