



Business Meeting
November 20, 2025
9:30 AM-12:00 PM ET
Tallahassee, FL & Zoom

Agenda

Welcome/Call to Order	Peter A. Pappas
Adoption of Minutes (May 2025)*	Peter A. Pappas
Financial Report	Brian Hart
National COT Update	John H. Armstrong
Department of Health Update	Steve McCoy/Michael Leffler Gene Buerkle
Florida EMSAC Update	Angus Jameson
Pulsara Update	David Summers
FCOT Chair Report	Peter A. Pappas
AFTC Update	Candace Pineda
Standards/FTSAC Update (5 minutes)	Lisa DiNova/Corey Hewitt
FT30 Update (30 minutes)	Various
Vice Chair Updates (60 minutes)	
• ATLS/Education Committee	Luis Llerena
• Advocacy Committee	Enrique Ginzburg
• Burn Committee	Howard Smith
• DMEP/STB Committee	Tracy Zito
• EMS Committee	Jose Diaz
• Florida TQIP Collaborative	Ralph Barker
• International Collaboration Committee	Antonio Marttos
• Military & Civilian Partnerships Committee	Julie Valenzuela
• Level I Trauma Centers Committee	R. Stephen Smith
• Level II Trauma Centers Committee	Gary Curcio
• Orthopedic Trauma Committee	Daniel Segina
• Pediatric Trauma Committee	John Draus
• Research Committee	Jonathan Meizoso
• At-Large Vice-Chair	Luis Pizano

Florida Committee on Trauma
Business Meeting
Gainesville, FL & Zoom

May 2, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER

Peter Pappas, MD, FACS, called the Florida Committee on Trauma (FCOT) Business Meeting to order at 9:05 AM ET.

In attendance:
See attached list

Staff present:
Brian Hart, JD

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Dr. Pappas presented the minutes from the February 19, 2025 Business Meeting for approval. A motion was made to adopt the minutes from the Business Meeting held on February 19, 2025.

MOTION 25-05-01

MOTION APPROVED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025.

FINANCE REPORT

Brian Hart, JD, Executive Director, provided the Finance Report. Mr. Hart noted that as of May 1, 2025, FCOT had \$170,912.56 in total assets, with \$165,026.18 in checking and a fiscal year net profit to date of \$9,315.44.

FLORIDA DOH UPDATE

Gene Buerkle provided the Florida DOH update. Mr. Buerkle reported on Biospatial login status, a planned Florida Trauma System Advisory Council (FTSAC) meeting on June 12, 2025, and continued effort for FTSAC appointments from the Governor's office.

Mr. Buerkle also noted future discussions on blood product supply availability and an updated American College of Surgeons (ACS) equivalency process to avoid duplication in the trauma center site survey processes.

FLORIDA EMSAC UPDATE

Angus Jameson provided the Florida EMSAC Update. Dr. James noted three priorities for Florida EMSAC:

- Trauma Pit Crew model for trauma resuscitation
- Pre-hospital blood product deployment for EMS
- Pediatric Txa appropriateness and dosing in the field.

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CHAIR’S REPORT

Finally, Dr. Jameson noted that the next Florida EMSAC meeting is in June.

Dr. Pappas provided the Chair’s Report. Dr. Pappas noted several key issues facing trauma care in Florida, including:

- FTSAC appointment delays
- Status of revised state trauma standards
- Acceptance of ACS verification to support state designation
- Consultative visits
- The “return” of a Florida Registry
- Blood bank resiliency

Next, Dr. Pappas provided an update on the Florida Trauma 2030 (FT30) working group, noting that the working group has a goal of reaching consensus on what the future of the Florida trauma system should look like by 2030. Dr. Pappas shared that an update will be provided at the November business meeting.

AFTC UPDATE

Candace Pineda provided the AFTC update. Ms. Pineda reported that AFTC met on May 1, 2025, focusing on trauma registry best practices, concepts for workshops on trauma finance, and renewed scholarship efforts.

STANDARDS/FTSAC UPDATE

Lisa DiNova provided the Standards/FTSAC Update. Ms. DiNova encouraged continued engagement in efforts related to the Florida Trauma Standards and FTSAC efforts through meetings, rule hearings, and advocacy.

Concerns were shared that FTSAC continues to have difficulty with roster quorum to move FTSAC efforts forward.

A motion was made to have FCOT and AFTC submit a joint letter to the Florida Department of Health advocating for recommended consensus-based updates to the Florida Trauma Center Standards.

MOTION 25-05-02

MOTION ADOPTED TO HAVE FCOT AND AFTC SUBMIT A JOINT LETTER TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADVOCATING FOR RECOMMENDED CONSENSUS BASED UPDATES TO THE FLORIDA TRAUMA CENTER STANDARDS.

