

Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee: Legal Authority and Obligations

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Governing Provisions of Law

Authorizing Statute: NRS 450B.151 – 450B.154

Boards and Commissions are subject to:

- The Open Meeting Law: NRS Chapter 241
- The Ethics in Government Act: NRS Chapter 281A

Advisory Committee Authority

NRS 450B.153 Duties. The Committee shall:

1. Review and advise the Division regarding the management and performance of emergency medical services in this State and regarding statewide emergency medical protocols;
2. Advise the Division on matters of policy relating to emergency care, including, without limitation, the qualifications of persons who provide emergency medical services;
3. Advise the board and Division with respect to the preparation and adoption of regulations regarding emergency care;
4. Review periodically the budget of the Division that relates to emergency medical services;
5. Encourage the training and education of emergency medical service personnel to improve the system of public safety in this State; and
6. Perform such other duties as may be required by law or regulation.

(Added to NRS by [1999, 1171](#))



Open Meeting Law

AGO Portal: https://ag.nv.gov/About/Governmental_Affairs/OML/

AGO Training: https://ag.nv.gov/Hot_Topics/Training_Materials/

Key points to remember:

- No communications between a quorum of members outside of a properly noticed meeting
- No serial communications
- Subcommittees appointed by the Council are subject to the same provisions
- Public comment periods must be provided, with only reasonable restrictions

Ethics in Government

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Key points to remember:

- Disclosure: mandatory for any interest created by: a gift, substantial pecuniary interest, commitment in a private capacity
 - Must be made at time the matter is considered
 - Sufficient to inform public
- Abstention: only required in clear cases where judgment of a reasonable person in same position would be materially affected
 - Determination must be made on the record
- No misuse of official position (deliberation/action)

Caution Regarding Lobbying

- Lobbying governed by NRS Chapter 218H
 - Members and employees of Boards and Commissions may only explain the effect of legislation or any other legislative action related to their departments, divisions or agencies and otherwise provide information to the legislature.
 - Advocating for or against any particular legislation is be considered lobbying and registration as a lobbyist would be required to do so. NRS 218H.080(2).
- **Board or Commission members may always appear in front of the Legislature on their own behalf and may identify their relationship to a Board or Commission, but must specify that they are not speaking for the Board or Commission.** Board and Commission members must comply with their ethical responsibilities as public officers under NRS Chapter 281A regardless of who they are representing in front of the legislature.

Questions?

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