

Tennessee Board of Nursing
TBI Headquarters
901 R.S. Gass Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee 37216

Summary Suspension Hearing
Geoffrey D. Peterson, RN, APN

MINUTES

January 27, 2015

Call to Order

Elizabeth Lund, Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. in the Court Room located at TBI Headquarters.

Roll Call and Quorum

The panel introduced themselves

Present: Lee Anne Stearnes, APN; Kathleen Harkey, Consumer Member; Mark Young, APN

Elizabeth Lund declared a quorum present and turned the meeting over to the panel chair, Mr. Young.

Introduction

Ms. Mollie Gass, Assistant General Counsel opened the meeting thanking the panel members for agreeing to serve on the panel to consider the summary suspension of Geoffrey Deane Peterson, RN # 98773 and APN # 6940. Ms. Gass confirmed that no panel member had any prior knowledge of the matter.

Hearing

Detective Paul Howard, Sequatchie County police department; Tiffany Newcomb (present telephonically), Direct Field Services, McKamey Animal Center; Tamara Moore (present telephonically), former animal services officer with McKamey Animal Center and Charles Whitson, Investigator, Health Related Boards provided testimony. Mr. Dan Warlick, representing the respondent, spoke on behalf of his client, Mr. Peterson, to agree to suspension of license, but "is not admitting the facts set forth, not admitting anything." A proposed order was presented to the panel for consideration. Ms. Stearnes made a motion to accept the findings of fact listed in paragraphs 1-17 in the proposed order. Ms. Harkey seconded; motion carried. Ms. Stearnes moved to accept the conclusions of law as set out in proposed order, finding Mr. Peterson guilty of violating TCA 63-7-115(a)(1)(C)(F)(G). Ms. Harkey seconded the motion and the motion carried. After further discussion Ms. Stearnes moved to summarily suspend the RN license # 98773 and APN license # 6940 of Geoffrey Deane Peterson. Ms. Harkey seconded the motion and

the motion carried. Mr. Young stated the summary suspension was necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. Ms. Harkey seconded the policy statement. The motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn

There being no other business, Ms. Harkey moved and Ms. Stearnes seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting of the panel of the Tennessee Board of Nursing at 2:42 p.m.