ATLS/EDUCATION UPDATE

Dr. Luis Llerena presented the ATLS/Education Update. Dr. Llerena reported that Dr. Chasen Croft, Trauma Medical Director at UF Health Shands Gainesville will assume the role of Vice Chair at the conclusion of Dr. Llerena’s term.

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ADVOCACY UPDATE

BURN UPDATE

DMEP/STB UPDATE

FL TQIP COLLABORATIVE UPDATE

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

Next, Dr. Llerena reported ATLS 11th Edition is anticipated for 2025 implementation. Dr. Pappas thanked Dr. Llerena for his dedicated service to FCOT as Vice Chair.

Dr. Enrique Ginzburg provided the Advocacy Update. Dr. Ginzburg reported FCOT has been invited to provide an organizational introduction at a future Florida Board of Medicine meeting. Next, Dr. Ginzburg reported that he participated in the National Committee on Trauma Advocacy Committee to discuss collaboration and understanding as to how other states work no Stop the Bleed legislation. Finally, Dr. Ginzburg shared to pieces of trauma-related legislation from the Florida Legislature:

- SB 1210 - Trauma Funding
- SB 2500 - Trauma Funding

Dr. Howard Smith provided the Burn Committee update. Dr. Smith reported that he will meet with the Central Florida Disaster Coalition on educational opportunities for standing emergency rooms on burn and disaster management. Dr. Smith also noted that the Burn Committee will help with a future statewide disaster drill to support burn readiness. Finally, Dr. Smith announced the passing of Dr. Ian Driscoll.

Dr. Tracy Zito presented the Disaster Management/Stop the Bleed report. Dr. Zito reported that the Committee is continuing efforts to plan a statewide mass casualty incident, including the use of a regional medical operations coordination center, considerations for involvement of external organizations, the role of Pulsara, and a future date.

Finally, Dr. Zito provided an update on Stop the Bleed matters, including the Florida Highway Patrol training program and noting the release of Stop the Bleed version 3.

Dr. Ralph Barker presented the Florida TQIP Collaborative update. Dr. Barker provided an update on the concluded severe TBI initiative and new shock mortality initiative proposals, including:

- Education
- Use of whole blood by trauma centers and EMS
- Examining the integration process for shock treatment between EMS and trauma centers.

Dr. Antonio Marttos presented the International Affairs Committee report. Dr. Marttos encouraged volunteers for

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MILITARY & CIVILIAN PARTNERSHIPS

the monthly FCOT contributor to the University of Miami International Trauma Tele-Grand Rounds partnership with FCOT.

Dr. Julie Valenzuela presented the Military & Civilian Partnerships Update. Dr. Valenzuela i shared the following priorities:

- Collection and dissemination of military & civilian partnership data and contacts
- Collection of relevant resources
- Hosting of presentations, inclusive of Florida and regional partnerships
- Aligning with other FCOT committees.

LEVEL I TRAUMA CENTERS

Dr. Steve Smith provided the Level I Trauma Center Report. Dr. Smith encouraged participation in of the mock reviews offered by the Level I Trauma Center Committee. Dr. Smith also noted that the Level I and Level II Trauma Center committees have overlapping interests where the committees may find value collaborating.

LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTERS

Dr. Gary Curcio provided the Level II Trauma Center Report. Dr. Curcio reported that the Level II Trauma Center Committee continues to focus on the development for Level II trauma centers and is considering ways to utilize TQIP data to help facilitate quality improvement among level II trauma centers in Florida.

ORTHOPEDIC TRAUMA UPDATE

Dr. Daniel Segina presented the Orthopedic Trauma Update. Dr. Segina reviewed the continued goals for the committee, including:

- Geriatric trauma fracture care guidelines
- Hand injury triage guidelines
- Open fracture antibiotic protocols
- E-Bike injury data analysis
- Orthopedic COE criteria

Dr. Segina thanked the members of the committee and encouraged others to join the roster.

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA UPDATE

Dr. John Draus presented the Pediatric Trauma Update. Dr. Draus reported that the now participates on the Florida TQIP Collaborative to understand the efforts of the committee for consideration of a future Florida TQIP Pediatric Collaborative. Dr. Pappas suggested that a Florida TQIP Pediatric Collaborative could be developed over the course of several years, with a 5-year goal of

194		implementation. A motion was made to create a Florida
195		TQIP Pediatric Collaborative.
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197	MOTION 25-05-03	MOTION ADOPTED TO CREATE A FLORIDA TQIP
198		PEDIATRIC COLLABORATIVE.
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200	RESEARCH UPDATE	Dr. Jonathan Meizoso presented the Research Committee
201		Update. Dr. Meizoso shared the overall priorities of the
202		committee, including considerations for multi-institution
203		research collaborations and research education for
204		Florida trainees.
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206	ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business to discuss, the meeting
207		was adjourned by Dr. Pappas at 9:59 AM ET.

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May 2, 2025

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