

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS CANDIDATES MEMORANDUM

### Mile-High Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council

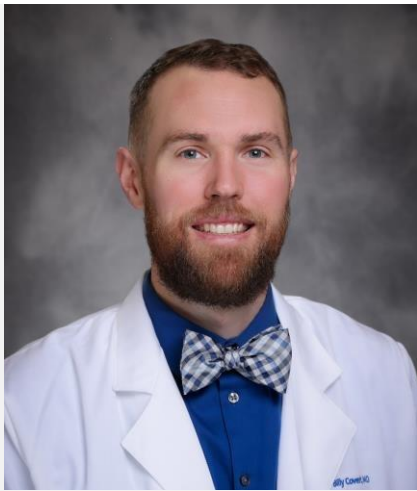
To	Denver City Council
From	Mayor's Office of Boards & Commissions
Date	3/31/2026

#### BOARD PURPOSE

The Mile-High Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council was formed by the Emergency Medical and Trauma System Act of 2000. These new councils combined the efforts of the previously existing Area Trauma Advisory Councils and Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils. This Colorado Revised Statute SB-180 combined the emergency services with trauma programs. The MHRETAC has the responsibility for creating a regional implementation plan for delivery of emergency medical and trauma care.

#### APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 2/16/2026- 2/15/2028



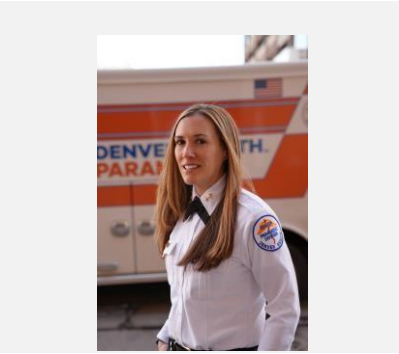
**Bio:**

Dr. Billy Covert was raised outside Tampa, Florida and received his bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida. After college, he joined the military and served as a Security Forces Officer/Phoenix Raven in the United States Air Force for 5 years. He then set his sights on medicine and eventually attended the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine before completing his emergency medicine residency at Duke University, serving as chief resident in his final year. Dr. Covert completed his EMS fellowship at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and is now a practicing Emergency Medicine and EMS Physician with Denver Health and the Denver Health Paramedics.

**BILLY COVERT, MD**

EMS Physician with Denver Health

Term Dates: July 31, 2025- July 31, 2027



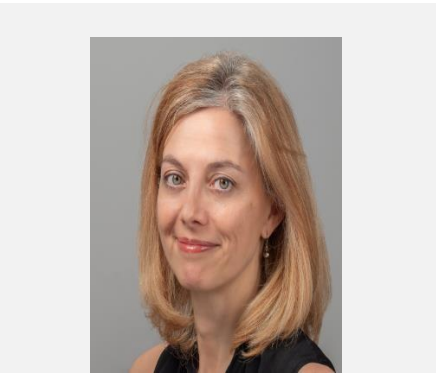
Heather Edwards  
Chief Paramedic

**Bio:**

I serve as a Deputy Chief Paramedic with the Denver Health Paramedic Division. A Colorado native from Littleton, I have spent my entire life in the state and more than 19 years serving with Denver Health. I began my EMS career in 2006 as a vehicle support technician, later working on the dual EMT ambulance before completing Denver Health's accelerated paramedic program in 2009. Throughout my career, I have held several roles including field trainer, paramedic bike team member, instructor, Director of the Denver Health Paramedic School, Assistant Chief, and now Deputy Chief overseeing performance and development. I have also contributed to multiple committees focused on employee engagement, recognition, and system improvement. I hold both my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Public Administration from Villanova University and the University of Colorado Denver. Outside of work, I enjoy time with my husband and two daughters, and I am currently training two of my dogs to become therapy dogs.

## REAPPOINTMENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

Term Dates: 2/16/2026- 2/15/2028



Maria E. Moreira, MD, FACEP  
Medical Director of  
Continuing Education and  
Simulation at Denver Health

**Bio:**

Maria E. Moreira, MD, FACEP, is the Medical Director of Continuing Education and Simulation at Denver Health and Hospital Authority, Director of Professional Development and Wellbeing for the Emergency Department, and Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. She earned her medical degree from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and completed her Emergency Medicine residency at Denver Health, where she served as Chief Resident. From 2010–2018, she was Program Director of the Denver Health Residency in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Moreira is an active member of national organizations including American College of Emergency Physicians, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, and Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine, serving as CORD President from 2019–2020. She is an editor for several leading emergency medicine publications, including UpToDate and Rosen's Emergency Medicine. Dr. Moreira has received numerous national and local teaching awards and frequently lectures on trauma care, communication, simulation, and leadership development.

