

**Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council  
March 4, 2026  
Meeting Minutes**

*Chair Brauner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.*

*Attendance: Attendance sheet on file*

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>1. ATTENDANCE</b>	Present: M.Barber, B. Brauner, E.Conley, J.Elge, Z. Ellis, L. Friedhaber, G.Gill, J. Graham, M.B.Hughes, S.Hulsman, M.Hyde, T.Keem, A.Lapp, T. Maxian, K.Peterson, R.Shaw, C.Staffehl, S.Stetzel, C.Tatarka, R.Tatarka, D.Turner, C.Zemrac, J.Zgoda	
<b>2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b>	Led by C.Staffehl	
<b>3. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<b>Motion 26-08</b> made to suspend our regular order of business. Discussed changing meeting start times to assist people that are members of other volunteer departments that have meetings on Wednesday. <b>Motion 26-09</b> made to move our meeting from the first Wednesday of the odd months to the third Wednesday keeping the meeting time a 6pm. Further discussion regarding the meeting date and times. Motion 26-09 was tabled. <b>Motion 26-10</b> to take a poll in the room for 5pm start time for the first Wednesday of the month. 17 yes/ 3 no. <b>Motion 26-11</b> made to poll the room for meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 6pm. 10 yes/6 no. <b>Motion 26-12</b> made to move the meeting to the first Wednesday of the month at 5pm. Discussed about being able to participate in Zoom meetings. Discussed other commitment outside of the WEREMS council. Motion 26-12 was rescinded. <b>Motion 26-13</b> made to meet at 5:30 the first Wednesday of odd months. <b>Motion 26-14</b> made to return to our regular agenda.	<b>1. Motion 26-08:</b> <b>Z.Ellis</b> <b>Second: R.Tatarka</b> <b>Approved</b> <b>2. Motion 26-09</b> <b>Z.Ellis</b> <b>Second: S.Stetzel</b> <b>Tabled</b> <b>4.Motion 26-10</b> <b>D.Turner</b> <b>Second: Z.Ellis</b> <b>Approved</b> <b>5.Motion 26-11</b> <b>D.Turner</b> <b>Second: M.B.Hughes</b> <b>Approved</b> <b>6.Motion 26-12</b> <b>D.Turner</b> <b>Second: R.Tatarka</b> <b>Rescinded</b> <b>7.Motion 26-13</b> <b>D.Turner</b> <b>Second: Z.Ellis</b> <b>Approved</b> <b>B.Brauner abstention</b>

		<b>8. Motion 26-14 S.Hulsman Second: J.Zgoda Approved</b>
<b>8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	<b>Motion 26-15</b> made to approve the January 7 2026; minutes as submitted.	<b>9. Motion 26-15: A.Lapp Second: Z.Ellis Approved</b>
<b>9. CORRESPONDENCE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NYS DOH – Paramedic Core Content (Shaw-Wyoming County Fire Training Center)</li> <li>2. WNY Stress Reduction – Invoice for \$2,500</li> <li>3. NYS DOH - Course Approval: Leadership Program (Goyette- Wyoming County Fire Training Center), EMT Original (Zemrac-Hamburg High School)</li> <li>4. Colin Michael Chapin - Application for council membership</li> <li>5. NYS DOH – Course Approval: EMT Original (Harning-ECC North)</li> <li>6. Orchard Park EMS - Transfer of operating ownership paperwork</li> <li>7. East Amherst Fire Department - Letter regarding the purchase of an ambulance.</li> </ol>	<b>On File</b>
<b>10. TREASURER’S REPORT</b>	1. Report was sent out. New full adjusted invoice received from UBMD from accounts when they were reinstated as a program agency and made payments for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarters. <b>Motion 26-16</b> made to accept the treasures report.	<b>10. Motion 26-16 J.Zgoda Second: R.Tatarka Approved</b>
<b>11. MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	1. Met 11/19/25. Dr. Teusher resigned an at large seat after many years of service. Discussion regarding mental health transports; specifically overdoes. Also discussed that any hospital can handle a 2209. Discussion the us of spit hoods on patients. Discussed on scene physician care policy. Next meeting is May 18, 2026.	
<b>8. NEW YORK STATE EMS COUNCIL – G. Gill</b>	1. Last meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm.	
<b>9. ERIE COUNTY G. Gill</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Currently have 5 EMT courses in session with a total of 75 original students and 15 refresher students.</li> <li>2. We have a day and night paramedic class with a total of 23 students; 17 day and 6 night</li> <li>3. Looking to have 2 EMT courses in the summer, 4 EMT courses in the Fall and 1 AEMT course in the fall.</li> <li>4. Also looking to offer 1 CFR course with in the summer or Fall.</li> <li>5. Looking to offer 2 CIU courses this year. Date to be determined.</li> <li>6. Erie County has 5 ambulances in service and two more are on the way.</li> <li>7. Erie County’s ALS Coordinator has taken a new job.</li> </ol>	

