

**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Monday, August 25, 2025
Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee**

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Hamby at 0900 AM. The roll was called, finding 8 members present and 5 absent, a quorum was declared.

<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Chairman Steve Hamby	X		Vice-Chairman Greg Miller		X
Jeffrey Bagwell		X	Shannon Morphis	X	
Tim Bell	X		Joyce Noles		X
David Blevins	X		Stacy Prater	X	
Jeanie Diden	X		Jason Tunstall		X
Drew Hooker		X	Chris Wheat	X	
Dr. Jared McKinney	X		8 Members Present, 5 Member(s) Absent = Quorum		

Also, present:

Brandon Ward, Director
Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3
Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel
Honorable Judge Elizabeth Cambron – Administrative Law Judge, TN Secretary of State
Court Reporter

CONTESTED CASES

- Chairman Hamby turned the meeting over to Judge Cambron. She called the docket and announced the information related to the case. All members present introduced themselves.
- TDH vs Robert Long, EMT License #214076, Docket #17.34-232370A. Mr. Long is represented by Darrell O’Neal and Matthew Gibbs will be the representative of the department in the matter. The members were presented with directions to the members related to the matter and provided certain documents for review. The State and Mr. O’Neal provided opening statements to the members of the Board. M. Robert Long was called by Mr. O’Neal to provide testimony to the members and was asked questions by Mr. O’Neal and Mr. Gibbs. The Board members were then allowed to ask questions. The attorneys provided closing statements. Judge Cambron provided other instructions and read transcripts from another case that was discussed and

then provided the charge information to the members. The meeting was returned to Chairman Hamby for deliberation.

- ***A motion was made by David Blevins and second by Jeanie Diden to accept the Findings of Fact. The motion passed after a roll call vote.***
- ***A motion was made by David Blevins and second by Dr. Jared Mckinney to accept the Conclusions of Law as presented. The motion passed after a roll call vote.***
- ***A motion was made by Chris Wheat and second by Shannon Morphis for Disciplinary Action to accept as presented, and it was also amended to change wording of probation to 4 years and 8 hours of ethics. After discussion, the roll was called, Hamby, Diden, Blevins voted no, the remaining 5 members voted yes. The motion passed.***
- ***A motion for Policy Statement with correction of striking suspension and replacing with Probation in the respondent policy statement was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Chris Wheat. The roll was called, Hamby and Diden voted no, the remaining members voted yes, the motion passed.***

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am. There will be no meeting on 08/26/2025.