



CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD(CCESAB)



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: 7/14/2026 9:00 AM

Location: JJC HR Training Room (9300 Quincy Ave. Cleveland, OH)

Attendees

NAME	Present	ASSOCIATION	ALTERNATE	Present
Takisha Fuller		CCBH	Laura Cerrito	x
Tracy Pate		CDPH	Natalia Maikranz	
John Corn	x	NEORS	Tom Madej	
Larry Tafe (non-voting)	x	PSJS Grants	Lezlie White (non-voting)	x
Bob Zehentbauer (non-voting)		OEMA	Michelle Sowers (non-voting)	
Chief Briant Galgas		MHFD	Chief Matt Schneider	x
Mark Christie (Chair)	x	CCOEM	Kevin Friis	
Fred Szabo (Vice-Chair)	x	CLE OEM	Bob Horwatt	x
Jeff Minch (Community Rep.)	x	Middleburg Hts. PW		
Gabrielle Hubbard	x	Metro Health	Amy Huebner	x
Sophia Caruso		CWRU	Paige Herron	
Sharon Nicastro	x	ARC		
Chief Bev Pettrey		CSU PD	Cpt. Scott Secor	x
Nora Wall	x	Services for Ind. Living		
Serena Steele	x	COAD		
Jeremy Mio (non-voting)	x	Cuyahoga County IT		
Christina Fozio		WellLink	Derek Duty	x
Robin Roy	x	Cuyahoga County BOE		
Michelle Sowers	x	OEMA		
Eric Morgan (non-voting)	x	NEORFC		
Mindy Naticchioni (non-voting)	x	Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter		
Brian Fitzsimmons (non-voting)	x	NEORS		
Matt Reinke (non-voting)	x	CLE OEM		

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MINUTES

- **CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM
- Roll Call conducted; quorum met.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- J. Minch motioned to approve the minutes from the 5/12/26 meeting. G. Hubbard seconded. All yeas, no nays. Minutes approved.

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

- **GRANTS UPDATE**

- L. White provided an update on the FY26 grant process.
- L. Tafe discussed updates to the FY24 BOE project (disaster recovery site). Servers are currently being bid and vendors are being required to hold price for 60 days once bid closes.
- L. Tafe also reported that the FY25 grant award had been received and he was optimistic that an extension would be possible.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**

- M. Christie stated that the committee received just one project application to review from the Board of Elections (BOE).
- R. Roy summarized the project, which entailed the purchase of a mobile polling trailer and a tow vehicle. The asset would be deployed when a polling location experiences a disruption. R. Roy expressed that the asset would be sharable with other counties. The total amount requested was \$170,000.
- Committee members posed several questions and comments concerning the project, including the broad opinion that the BOE should attempt to purchase more than one trailer.
- M. Christie stated that he would entertain a motion to advance the project application to the main CCESAB with the option to expand the request to two trailers, if ultimately feasible. Chief Schneider motioned, J. Corn seconded, all yeas, no nays. Motion carried.
- M. Christie summarized the updates to the committee's bylaws, most notably the addition of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter and the Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center (NEORFC) as voting members. He stated that this meeting marked the second reading for the updated bylaws and he would now entertain a motion to approve them. S. Nicastro motioned, J. Mio seconded. All yeas, no nays. Updated Bylaws were approved.
- J. Corn- no updates.
- L. White provided updates on the staffing changes within the PSJS Grants Division.
- E. Morgan stated NEORFC was operating business as usual and tracking various special events.
- Chief Schneider provided some updates from the LEPC and discussed powder training for HAZMAT.
- J. Minch discussed all the roadwork being completed throughout the county.
- J. Mio discussed the new requirements related to HB96 and mentioned the deployment of managed detection response for county agencies.
- M. Christie provided several updates from the Office of Emergency Management, including the recent departure of EOC Manager Bryan Kloss and the numerous exercises the office was assisting with.

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- Laura Cerrito introduced herself as the new preparedness planner with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. She also discussed CCBH's exercise activities as well as the ongoing cyclosporiasis outbreak.
- G. Hubbard introduced the new EM operations manager at Metro, Amy Hubner. She also discussed Metro's newly completed CBRNE plan as well as the intention to conduct a full-scale exercise at the hospital.
- S. Steele provided updates from COAD and announced upcoming training opportunities.
- M. Reinke discussed Cleveland's migration to a new mass notification system vendor, Rave. He also discussed the upcoming exercises and Hopkins and Burke airports.
- B. Horwatt discussed the recent power outages and cooling center operations.
- F. Szabo mentioned the Cleveland PD Headquarters move as well as the final planned EOC activation for the year- Tree Lighting on November 28th.
- D. Duty stated that WellLink is supporting the NDMS exercise at Hopkins.
- S. Secor mentioned several events planned for CSU's campus, including a larger conference at the end of July and a street fair on August 22nd. He also mentioned that police departments in other parts of the country are beginning to use drones to take police reports.
- M. Naticchioni discussed Avery's Law and mentioned the microchip clinic planned for July 26th.
- S. Nicastro stated the Northeast Chapter of ARC has served 1600 people, 600 pets, and installed 2500 smoke alarms this year. She also stated that there will be another Thunderbolt Exercise next year.
- N. Wall- no updates.
- R. Roy stated that the BOE is preparing for the General Election later this year and that they plan to host a Tabletop Exercise in the middle of August.
- J. Corn introduced the new EM intern for NEORSD, Brian Fitzsimmons.
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION¹**
 - No Executive Session
- **NEXT MEETING**
 - M. Christie stated that the next meeting is scheduled for September 8th.
- **ADJOURNMENT**
 - M. Christie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Mich motioned, J. Corn seconded. All yeas, no nays. Meeting adjourned at 10:36AM.

¹ **EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE HELD PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC) 121.22(G)** ORC 121.22(G)(5), a public body may hold an executive session to consider "matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes." ORC 121.22(G)(6) provides that consideration of "[d]etails relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or a public office." Under this exception, both conditions must be met: (1) the subject of the meeting must relate to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office; a(2) public disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of that public body or public office.