

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MAINE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 152 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333



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INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 09:00-12:00

45 Commerce Dr. Fallen Heroes Conference Room, Augusta, ME 04333 ZOOM: https://maine-ems-gov.zoom.us/j/91542570561

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MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 09:00 by Chairperson Turcotte Turcotte read the mission statement.
- II. Attendance

Committee Members Present: Andy Turcotte (Chair), Laura Downing, Judy Gerrish, Steve Smith,

Brent Libby

Committee Members Absent: Amy Drinkwater, Dr. Brandon Giberson

Maine EMS Staff: Director Wil O'Neal, Melissa Adams, Jason Cooney, Anthony Roberts, AAG

John Belisle

Guests: Felicia Raymond

- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Modifications to the Agenda: None
- V. Investigations
 - a. Brennan Application Review

Summary: The applicant did not disclose a criminal conviction on a new EMT license application; the conviction is for Theft by Unauthorized Taking or Transfer in 2014.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance to be kept on file for three (3)

license cycles. (Smith, Downing)

In favor: Libby, Downing, Smith, Gerrish, Turcotte

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

b. Raymond Application Review

Summary: The applicant for an Ambulance Operator license is convicted of class D Theft by Unauthorized Taking for a shoplifting incident that occurred on January 18, 2024, and currently participating in a deferred disposition through May 2025. The applicant also

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pled guilty to Class E Permitting Unlawful Use (of a vehicle) on April 9, 2024, and is currently paying fines for this conviction.

MOTION to table the application to allow staff to continue gathering facts, including notification from the applicant that they have successfully been released from the criminal justice system.

(Smith, Gerrish)

In favor: Libby, Gerrish, Downing, Smith, Turcotte

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

c. Bonkoski Application Review

Summary: The applicant for a new EMT license disclosed a pending criminal charge for Driving Under the Influence in the state of Illinois on their application. The offense took place in December 2019 but has not been adjudicated; the applicant's next court date is July 17, 2024.

MOTION to issue the license with a letter of guidance to be kept on file for three (3)

license cycles. (Turcotte, Gerrish)

In favor: Gerrish, Downing, Smith, Turcotte

Opposed: Libby

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

d. Pooler Informal Review

Summary: The applicant for a new Ambulance Operator license has previously had their EMT license revoked, an application to relicense as an EMT denied, and must have all new applications reviewed by the Board.

MOTION to table the application to allow staff to gather more information about any steps the applicant has taken toward remediation and allow the applicant to provide letters in support of their application with at least one from their employer. (Libby, Downing)

In favor: Gerrish, Libby, Downing, Smith, Turcotte

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

e. 24-349 Case Review

Summary: The licensee did not disclose a criminal conviction on an application for licensure upgrade. Upon investigation, it was found that the licensee's conviction had been vacated and that the licensee had not reported the vacation of the conviction to the Board in writing within ten (10) days.

MOTION to recommend that the Board preliminarily deny the upgrade application and offer a consent agreement with a reprimand and the upgrade, citing violation of 32 MRS §90-C. 1. B & D. (Libby, Downing)

In favor: Gerrish, Libby, Downing, Smith, Turcotte

Opposed: None

Abstained/Recused: None

PASSED

- VI. Old Business None
- VII. New Business None
- VIII. Adjourned at 09:47

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 09:00