

**Rappahannock/Thomas Jefferson EMS Council Combined Board of Director's  
Virtual Meeting  
Monday July 14, 2025 6:30 pm**

**REMS Board Members Present:**

Jack Atkins, Rappahannock County  
John Brandrup, At-Large  
Jordan Coleman, Fauquier County  
Patricia Copeland, Stafford County  
Mark Crnarich, At-Large  
Kevin Dillard, At-Large  
Pat Fitzgerald, Town of Colonial Beach  
David Garvin, King George County  
Ray Harvey, Orange County  
Mike Jones, City of Fredericksburg  
Ryland Kendrick, At-Large  
Debra Marinari, At-Large  
David Moody, King George County  
Joe Williams, Fauquier County  
Susan Dietrich, Caroline County  
Ed Bonham, Caroline County  
Chris Lonzo, Spotsylvania County  
Nathan Mort, Orange County  
Lisa Palmer, Rappahannock County  
Jacob Parcell, At-Large

**REMS Board Members Excused:**

Joeseph Cardello, Stafford County

**REMS Board Members Absent:**

William Harrington, Spotsylvania County  
Bill Ooten, Culpeper County  
Michael Pearson, Culpeper County  
Dr. Tania White, Regional OMD

**TJEMS Board Members Present:**

Billy Hamm, Director  
Hal Schaffer, TJEMS Vice President  
John Lye, TJEMS President  
Pete Davidson, TJEMS Treasurer  
Meade Whitaker, Director  
Courtney Lambert, Director  
Dan Paxton, Director  
Troy Dillard  
Noah Hillstrom  
Will McLaughlin  
Melissa Meador  
Tony Reid

**TJEMS Board Members Present by  
Proxy:**

**TJEMS Board Members Absent:**

Michael Thomas  
Macon Walz  
Melanie Welcher  
Dr. George Lindbeck  
Dr Sean Brooks  
John Adkins  
Dustin Dawson

**Staff Members Present:**

Wayne Perry, Regional Director  
Ingris Coronado, TJEMS Staff  
Dusty Lynn, TJEMS Staff

**Guests Present:**

**Call to Order – Kevin Dillard, REMS Council President**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

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**Approval of Minutes – Kevin Dillard**

**Motion Passed**

The minutes from July 9, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

**Recognition of Guests – Kevin Dillard**

No guests identified.

**Announcements – Kevin Dillard**

Update on new seatbelt law was discussed. Issue sent to Legislative subcommittee of Governor’s EMS Advisory Board to ask for consideration of an exemption for EMS vehicles, or a grandfather clause to accommodate older EMS vehicles that lack equipment to comply.

National EMS Memorial Service will be Saturday 19 July, 5 pm at Crystal City. Board members were encouraged to attend.

RSAF grants were announced for 1 July. Members were reminded of next grant cycle that starts 1 August with a due date of 15 Sept. Although not a requirement, Council staff are available to help revue grant package prior to final submission.

Site visit with NVERS will be Wednesday, 16 July.

**Discussion on identifying surviving entity for Merger – Kevin Dillard**

Document addressing pros/cons on either TJEMS or REMS as the surviving entity was provided to board members prior to the meeting. The discussion focused on the document and additional comments provided with respect to consolidation of the two emergency services councils, with participants weighing various factors including staff capabilities, program continuity, regional representation, Charity Navigator (CN) rating, and business history. Each member was afforded opportunity to comment via roll call.

**MOTION: to identify REMS as the surviving entity for Merger**

**PASSED**

After the comments were complete, motion was passed with no dissenting votes noted to select Rappahannock EMS Council (REMS) as the surviving entity in the merger.

**MOTION: to reconsider consolidation with NVERS**

**TABLED**

A motion was made to reconsider the 9 July 2025 motion of Option A – having the merged councils of TJEMS and REMS respond to the RFA which passed with three board members

dissenting. The chair stated that a special meeting will be called to address this motion after the visit to NVERS on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment**

Next meeting will be Virtual. It will be announced after the site visit with NVERS.