



# Pinellas County

## Staff Report

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### **Subject:**

Amendments to the bylaws of the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board. (Companion to Item No. 37)

### **Recommended Action:**

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Authority, approve the amendments to the bylaws of the EMS Medical Control Board (MCB).

- The MCB is an advisory body to the Authority and to the EMS Medical Director. The MCB is given specific review and approval authority pursuant to Section 54-60 of the Pinellas County Code subject to overriding Florida Law.
- This item amends the by-laws of the MCB keeping them current.
- Three items are being amended:
  - a.) Requires hospital emergency physician members to be actively engaged in the practice of emergency medicine.
  - b.) Ensures that a balanced representation of hospital systems is maintained to the extent possible.
  - c.) Clarifies that the annual meeting will be held in the first quarter of each year.

### **Strategic Plan:**

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

### **Summary:**

The EMS Medical Control Board recommends that the EMS Authority approve the amendments of the MCB Bylaws as indicated by the attached letter of support. At their last meeting, on September 17, 2020, MCB thoroughly reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the bylaws and unanimously support the following:

- Requirement of hospital emergency physician members to be actively engaged in the practice of emergency medicine.
- Ensuring that a balanced representation of hospital systems is maintained to the extent possible.
- Clarification that the annual meeting will be held in the first quarter of each year.

**Background Information:**

The Pinellas County Code, Section 54-60, established a Medical Control Board (MCB) consisting of four licensed physicians specializing in emergency medicine from facilities in Pinellas County, four Pinellas County hospital administrators, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Medical Association, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Osteopathic Society, and one (1) emergency physician from a trauma center located within Pinellas County.

The MCB is an advisory body to the Authority and to the EMS Medical Director. The MCB is given specific review and approval authority pursuant to Section 54-60 of the Pinellas County Code subject to overriding Florida Law. The objectives of the MCB include the following:

- a. Advise the Authority on matters pertaining to emergency medical services.
- b. Advise the EMS Medical Director on issues of clinical policy and practice.
- c. Review and approve applicable protocols and procedures.
- d. Review the performance of all system components to include the EMS Medical Director, the ambulance contractor, the first responder contractors, and the Continuing Medical Education contractor.
- e. Provide a liaison between the medical community at large and the EMS system.
- f. Provide opinions regarding medical community consensus to the Authority and the EMS Medical Director.

**Fiscal Impact:**

N/A

**Staff Member Responsible:**

James G. Fogarty, Director, Safety and Emergency Services

**Partners:**

EMS Medical Control Board

**Attachments:**

Letter from the MCB Chair  
MCB Bylaws - Final  
MCB Bylaws - Markup