



**TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS’
COMMITTEE ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

July 22, 2016

MINUTES

An emergency teleconference meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants (“the Committee”) was held in the Poplar Conference Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee on July 22, 2016 at 9:00 am (Central).

Members Present: Bret Reeves, PA-C
Donna Lynch, PA-C
James Montag, PA-C
Benjamin Hux, OPA-C
Barbara Thornton, Public Member

Members Absent: Omar Nava, PA-C, Chairman
Beverly Joan Gardner, PA-C

Staff Present: Keshia Evans, Administrator, Committee on Physician Assistants
Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant
Mary Katherine Bratton, Deputy General Counsel
Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director
Maegan Martin, Executive Director

The purpose of this meeting was to consider Mr. Darron Smith’s application for licensure as a physician assistant due to the Committee being unable to maintain a quorum to consider this matter at the regularly scheduled in-person meeting. Although a quorum was present to consider the matter, one Committee member’s recusal from the proceedings resulted in the loss of a quorum. All formalities required to establish the necessity of conducting the emergency meeting electronically were met and put on the record. Mr. Montag was the chair for this emergency teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Smith, Darron – Mr. Smith was first asked to appear before the Committee in April to address his criminal history, prior discipline by the Utah Medical Board and the Army’s restriction of his clinical privileges. At the conclusion of his initial interview, the Committee asked Mr. Smith to provide some supplemental information and reappear before the Committee in July. He appeared at the meeting in July, and while a quorum was present for the meeting, one of the Committee members required for a quorum had previously recused himself from deliberations on Mr. Smith’s application. The recusal resulted in the loss of a quorum and Mr. Smith was offered the opportunity to either reappear at the Committee’s next

regularly scheduled meeting on October 7th or to have a special teleconference called for the express purpose of hearing his application. Mr. Smith chose the latter.

The Committee reviewed and discussed all supplemental materials and information thoroughly. At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's interview, Ms. Lynch made a motion approve his application which was seconded by Mr. Reeves. The motion carried.

There being no other scheduled business, the meeting was adjourned.