



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
RULE MAKING HEARING
Tuesday, July 29, 2025
Poplar 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 13 members present and 0 absent, a quorum was declared. This meeting allowed members the option to attend virtually (V) or in-person (IP)

<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	IP		Vice-Chairman Greg Miller	V	
Jeffrey Bagwell (joined @ 0917)	V		Shannon Morphis	V	
Tim Bell	V		Joyce Noles	V	
David Blevins		X	Stacy Prater		X
Jeanie Diden	IP		Jason Tunstall	IP	
Drew Hooker	IP		Chris Wheat (joined @ 0904)	V	
Dr. Jared McKinney	V		11 Members Present, 2 Member(s) Absent = Quorum		

Also, present:

Brandon Ward, Director
 Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
 Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3
 Ronda Webb, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel –EMS Board Advisory Attorney
 Matthew Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel – Office of General Counsel
 Ellen Gose, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel – serving as EMS Board Advisory Attorney
 Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

NEW BUSINESS

- The Chair requested members to review a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis document. ***A motion to approve was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Drew Hooker. The motion passed with a roll call vote.***
- The Chair requested the members to review Economic Impact Statement. ***A motion was made by Drew Hooker and second by Jeanie Diden to approve. The motion passed with a roll call vote.***

RULE MAKING HEARING

- Ms. Ronda Webb ,Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel –EMS Board Advisory Attorney opened the meeting and requested those present identify themselves and noted the members that were present by virtual means.
- Ms. Webb explained the purpose of the hearing was to approve new Air Ambulance rules, Training Pay Supplement rules, and equipment requirements. Director Ward confirmed that the proposed changes had been made available publicly through the TN state website and had been disseminated to EMS professional groups.
- Jeffrey Bagwell joined at 0917.
- Ms. Webb read the various sections of the Air Ambulance proposed rules into the record.
- After review, ***a motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Drew Hooker to accept changes to section 1. The motion passed with a roll call vote.***
- After review, ***a motion was made by Dr. Jared McKinney and second by Greg Miller to accept changes to section 2. The motion passed with a roll call vote.***
- After review, ***a motion was made by Drew Hooker and second by Jeanie Diden to accept changes to section 3a. The motion passed with a roll call vote.***
- After review, ***a motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Chris Wheat to accept changes to section 4b. The motion passed after a roll call vote.***
- After review, ***a motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Dr. Jared McKinney to accept changes to section 4c, 4d, and e(3). The motion passed with a roll call vote.***
- After review, ***a motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Dr. Jared McKinney to accept changes to sections 4e(4) – 13. The motion passed after a roll call vote with Steve Hamby voting no and the remaining members voting yes.***
- A brief recess was observed from 1005-1017. The roll was confirmed again when the meeting reconvened.
- Ms. Webb provided an overview of the training pay supplement rules and highlighted a proposed change in section 3. ***A motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Drew Hooker to amend section 1e to use 30 hours per week or 60 hours bi-weekly for full time employment. The motion passed after a roll call vote.***
- ***A motion was made to approve the rules as amended by Drew Hooker and second by Dr. Jared McKinney. After discussion, the motion passed after a roll call vote.***
- Ms. Webb reviewed public comment for the Rule Making Hearing. Ms. Simmons submitted a comment regarding Air Ambulance standards 4 (g) for air ambulance communicator training certification requirements. She suggested amending the language “air medical communication specialist meets or exceeds CAMTS accreditation or IAMTS or successor version”. Tim Cidel of Air Methods communication came to speak on the matter to the members, stating he was unaware of the rule making process or committee meetings where requests could have been made when asked by Board Members if they had brought concerns to the Air Ambulance Committee. Robbie Tester, Chairman of the Air Ambulance

Committee mentioned during public comment in second 4 that Chapter 6 should be referenced rather than Chapter 3. He also mentioned that there was tremendous discussion related to the crew configuration for 2 paramedics in the case of a significant staffing emergency. Mr. Tester also stated that the communications requirements had not been brought up in that manner. Kevin Nooner also spoke during the public comment for clarification on previously stated changes. The Board made no changes in related to the public comment period.

- The Rule Making Hearing concluded at 1107am.

RETROSPECTIVE RULE CHANGES

- Ms. Webb stated that retrospective rule changes/red line changes had been provided and requested the members review these prior to the next Board meeting.

The roll was confirmed again when the meeting reconvened. Dr. McKinney left the meeting. The quorum was maintained with 10 present and 3 absent.

CONSENT ORDERS

Ms. Smalls and Ms. Gose presented the items below to the Board for consideration.

- **Landon Howard, AEMT License #216331.** *A motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Drew Hooker to approve. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*
- **Deylan Ivy, EMT License # 220289.** *A motion was made by Drew Hooker and second by Greg Miller to approve. Jason Tunstall recused. All other present voted in favor and the motion passed.*
- **Jonathan Phipps, EMR Certificate # 20649.** *A motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to approve. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*
- **Michael Sisk, Paramedic License #30015.** *A motion was made by Drew Hooker and second by Jeanie Diden to approve. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*
- **William A. Long Paramedic License #214770.** *A motion for approval was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Jeanie Diden. Jason Tunstall recused. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*
- **Biruk Hailu, EMT License #214706.** *A motion was made by Chris Wheat and second by Drew Hooker to accept. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*
- **Avery Jacob Shelton EMT License #218596.** *A motion was made by Jason Tunstall and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to accept. The motion passed after a roll call vote.*

The meeting adjourned at 1143. The next Board meeting is August 25-26.