



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Reappointments/appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board (Board of County Commissioners as a whole).

Recommended Action:

Sitting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, approve the following reappointments/appointments to the Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Board.

- Reappoint Dr. Jennifer Pearson as the C.W. Bill Young Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center representative for a two-year term starting January 2026 and ending December 2027.
- Reappoint Brent Burish as the Hospital Administrator primary representative for HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital for a two-year term starting January 2026 and ending December 2027.
- Reappoint Ralph "Rocky" Ricapito as the Hospital Administrator alternate representative for HCA Florida Pasadena Hospital for a two-year term starting January 2026 and ending December 2027.
- Appoint Dr. Robyn Ache as the Physician primary representative for the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society for a two-year term starting December 2025 and ending November 2027. Dr. Ache is the Market Medical Director, General Surgeon/Wound Care, Healogics.
- Reappoint Dr. Anthony Ottaviani as the Physician alternate representative for the Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society for a two-year term starting December 2025 and ending November 2027.
- A voice vote will suffice. This item has no fiscal impact on Pinellas County.

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 pediatric emergency physician from a Pinellas County facility, one emergency physician appointed by the Pinellas County Osteopathic Society, and one 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..

Attachments:

EMS Medical Control Board Roster

Dr. Pearson's CV

Mr. Burish's CV

Mr. Ricapito's Resume

Dr. Ache's CV

Dr. Ottaviani's CV

EMS Medical Control Board Bylaws

Partner(s):

EMS Medical Control Board

EMS Medical Director