CUYAHOGA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD(CCESAB)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: 9/8/2026 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	**x**	**CDPH**		Natalia Maikranz	**x**
John Corn	**x**	**NEORSD**		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	**x**
Fred Szabo (Vice-Chair)	**x**	**CLE OEM**		Bob Horwatt	**x**
Jeff Minch (Community Rep.)		**Middleburg Hts. PW**			
Gabrielle Hubbard	**X**	**Metro Health**		Amy Huebner	**x**
Sophia Caruso		**CWRU**		Paige Herron	
Sharon Nicastro		**ARC**			
Chief Bev Pettrey		**CSU PD**		Cpt. Scott Secor	
Nora Wall	**x**	**Services for Ind. Living**			
Serena Steele	**x**	**COAD**			
Jeremy Mio (non-voting)		**Cuyahoga County IT**			
Christina Fozio		**WellLink**		Derek Duty	**x**
Robin Roy		**Cuyahoga County BOE**		Pete James	**x**
Eric Morgan	**x**	**NEORFC**			
Mindy Naticchioni	**x**	**Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter**			
Brandon Cahill (non-voting)	**x**	**Metro Health**			
Mike Herb non-voting)	**x**	**CLE Public Safety**			

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- **CALL TO ORDER**
  - Meeting was called to order at 9:21 AM
  - Roll Call conducted; quorum met.

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - J. Corn motioned to approve the minutes from the 7/14/26 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. She stated that the original prioritized list of projects will remain separate from the additional projects that are presently being prioritized within the CCESAB subcommittees.
  - L. Tafe provided additional grant updates including the status of a potential LE application for an armored vehicle. He also expressed that the FY23 grant is now closed, the FY24 grant projects are all either completed or in progress, and the FY25 grant agreement has been approved.

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS**
  - M. Christie stated that the committee received 7 more project applications for the committee's review/prioritization: a barricade trailer, an oxygen trailer, 2 mobile polling trailers, a full-scale exercise, equipment for phase 2 of the EOC HAM radio project, elections-related continuity technology/equipment, and funding to support professional development for EM staff.
  - Project owners provided brief summaries of their respective projects and addressed several questions from committee members.
  - Following the summaries, various proposed prioritizations of the projects were considered by the committee.
  - Ultimately, the following prioritization was proposed. F. Szabo motioned to approve, Chief Schneider seconded. All yeas, no nays.:
    1. Phase 2 of the EOC HAM radio project
    2. Elections-related continuity technology/equipment
    3. Professional development for EM staff
    4. Full-scale exercise
    5. Oxygen trailer
    6. 2 mobile polling trailers
    7. Barricade trailer
  - Committee members then provided updates and announcements.
  - L. White stated that PSJS Grants is moving forward filling 2 vacancies: a Program Officer 1 and a Senior Grants Coordinator.
  - B. Horwatt provided updates on Cleveland's implementation of the Rave mass notification system. He stated that Cleveland plans to disconnect from the County system by October 1.
  - F. Szabo discussed the Cleveland Police Department's headquarters move. He also mentioned several 9/11 remembrance events planned in Cleveland. Finally, he relayed that the last planned EOC activation for the city would be for this year's Winterland event.
  - J. Corn updated the group on NEORSD's water fest event planned for 9/19. He stated that due to a planned protest of the removal of the Shaker Lakes Dam, the district would be activating their special event contingency plan.

- T. Pate stated that the Cleveland Department of Public Health was actively working on their grant deliverables. She also mentioned that she had recently attended an SNS class at the Center for Domestic Preparedness that discussed the notion of "jurisdictional stockpiles" and placed an emphasis on smallpox scenarios. T. Pate concluded with the announcement of the First Responder Conference planned for November 2-3.
- L. Cerrito discussed updates from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. She summarized the ongoing response to the cyclospora outbreak. She also discussed continuity and cyber planning efforts as well as working on grant deliverables. She expressed the Board's intentions of providing refresher ICS training for leadership staff.
- M. Christie provided several updates from the Office of Emergency Management including the Emergency Management Summit scheduled for October 28th as well as the Office's EM supervisor vacancy.
- M. Herb- no updates.
- G. Hubbard introduced a new member of the EM team at MetroHealth, Brandon Cahill. She also provided updates on Metro's ongoing construction projects.
- K. Friis stated that THIRA/SPR update emails would be coordinated within a week. He also discussed the Hopkins Exercise, the Office's planned National Preparedness Month event, and the Elections EOC Activation in November.
- D. Duty provided several updates from WellLink including the Healthcare Coalition Annual Conference, ASPR Grant, and power resiliency planning.
- S. Steele provided updates from COAD. She stated that she was working with the Southern Baptists to assist 2 separate residents (1 in East Cleveland and 1 in South Euclid) that were experiencing challenges recovering from recent storm damage. She also provided training updates on several planned offerings.
- N. Wall- no updates.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[1]
  - No Executive Session

- **NEXT MEETING**
  - Next meeting is scheduled for November 10th.

- **ADJOURNMENT**
  - M. Christie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Hubbard motioned, T. Pate seconded. All yeas, no nays. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.

[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 statues." 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.