

**PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2020

Zoom Conference Call
COVID-19

The Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council met via Special Virtual Public Meeting utilizing Communications Media Technology (CMT) on the Zoom platform at 9:30 A.M. on this date with the following members present:

Comm. Julie Peluso, Independent Fire District Elected Official – Chair
Mayor Woody Brown, Mayors' Council (Largo)
Chief Scott Ehlers, Clearwater Fire Department
Gayle Guidash, Pinellas County Health Department
William Holmes, Citizen Representative (District 6)
Nancy Hopkins, Emergency Nurses' Association West Coast Florida Chapter
Capt. Michael Leiner, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
Jorge Mercado, Citizen Representative (District 7) – Secretary
John Peterson, Sunstar Paramedics
Jeri Reed, Citizen Representative (District 3)
Chief Terry Tokarz, EMS Leadership Group
Chief Ian Womack, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Rosalie Bousher, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Absent:

Mayor Julie Ward Bujalski, Mayors' Council (Dunedin)
Mayor Wanda Dudley, Mayors' Council (Kenneth City)
Mayor Joseph Manzo, Mayors' Council (Belleair Beach)
Chief Tom Jamison, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Chief David Mixson, Pinellas County Fire Chiefs' Association
Dr. Steven Epstein, Pinellas County Medical Association
Mike Jones, Citizen Representative (District 4)
Karen Mullins, Citizen Representative (District 1)
Larri Gerson, Citizen Representative (District 2)
Anissa Raiford, Pinellas County Medical Association
Becca Tieder, Citizen Representative (District 5)
Dr. Kenneth Webster, Pinellas County Osteopathic Medical Society

Staff Present:

Lourdes Benedict, Assistant County Administrator
Jason Ester, County Attorney's Office
Jim Fogarty, Safety & Emergency Services
Craig Hare, EMS & Fire Administration
Dr. Angus Jameson, EMS Medical Director
Greg Woodrum, EMS & Fire Administration
Jazmin Soloman, EMS & Fire Administration
David Hudak, EMS & Fire Administration
Lynn Abbott, EMS & Fire Administration

Also Present:

Capt. Eric Dinan, St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue
Comm. Kevin Kenney, East Lake Fire Rescue
Richard Schomp, Sunstar Paramedics
Chief Anthony Tedesco, Clearwater Fire Department
Chief Doug Zimmerman, EMS Leadership Group
Emily Burns, SPC Student

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Peluso called the special meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that there was a quorum. There were 13 voting members in attendance.

Later in the meeting, Jason Ester, Senior Assistant County Attorney, stated that the meeting was properly noticed and provided an overview of teleconference procedures.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING - APPROVED

Upon presentation, Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Special Meeting be approved. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS COVID-19 PANDEMIC FLU PLAN - APPROVED

Craig Hare, with input by Dr. Jameson, presented an overview of the proposed changes and additions to the COVID-19 Fire/EMS Pandemic Response Plan that was previously discussed at the April 6, 2020 special meeting.

Mayor Brown moved, seconded by Chief Tokarz, that the COVID-19 Fire/EMS Pandemic Response Plan be approved. Upon call for the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens to be heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Peluso adjourned the meeting at 9:46 A.M.

Audio and any correspondence received for this meeting is on file at the
Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration.