

**OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION
LSC COMMITTEE**

August 13, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Chair, Kenn Daily, called the meeting to order. The grid at the end of these minutes shows attendance.

Chair Daily reviewed the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality policies. She acknowledged that links to these policies can be found in the agenda.

Chair Daily asked if there were any questions or corrections related to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were noted, and the minutes were passed by consent.

Chair Daily began the meeting by introducing OHCA's new Regulatory Director, Tammy Cassidy, and encouraging the committee to listen to the Ohio Licensure webinar, presented by Ms. Cassidy on August 6, 2025. A link to the presentation recording and slides was provided.

The upcoming disaster summit was discussed as well as NFPA updates. Chair Daily requested input from the committee and any recommendations for the disaster summit.

The new Ohio licensure rules, which were implemented on July 17, 2025, were discussed. Topics of particular focus included water management, infection control and emergency preparedness training. The discussion also highlighted that facilities must now maintain an off-site copy of their disaster plan and conduct two annual fire and disaster training sessions, though the timing of these trainings is not specified. The rules also require staff to notify the director by phone or email when there are interruptions affecting resident health and safety, due to emergencies or disasters; however, the specific notification process remains unclear.

Changes to carbon monoxide detector requirements were discussed. Chair Daily explained that the Ohio Fire Code now requires detectors to be installed per fire code rather than manufacturer specifications, with specific requirements for commercial facilities receiving primary power from a hardwired source. The committee discussed concerns about the cost of upgrades that would be needed in order to comply with the new regulations. Uncertainty remains about how strictly the new requirements will be enforced, and the committee will monitor for citations before seeking clarification from regulators.

The committee discussed new regulations regarding elopement reporting, and definitions. The primary focus of the upcoming disaster summit will be elopement, with sessions covering legal aspects, best practices, and incident response.

Ohio PREP has released a new three page checklist related to LSC entrance conference documentation. The committee expressed concern about its lack of clarity, mixing of emergency preparedness and life safety issues, and the inclusion of unnecessary information.

Chair Daily discussed issues with a recent QSO regarding interior finishes, highlighting concerns about smoke and fire stop requirements. He also mentioned that three ODH surveyors have been conducting fire drills during the survey process.

Chair Daily clarified that the fire watch template, available on the ODH website is not a policy. The committee also addressed the process for reporting issues to ODH, emphasizing the use of the BLTCQ@odh.ohio.gov email address for most reports.

Chair Daily discussed the importance of maintaining and updating emergency preparedness plans, emphasizing the need for annual reviews, staff training and compliance with federal regulations. He also reviewed common areas of non-compliance.

The committee also discussed ongoing challenges with fire protection companies, including issues with documentation, vendor conflicts, and inconsistent maintenance practices.

Chair Daily announced that the next meeting will be scheduled for November 2025.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

| First Name | Last Name | |
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| Richard | Amos | X |
| Jeff | Anders | |
| Edward | Beatrice | X |
| JT | Burkholder | X |
| Tammy | Cassidy | X |
| William | Clymer | |
| Michael | Coyne | |
| Thomas | Cunningham | X |
| Kenn | Daily | X |
| Josh | Dorn | X |
| Dustin | Ellinger | X |
| Dustin | Ganoe | X |
| Matthew | Gloor | X |
| Robin | Helzerman | X |

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| Eric | Hutchins | X |
| Jim | Lark | X |
| Ken | Levering | X |
| Peggy | Morrison | X |
| Heather | Petersen | X |
| John | Phillips | X |
| Rick | Ramos | X |
| Julie | Stafford | X |
| Heather | Strauser | X |
| Broyles | Theresa | X |
| Jeremy | Valencia | X |