

Staff Report
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
Board Meeting Date: August 6, 2026

DATE: July 28, 2026
TO: Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
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SUBJECT: Update on Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement for Ambulance Service.

SUMMARY

This report provides a general update, a summary of recent confer meetings, current status, and timeline for District Board of Health (DBOH) Review.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The current Franchise Agreement was previously amended and restated to reflect evolving EMS system needs and operational realities. Over the past several years, discussions have identified areas for potential improvement to ensure the agreement remains responsive, resilient, and aligned with regional EMS priorities.

Most recently, on January 22, 2026, the District Board of Health approved a revised version of the Franchise Agreement that removed the reference to the EMS Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) included in prior drafts. This revision finalizes the current contract and provides an opportunity to establish the JAC separately, outside of the franchise, through bylaws and collaborative agreements.

BACKGROUND

In September 2024, the EMS Oversight Program and EMS Joint Advisory Committee determined that Phase I revisions would not be presented to the District Board of Health (DBOH) for approval, as additional time was needed to incorporate stakeholder input and build consensus.

In November 2024, the City of Reno agreed to lead additional revisions through the spring of 2025, and a summary document was prepared to report the status. At the DBOH meeting on September 25, 2025, the Chair asked the District Health Officer to coordinate with REMSA Health to submit its redlined document at the October 23, 2025, DBOH meeting, along with this staff report to recommend a path forward. The redlined agenda item was ultimately pulled from the October 23, 2025, agenda.

Following these efforts, the District Board of Health approved the revised Franchise Agreement on January 22, 2026, establishing the current contractual framework. The revised agreement finalizes franchise terms and removes references to the EMS JAC, creating an opportunity to formalize the JAC as a separate advisory entity outside the franchise contract.

To support continued progress on identifying potential updates to the Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement, two confer meetings were held with regional partners on May 4 and May 14, 2026. These meetings provided an opportunity to review previously identified areas of concern, discuss possible revisions, and clarify outstanding questions related to operational alignment, governance expectations, and implementation considerations. Input gathered during these sessions helped inform next-step planning and will support future refinement of proposed revisions as the EMS system continues working toward a cohesive regional approach.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

Not applicable.