



# SAEMS

**SOUTHEAST ARIZONA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL**

Chair: Joshua Gaither, MD; Vice Chair: Chief Tom Brandhuber; Executive Director: Sara Perotti, DNP, ACNP-BC

## **SAEMS REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Date: 1/20/2026**

**Time: 1000**

### **Zoom Meeting Direct Link**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9907062258?pwd=a3BlcUF4QkhkWkRNRS9jMklhOHpyQT09&omn=89221058828>

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- I. Call to Order / Roll Call:** Voting Member Attendance
- II. Biennial Vice-Chair Elections:** Open: Call for nominations
  - A. Nominations: open
- III. Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Approval of minutes: 10/21/2025 meeting.
  - B. Financial Report/Accountant summary/Audit report
- IV. Executive Directors Update(s):** Non-voting material notifications.
  - A. ADHS/BEMSTS Contract: No new funding adjustments.
  - B. Quarterly CER submission(s): Q1 submitted/paid. Q2 submitted.
  - C. Quarterly Report: To be submitted after 1/20/26 meeting.
  - D. ADHS/BEMSTS personnel changes:
    - i. Bureau Chief: Chris Hale, replacing previously vacated role by Rachel Garcia
    - ii. Interim: Section Chief, Ligia Castro-Blen, vacated by Julia Vinton
    - iii. Time Sensitive Illness and Injury Manager, vacated by Adam Rodriguez
  - E. EMCT of the Year: Nominations due to BEMSTS by 3/17/26.
  - F. Regional EMS Plan: To be determined once deliverables received from BEMSTS.
  - G. Updated SSCIP/Certificate of Insurance: Submitted/received and approved by BEMSTS for current contract year.

H. Website update

**V. New-Old Business/Action Items:**

- A. PDR Protocols/Procedures for review/approval
  - i. Reminder: SAEMS Offload Plan (*old business/no vote required*)
- B. SAEMS Regional Council Representation: OPEN positions
  - i. Cochise County: Replacing position vacated by Kevin Venos.
  - ii. Base Hospital Managers: Replacing position vacated by Chris Falcon.
  - iii. Base Hospital Managers: (Urban-within Pima County): Replacing position vacated by Kevin LeClair. Pending BHM vote/chair replacement. Ingrid Hall-Bidegain currently serving in interim role.
  - iv. Public Health Officer: Replacing position vacated by Manny Montano
- C. 2026 Master Meeting Calendar Amendment: Date for BHM/PDR standing meeting adjusted from 1/14/26 to correct date of 1/21/26. *No vote required.*
- D. Budget reserve threshold: Dr. Gaither

**VI. Old Business & Sub-Region/Committee Reports:**

- A. Sub-regional Reports:
  - i. Pima: PEMS
  - ii. Cochise: CCEMS
  - iii. Santa Cruz: SCEMS
  - iv. Graham-Greenlee: GG-CMEMS
- B. Committee Reports:
  - i. Regional Trauma Committee
  - ii. EMS Medical Directors
  - iii. Providers Committee Report
  - iv. Protocol Development and Review Report
  - v. Base Hospital Managers Report
  - vi. Air Medical Committee Report
- C. Pima County Health Department Report: Manny Montano, vacated position. No replacement identified.
- D. Arizona Department of Health Services Report: ADHS/BEMSTS Representative

**VII. Data & Quality:**

- A. Encourage submissions of all types.

**VIII. Kramer Scholarship submissions:**

- A. Applications/Open for submission: Ongoing

**IX. NEMSIS 3.5 update: Updates**

**X. Upcoming Events/Important Announcements:**

- A. Jake Merry (Banner Prehospital) Announcement: Opening of new Banner University Medical Center Pediatric Emergency Department. Directions for EMS arrivals to new pediatric ED.

**XI. Call to the public:**

**XII. Education Announcements:**

**Adjourn:**