

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-217

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our residents are of paramount importance to the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical care plays a critical role in safeguarding the lives and health of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to enhance coordination and communication among various stakeholders involved in emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, Section 1797.270 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the Board of Supervisors to establish an Emergency Medical Care Committee for review of emergency medical care in the County; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Emergency Medical Care Committee will provide a forum for collaboration, planning, and resource allocation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

SECTION 1: Creation of the Emergency Medical Care Committee

The County of Santa Barbara Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) is hereby established, to serve as an advisory body to the County Board of Supervisors and the County of Santa Barbara Local Emergency Medical Services Agency to review and report on all matters related to emergency medical care in the County, as set forth in Division 2.5 Chapter 4, Article 3 of the California Health and Safety Code.

Separately, the EMCC will also perform its Ambulance Provider Permit review functions, as set forth in Santa Barbara County Code Chapter 5 (Ambulances), as amended by the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 2: Objectives

The objectives of the Emergency Medical Care Committee are as follows:

To assess, plan, and recommend strategies for enhancing the delivery of emergency medical care services within Santa Barbara County.

To promote coordination and cooperation among all emergency medical care providers, including but not limited to hospitals, emergency medical services (EMS) agencies, fire departments, law enforcement, and public health entities.

To review and recommend policies and procedures that ensure efficient and effective emergency medical care, particularly during critical incidents and disasters.

To facilitate the dissemination of information, best practices, and training opportunities to all emergency medical care stakeholders within the county.

To establish subcommittees or working groups, as deemed necessary, to address specific areas of concern related to emergency medical care.

SECTION 3: Membership

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall consist of no more than 16 voting members, which shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors and shall include the following:

1. One emergency medicine physician and surgeon who is board certified or board eligible practicing at an emergency department within Santa Barbara County.
2. One registered nurse serving in an Emergency Department and practicing within Santa Barbara County.
3. One representative who is from a local City Manager's office.
4. One licensed paramedic practicing within Santa Barbara County and employed by a public agency.
5. An acute care hospital representative from each hospital system with an emergency department that operates within Santa Barbara County.
6. One representative from the Fire Chiefs Association.
7. One consumer representative designated by the Director of the Public Health Department.
8. The Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health department, or designee, serving ex officio.
9. The County Executive Officer, or designee, serving ex officio.
10. A representative from each Supervisorial District appointed by the Board of Supervisors members.

SECTION 4: Decision Process

No action shall be taken by the Committee unless a quorum is present at the meeting. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting members then serving on the Committee. Any member disqualified from voting on an item due to a financial conflict of interest shall not count as part of the quorum.

Decision will be made by a simple majority of those qualified members present.

Section 5: Chairperson and Meetings

The County Executive Officer, or designee, shall serve as Chairperson of the Committee. The Chairperson will be responsible for convening and presiding over meetings. In the absence of the County Executive Officer or designee at a Committee meeting, the members present shall select an acting Chairperson by majority vote to preside over that meeting.

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly, or more often if deemed necessary by the

Chairperson or at the request of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6: Committee Nominations for Board Appointments

The Committee members set forth in Section 3 shall be nominated for appointment by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the below:

1. Emergency physician – Nominated by the Hospital Association of Southern California.
2. Registered Emergency Department nurse – Nominated by the Hospital Association of Southern California.
3. Representative from a local City Manager's office – Nominated by the Santa Barbara County Operational Area Emergency Services Council.
4. Public agency paramedic – Nominated by Director of the Public Health Department.
5. Hospital representatives (3) – One member nominated by each hospital system; Cottage Health, Dignity Health, Lompoc Valley Health Care District.
6. Fire Chiefs' Association – Nominated by Fire Chiefs' Association of Santa Barbara.
7. Consumer Representative – Designated by the Director of the Public Health Department.
8. The Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health department, or designee – The Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health department, or designee.
9. The County Executive Officer, or designee – The sitting County Executive Officer, or their designee.
10. Supervisorial District Representative (5) – Nominated for each District by respective Supervisors.

Nominations shall be made to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Nominations shall be made by December 1st of a given year for the following year's appointments. If a nomination is not received by the December 1st deadline, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors may accept late nominations on a rolling basis, which will be presented to the Board for consideration as time allows.

SECTION 7: Term of Office

Members' terms of office, other than those members serving ex officio, shall be four (4) years expiring on January 31 of the appropriate years and subsequent new terms shall begin February 1 of that year. A member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve in that capacity until a new appointment is made. Committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors and may be removed from the Committee at any time only by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 8: Reports and Recommendations

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall submit an annual report to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency, and the County Board of Supervisors, detailing its observations and recommendations relative to its review of emergency medical care within the County, as specified in Section 1707.276 of the California Health and Safety Code. Additionally, the Committee

may provide ad hoc reports and recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors and Local Emergency Medical Services Agency, as necessary.

SECTION 9: Support

The Local Emergency Medical Services Agency shall provide administrative and logistical support to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

SECTION 10: Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

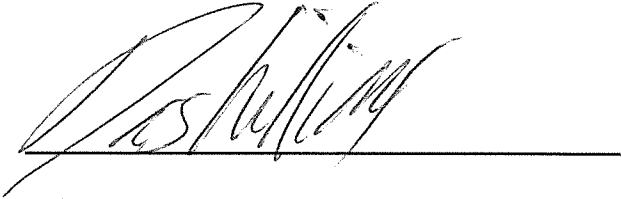
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara,
this 10th day of October, 2023.

AYES: Supervisors Williams, Capps, Hartmann, Nelson and Lavagnino

NOS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



DAS WILLIAMS
Chair, Board of Supervisors

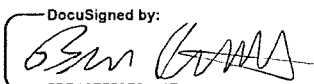
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CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

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