<b>10. WYOMING COUNTY B. Streicher</b>	1. AEMT class is going well.	
<b>11. NEW YORK STATE STRESS REDUCTION PROGRAM</b>	1. Have debriefed 9 agencies, 7 of them with multiple participants. They did two one on one briefings.	
<b>12. WYOMING COUNTY FIRST REONDERS SUPPORT TEAM</b>	1. No report	
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>		
<b>A. Budget Committee: M.Barber</b>	1. Treasure will be collecting invoices for those we do service with. All these invoices are in the budget and don't need to be voted on.	
<b>B. Membership: C.Mastrella</b>	1. Meeting attendees who have applied for membership were present at the meeting and introduced themselves to the group. <b>Motion 26-17</b> to elect Daniel Corby to a vacant Wyoming County position.	<b>11. Motion 26-17 A.Lapp Second: T.Keem Approved</b>
<b>C. Systems Committee: T.Maxian</b>	1. Received an application from Orchard Park. There are three things that need attention and no application fee was received. Orchard Park will be contacted and the application will be reviewed.	
<b>D. Training / Education: C.Zemrac</b>	1. Erie County EMS courses being offered: -PHTLS Provider 3/14/26 & 3/15/26 -EMS Safety 3/28/26 -BLS Provider 4/7/26 -ACLS Provider Recert 4/14/26 -AMLS Provider 4/25/26 & 4/26/26 -BLS Provider 5/5/26 -All Hazards Disaster Response (AHDR) 5/16/26 -PALS Provider Recert 5/19/26 -BLS Provider 6/6/26 -PHTLS Provider 6/27/26 & 6/28/26 The above courses are available to sign up on their web site.	
<b>E. By-Laws: C.Staffehl</b>	1. Still working on comparing the older bylaws and new bylaws.	
<b>F. Public Relations / Awards: W.Streicher</b>	1. Meeting moved to 8/26/26. Award nominations due by May 15, 2026.	
<b>G. Recruitment/Retention: J.Zgoda</b>	1. Been working with Mr. Shaw on creating a survey for the recruitment and retention funds. This a deliverable of the program agency.	
<b>H. NYSDOH – L.Rewinski</b>	Donald Trzepacz in for Lisa. 1. L.Rewinski had her baby and will be on maternity leave until June. 2. E.Mager is now responsible for surveillance and investigations branch which covers the entire state. D.Trzepacz is replacing E.Mager and is covering Albany and the westward part of the state. 3. Everything should be done electronically with NYS DOH EMS	

	<p>Links for meetings:          -Education Call: <a href="https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/education-town-hall-sign-up">https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/education-town-hall-sign-up</a>          -Leadership Call:  <a href="https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/ems-agency-leadership-and-ems-pr">https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/survey/ems-agency-leadership-and-ems-pr</a>          A recommendation was made that these meetings be recorded for those with scheduling conflicts during these meetings.</p>	
<b>I. Executive Board: B.Brauner</b>	1. Met on 2/4/26. Discussed personal and membership. Discussed moving times and dates of our meeting. Also discussed a pending application about a course sponsor and a survey was sent out.	
<b>XIV) Program Agency</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Report distributed</li> <li>2. Continuing quality assurance work looking at PCR data.</li> <li>3. Still working on UBMD contracts with NYS.</li> <li>4. Started conducting skills preceptor workshops.</li> <li>5. NYS data addressing logic rules and validation rules.</li> <li>6. Paramedic training needs to be worked on.</li> </ol>	
<b>XV) OLD BUSINESS</b>		
<b>XVI) NEW BUSINESS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Motion 26-18</b> to make Dr. Innes an at large board member for WREMAC.</li> <li>2. The legislature has passed the bill 9440 which is the county comprehensive plan bill. There have been discussions about mutual aid and mutual aid plans. They need to be submitted when they are updated.</li> <li>3. We need to advocate for the Reimbursement Structure that enable every agency in NYS to operate. We need to get appropriate reimbursements.</li> </ol>	<b>12. Motion 26-18</b> <b>T.Maxian</b> <b>Second: Z.Ellis</b> <b>Approved</b>
<b>XVII) ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Motion 26-19</b> made to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.	<b>13. Motion 26-19:</b> <b>S.Stetzel</b> <b>Second: T.Keem</b> <b>Approved</b>

**The next meeting of the Wyoming Erie Regional EMS Council**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 5:30pm at the South Wales Fire Hall**  
*Minutes respectfully submitted, Christopher Zemrac, WEREMS Council Secretary*