



**BREMS Board of Directors Meeting
BREMS Full Council Meeting
June 2, 2025; 6pm**

BOD Attendees: R. Jason Ferguson, R. Bruce Stratton, Robert Lipscomb, Tim McConville, Janet Blankenship, Len Cohen, Michelle Turner, Jeff Tanner (online), Bradley Beam (online), Mary Kathryn Allen (BREMS)

BOD Absent: Lisa Aiken, Susan Walton, Sara McConville, Kayla Long, Danny Williams

Guest Attendees: Gregory Woods (OEMS), Brian McChesney (Concord), Jodi McChesney (Concord), Brenda Stratton (Concord), Cara March (Centra), Milton Hobbs (Moneta), Don Fournier (Huddleston), Emma Ollweiler (Moneta), John Singer (Moneta), Daniel Wells (online- Appomattox)

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Reviewed April 25, 2025, minutes.
- Action: Add Dr. Leonard Cohen absentee list for April 25th meeting.
- Motion to approve minutes with amendment by Tim McConnell; seconded by Michelle Turner.
- Motion carried; minutes approved.

3. Financial Report

- Lori Meadows was unable to provide profit & loss statement due to timing issues with Kelsey.
- Key figures:
 - Current balance: ~\$392,954
 - Expected Q3 invoice payment: \$76,191.18
 - Q4 invoiced to date: \$37,613.49

- Total expected funds: \$506,759.47+
 - 2025 MOU from Office of EMS: \$250,000 (Spent: \$181,960.76; Balance: \$68,034.24)
- Motion to accept financial report made by Bruce Stratton and seconded by Jason Ferguson.
- Motion carried; report approved.

4. Introductions

- The Board of Directors and Council members introduced themselves.

5. Regional Director's Report

- Discussed recent staff changes.
- EMS Week highlights: Mary Kathryn attended Governor's Award Program at the Governor's Mansion on Monday, May 19th; Taylor Clayton won a state award from our region for Outstanding Telecommunicator.
- Ongoing MCI (Mass Casualty Incident) training with localities.
- Protocol updates by Dr. Long; app updates by Mary Kathryn last week.

6. Future of BREMS Council

- President Janet Blankenship gave a brief history of the last two years with state-level financial restructuring and how it is impacting the council structures and operations.
- Virginia is reducing councils from eleven to seven. The current BREMS and Western Virginia EMS Council will be combined to create a new regional council. BREMS Board of Directors have voted not to submit an RFP to be one of the seven councils.
- The recommendation from the Board of Directors to the Full Council is to dissolve the current BREMS Council. Western Virginia EMS Council plans to submit an RFP for the newly created regional council.
- Staffing updates:
 - Lori moved to a new position at CVCC. She is currently contracted for 2 hrs/week for financial duties with the BREMS BOD.
 - Mary Kathryn to split time between BREMS (3 days/week) and VDH (2 days/week) starting July 10th.
- Assets and finances:
 - Secretary Robert Lipscomb read aloud to all in attendance the dissolution process as outlined in the BREMS bylaws and articles of incorporation
 - Legal counsel to be engaged for asset management and dissolution.
 - The board approved financial support for Billie the CISM Therapy dog for the next five years.
 - Immersive training room to be donated to CVCC.
 - Handtevy has been prepaid for one year for FY 26 to give agencies more time to decide how to fund this after June 2026.

- Dr. Long's OMD contract extended through year-end, December 31, 2025.
- Non-negotiables discussed with WVEMS Executive Board: AP Medic and Impact Living Services (CISM) to continue.
- OEMS meeting scheduled for June 26 to discuss non-negotiables and a tour of the BREMS region.
- Motion to proceed with dissolution moved by Bruce Stratton; seconded by Leonard Cohen
- Motion carried.

7. EMS Week Review

- Brief review of EMS Week activities and celebrations.

8. Lifeline Update

- FarmVille expansion halted.
- VTR requested \$41,000 labor payment and offered to sell equipment; removal cost estimated at \$36,900.
- Equipment purchased but not deployed may be usable by amateur radio groups.
- Localities to take ownership of radio systems.
- Action: Gather equipment details; legal counsel to resolve debt with VTR.

9. Other Business

- Update on auditor and bookkeeping conversations.
- Michelle Turner provided update on Billie's status. Please contact Michelle if you find your agency could use her services anytime.
- Greg Woods (VDH/OEMS) offered support from OEMS.

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Bruce Stratton; seconded by all and approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.