



Highlights from the CoAEMSP Board Meeting August 6, 2026

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The Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the EMS Professions (CoAEMSP) Board of Directors met on August 6, 2026, by Zoom. The Board has adopted protocols that permit more predictable, consistent, and deliberate communications with sponsors about the Board's work. CoAEMSP provides official updates to sponsors via the Board Highlights 30 days after each Board meeting. The highlights from the board meeting are as follows.

1. **Program Actions.** Reviewed 73 programs for initial accreditation, continuing accreditation, and progress reports.
2. **By the Numbers.** At the time of the meeting, the number of programs:
 - CAAHEP Accredited Programs = 678
 - LoR Programs = 139
 - No status, and seeking the LoR = 43

For a current list of AEMT and paramedic programs, visit [here](#).

3. **Finance Committee.** Presented the final audit for the 2024-25 fiscal year. The fiscal year for the CoAEMSP is July 1 to June 30.
4. **Governance Committee.** The Governance Committee is reviewing nominations to the Board of Directors. Elections take place during the annual meeting in November. The Board discussed the nature of nominations from sponsors for placement on the Board and how recent submissions met the requirements of the bylaws. The Governance Committee will review the bylaws to determine whether they need to be adapted to meet changing nomination patterns from Board sponsors and make recommendations back to the full Board at the November meeting.
5. **ACCREDITCON Committee** presented an overview of the 2026 event and the high-level overview of what is coming for the 2027 event, which will take place June 2-6, in New Orleans. Sponsors of the CoAEMSP are invited to exhibit; the booth space is complimentary. If you would like to exhibit, email jennifer@coaemsp.org. Learn more at www.accreditcon.org.

6. **Program Directors Focus Group.** The fourth cohort of the PDFG was seated in July with 24 new members. Learn more [here](#).
7. **Fair Practices Work Group.** The Fair Practices Work Group was established to advance the quality of EMS education through accreditation, mutual respect, and equitable opportunities for success.
8. **Accreditation Management System.** Staff updated the Board on the progress of the AMS system implementation, with an anticipated presentation of JETPACK by Virtual Atlantic of work achieved to date at the November Board meeting.
9. **Strategic Plan.** Reviewed the key results established for the [2026-2028 Strategic Plan](#):
 - Goal #1: Build and leverage internal resources and infrastructure to optimize operations and support quality program outcomes.
 - Goal #2: Expand leadership development opportunities for program directors and educators.
 - Goal #3: Strengthen the peer review process
 - Goal #4: Shape the future of EMS programmatic accreditation through evidence-based research and data
10. **Clinical Placement Initiative.** The Chair and Executive Director informed the board about ongoing meetings with the National Registry and other stakeholders, with invitations currently being sent for a roundtable to plan next steps to address the difficulties programs are facing in placement and onboarding.

11. Future Board Meetings

2026

November 4-5-6	Board of Directors Meeting	Denver, CO
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2027

February 4	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11-3p Central Time
May 5-6-7	Board of Directors Meeting	Omaha, NE
June 2-6	ACCREDITCON	New Orleans, LA
August 5	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11-3p Central Time
November 2-3-4	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta, GA

2028

February 3	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11a-4p Central Time
May 3-4-5	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD
May 31-June 4	ACCREDITCON	Atlanta, GA
August 3	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11a-4p Central Time
November 8-9-10	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD

2029

February 1	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11a-4p Central Time
May 2-3-4	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD
May 30-June 3	ACCREDITCON	Atlanta, GA
August 2	Board of Directors Meeting	web meeting @ 11a-4p Central Time
November 7-8-9	Board of Directors Meeting	TBD