

Emergency Management Council Minutes

October 12, 2023

Attendees

Please see pages 2 and 3.

Call to Order

The Emergency Management Council meeting was held on October 12 via Microsoft Teams. It began at 9:00 a.m. and was presided over by Chandra Fox, EMC Chair. Anna Sutherland recorded the minutes.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the August 10, 2023, meeting minutes was made by Quyen Thai and seconded by JoAnn Boggs. The motion carried.

Approval of Charter

A motion to approve the 2024 charter was made by Arel Solie and seconded by Fred Brink. The motion carried.

Opening Comments

Opening comments were presented by Brigadier General Gent Welsh, WA Air National Guard, WMD, Sharon Wallace, EMD Deputy Director, and Barbara Serrano, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

Regional Issues Impacting Washington

Willie Nunn, Administrator, FEMA Region X, provided an overview of regional issues impacting Washington.

Reports

Washington State Emergency Management Division Operation Updates were presented by Kevin Wickersham, EMD.

A legislative update was presented by Jim Baumgart, WMD.

An update on the COVID-19 After-Action Report was presented by Adam Wasserman, EMD.

Fall/Winter Health Outlook updates were presented by Nate Weed, WA State Department of Health.

Open Public Forum

No further motions brought forward.

Work Session

Emergency Management Council Cybersecurity Advisory Committee updates were presented by Tristan Allen, EMD.

Sharon Wallace, EMD Deputy Director, led the discussion among members to address the question, what does an idealized statewide emergency management enterprise look like? The discussion was based upon topics and prioritization exercise results from the Director's Meeting at WSEMA on September 19.

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair, led a discussion to brainstorm 2023 annual report topics and authors.

Chandra Fox, EMC Chair, opened the floor for candidate nominations for vice chair. Quyen Thai self-nominated for vice chair. Sharon Wallace nominated John Unfred for vice chair. Quyen subsequently withdrew his nomination.

Main Motions

No further motions brought forward.

Adjournment

Chandra Fox adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.

EMC Member Attendance

Position	Name	12-OCT
Pos 1 Pri	Fredrick Brink	P
Pos 1 Alt	Chuck Torelli	P
Pos 2 Pri	Gene Strong	P
Pos 2 Alt	Mark Ozias	A
Pos 3 Pri	Chief Scott Engle	A
Pos 3 Alt	Chief Peter Fisher	A
Pos 4 Pri	Chief John Batiste	A
Pos 4 Alt	Arel Solie	P
Pos 5 Pri	Robert Ezelle	A
Pos 5 Alt	Sharon Wallace	P
Pos 6 Pri	Jim Pendowski	P
Pos 6 Alt	Jacob Rain	P
Pos 7 Pri	Chief Chad Cross	A
Pos 7 Alt	Melissa Gannie	P
Pos 8 Pri	Chief Michael Harris	A

Pos 8 Alt	Chief Brian Schaeffer	A
Pos 9 Pri	Hilary S. Franz	A
Pos 9 Alt	Casey Hanell	P
Pos 10 Pri	Chandra Fox	P
Pos 10 Alt	Kyle Bustad	A
Pos 11 Pri	JoAnn Boggs	P
Pos 11 Alt	John Unfred	P
Pos 12 Pri	Bill Gillespie	P
Pos 12 Alt	John O'Rourke	A
Pos 13 Pri	Nathan Weed	P
Pos 13 Alt	Ron Weaver	P
Pos 14 Pri	Quyen Thai	P
Pos 14 Alt	Ryan Mumma	A
Pos 15 Pri	Greg Welch	P
Pos 15 Alt	Dru Garson	P
Pos 16 Pri	John Himmel	A
Pos 16 Alt	VACANT	A
Pos 17 Pri	Kirk Holmes	P

Pos 17 Alt	Jennifer Bailey	A
Pos 18 Pri	Anna Marie Dufault	P
Pos 18 Alt	Amber Wynn	A
Pos 19 Pri	Nick Henderson	A
Pos 19 Alt	Dr. Nicole Yarid	P
Pos 20 Pri	Sabrina Desautel	A
Pos 20 Alt	Elizabeth Sanchey	A
Pos 21 Pri	Cherrie May	P
Pos 21 Alt	Jeff Choke	P

EMC Guest Attendance

BG Sellars
 Jason Biermann
 Greg Welch
 Jen Borchers
 Elizabeth King
 Curry Mayer
 Scott Lindquist

Brandon Monson
 Travis Nichols
 Sandi Duffey
 Ron Weaver
 Gent Welsh
 Kathryn Zetzer
 Barbara Serrano
 Willie Nunn

William Hannah
 Adenea M. Sellars
 Allen Avery

EMD Support

Victoria Fontana
 Anna Sutherland

Tristan Allen
Casey Broom
Stacey McClain
Kevin Wickersham
Sierra Wardell
James Baumgart