

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Minutes

Date: February 25, 2025

Location: Virtual

10:00

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Kim Castle called the meeting to order at 10:04

II. Roll Call

The number of voting members in attendance reached the threshold for a quorum and 2/3 required to vote, attendance report attached.

Vice Chair, Kim Castle, welcomed all the new members, currently we have a quorum to review and vote on last meeting minutes but not have the 2/3 membership needed to move forward with Bylaws.

Bylaws will be moved to the end of the meeting in case more members join.

III. Agenda Additions

No new items added to the agenda

IV. Review and approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION by John Mulveyhill/Cathy Kiley, to approve December 4, 2024, minutes as written – Approved

V. Open Issues

a. Bylaw Approval:

We currently do not have the 2/3 membership present to move forward with voting on Bylaws, we will move this to the end of meeting in case other members join.

b. Subcommittees / Working groups:

Vice chair, Kim Castle, stated that we are continuing to work on outlining the various committees/workgroup and will forward as drafted.

Description of planning, grants, and training were included in the SERC meeting calendar appointment.

1. Grants:

Lorri Gifford reported that we have not yet received our award amount for the coming Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2026 but anticipates it to be about \$300,000. This funding is being held as so many other federal funds are by the Trump Administration. We will keep you posted as we hear more.

Past funding is not affected, those with signed contract should continue with their approved projects and seek reimbursement when completed.

2. Planning:

Nathan Moreau reported that they will be setting up a meeting schedule and begin reviewing LEPC/REPC plans. He is looking into developing and using Microsoft Forms for plan reviews as this might be an easier way to track comments. The date and time for upcoming meeting will be send out soon.

VI. New Business

Vice chair, Kim Castle, shared the results of the SERC Conference survey:

- Very informative
- Eye opening
- Need more conferences like this
- Several communities have comments that following the conference they had a much better understanding of their EPCRA requirements and have either joined an existing REPC or started the process of building their own LEPC.

While we don't have the funding to do this every year we will be looking into doing a SERC Conference every other year, as long as there is funding and interest.

VII. For the Good of the Order

The next meeting will be in person and will be held at MEMA HQ, in Framingham. Date/time will be sent out soon.

We still do not have the 2/3 membership for Bylaws so those will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

Chair, Dawn Brantley, expressed her committee to keep everyone informed regarding federal funds, as new developments become available.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION by John Mulveyhill/Mike Castro to adjourned - Approved

Next Meeting Date: TBD

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