



EMT -MINUTES
May 6, 2025, at 12:00 PM
Zoom

Members Present: Shaun Ford (Committee Chair), Division Chief of EMS, Camas-Washougal Fire Department; David Russell, Assistant Chief, Clark County Fire District 6

Guests:

Members Absent: Alice Boggs (Vice-Chair), Chief of Clinical Education, AMR; Robb Milano, Division Chief of EMS, City of Vancouver Fire Department

Labor Representative: Labor recruitment attempted

Clark College: Elyse Fisher, Department Chair, Clark College; Alexa Foley, Instructor, Clark College; Lindsay Earl, Academic Advisor, Clark College; Kathy Chennault, Director of Development, Corporate & Foundation Relations, Clark College Foundation; Alex Kison, Career Services, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

The meeting began at 12:00 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE

The committee will meet next on November 11, 2025.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting on October 29, 2024, could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum. The minutes will be shared via an electronic poll for approval.

POLL VOTES May 9, 2025

**The committee approved the previous minutes from October 29, 2025, via an electronic poll.*

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Elyse announced her new role in January, and it's been one term so far, but some changes have been made to the program. The structure of the program and the cohort sizes have remained the same. Elyse shared that the curriculum has been revised. The program aims to remain up to date with Department of Health standards, as it is a requirement of the program.

Elyse shared that all current tests and quizzes have been thoroughly reviewed and revised to better support students in preparing for the National Registry Exam. The courses have been structured specifically to enhance student success, with every assessment redesigned to align with the exam's expectations.

Elyse shared that registration fills up very quickly and sustains a full waitlist. Additionally, the program updates its website often for updates and resources.

Alex asked if students on the waitlist should attend orientations and asked for guidance on directing students.

Elyse noted that orientation is only for registered students, and unfortunately, the program does not recommend inactive students to arrive even if they met the prerequisites, but they are on a waitlist.

Shaun asked if the program's number of offerings is the same.

Elyse responded that the offerings are the same.

Shaun asked about enrollment.

Elyse shared that the PM class enrollments have faced challenges in maintaining full capacity. To address this, efforts are underway to improve communication with Clark College, particularly around class rosters and prerequisites.

Lindsay recommended connecting with the advising department for support with student outreach, including hosting informational sessions to help explain the program's prerequisites and guide students through the requirements.

INDUSTRY FEEDBACK

Shaun discussed the need for paramedics.

David emphasized the growing need for having paramedics on every apparatus within the EMT industry. He noted that, currently, students are being sent to Boston for training, and establishing a local program would allow us to develop a dedicated cohort and meet regional workforce demands more effectively.

The committee requested an update regarding paramedic discussions.

Kathy stated that the College does have customized training through continuing education; however, if it were a full program request, that would go through internal and external processes.

Shaun recommended as an alternative the college use its campus as a satellite campus for other programs.

Shaun shared that the closest community colleges in Washington state include Tacoma College has a two-year program, and Central College has a four-year program.

Alexa shared that Portland Community College recently lost their accreditation for its program.

Shaun recommended that the program track how many students take the registry test, and passing would be valuable information for the program.

Elyse is in favor of tracking this information.

Kathy shared the upcoming Clark College Thank You Advisory Event on June 5, 2025, from 4 pm to 6 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

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The program will work on recruiting more industry members.
Shaun offered to support in recruiting more members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm

Prepared by Elizabeth Flores