

**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee
Day 2 – Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

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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.

<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		13 Members Present, 0 Member(s) Absent = Quorum		

Also, present:

Brandon Ward, Director

Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director

Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3

Matthew Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel – Office of General Counsel

Ronda Webb-Stewart, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel – EMS Board Advisory

Tim Peters, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

Ellen Gose, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

CONTESTED CASES

- The Honorable Judge Elizabeth Cambron was the Administrative Law Judge for this meeting. She called the docket for contested case hearing. Judge Cambron provided specific instructions to the Board for each matter.
- **Eddie Brown Jr., AEMT License #214924** appeared without counsel and representing himself. Ms. Ellen Gose will represent the TDH. After opening statements, questions from Board members, review, and testimony, ***a motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Greg Miller to accept the Findings of Fact. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. After review, a motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to approve the Conclusions of Law. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. After review, a motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Greg Miller to accept Disciplinary Action as presented. The motion passed 9 yes and McKinney, Morphis, Prater, and Wheat opposed. A motion by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Greg Miller to accept the Policy Statement as presented. The motion passed 9 yes and McKinney, Morphis, Prater, and Wheat opposed.***
- **Weldon Foust, Paramedic License #34981** was not present for the contested case hearing. ***A motion was made by David Blevins and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to proceed in default. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.*** Ms. Ellen Gose presented an opening statement and related evidence and witness testimony. ***A motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Chris Wheat to accept the Findings of Fact. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. A motion was made by David Blevins and second by Dr. Jared McKinney to accept the Conclusions of Law. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. A motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Drew Hooker to revoke the respondents license as Disciplinary Action. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. A motion to accept a Policy Statement with the changes of revocation was made by David Blevins and second by Drew Hooker. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***
- **Rodney Pickering, Paramedic License #9224** was continued to September 17th docket at the request of OGC.
- **Amy Zeigler, AEMT License #214133**. The respondent was not present for the contested case hearing. ***A motion was made by David Blevins and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to proceed in default. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.*** Timothy Peters from the OGC presented an opening statement, related evidence, and other information. ***A motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by David Blevins to accept the Findings of Fact. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by David Blevins to accept the Conclusions of Law. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed. A motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Chris Wheat to accept proposed Disciplinary Action. The motion passed 11 yes, Blevins and McKinney were opposed. A motion to accept a Policy Statement with the changes of revocation was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Jason Tunstall. The motion passed 11 yes, Blevins and McKinney were opposed.***

CONSENT ORDERS

- **James A. Peerey, Paramedic License #213863.** Proposed discipline of 1-month suspension, 3-year probation, 4 hours of ethics that cannot be used for continuing education or pay supplement requirements. ***A motion to accept by Greg Miller and second by Dr. Jared McKinney. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***
- **William H. Moening II, Critical Care Paramedic License #25870.** Proposed discipline of revocation. ***A motion was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Drew Hooker to accept as presented. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***
- **Expedited Medical Services, LLC. License #10247.** Proposed discipline of 3-year probation and \$1950 civil penalty. ***A motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Stacy Prater to accept as proposed. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***
- **Medical Transportation Service, LLC. License #10255.** Proposed discipline of 3-year probation and \$1950. ***A motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Chris Wheat to accept as proposed. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***
- **John Hardy, Paramedic License #34544.** Proposed discipline of 1-month suspension, 3-year probation, 4-hour ethics course. ***A motion was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Dr. Jared McKinney to accept as proposed. The motion passed with Hamby, Bagwell, McKinney, Miller, Morphis, Noles, Prater, and Wheat voting yes, and Bagwell, Blevins, Diden, and Hooker opposed, Jason Tunstall recused.***

LEADERSHIP & ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

- Committee Chair Phil Sanderson provided a brief report citing new mental health curriculum, practitioner wellness and patient safety, and career advancement group projects, and potential development of a mobile application related to these initiatives. Taskforce for professional standards and mentorship has identified approximately 100 past cases for review to collect data to determine on a root cause analysis. The CQI group is continuing to review data and discuss future projects. Discussed a potential leadership endorsement for licensure.

ETHICS COURSE DISCUSSION

- Ms. Webb-Stewart and Director Ward discussed with the members again the potential for an ethics course that would meet the needs of Board ordered education. Ms. Webb Stewart stated she reviewed the proposal and related information and had no negative feedback. ***A motion was made by Chris Wheat and second by Greg Miller to accept the previously discussed and presented ethics course. After discussion, the motion passed 12 yes and Dr. McKinney abstained.***

OGC REPORT CONTINUED

- Ms. Webb-Stewart continued the discussion of a Consent Agenda for future meetings. A consent agenda is a tool used in meetings, particularly board meetings, to streamline the approval process for routine, non-controversial items. These items are grouped together

and approved with a single motion and vote, rather than requiring separate motions for each item. This saves time and allows the board to focus on more important or complex issues. It was discussed that the timeline between a committee meeting, and the Board meeting may prohibit their inclusion on the agenda. After discussion, ***a motion was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Jason Tunstall to proceed with creation of consent agenda. The motion passed 13 yes and no one opposed.***

AGREED ORDER

- Mr. Matt Gibbs returned to address the members again with amendments to an order for **Robert Long, EMT license #214076**. Amended information to include education obtained during time of licensure suspension. A new sentence was added to include an additional 60 days of suspension in addition to other requirements (5-year probation, and paramedic chaperone for a period of 6 months). ***A motion was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Chris Wheat to accept the agreed order as presented. Blevins, Prater, Morphis, Bell, and Wheat voted yes. Bagwell, Diden, McKinney, Miller, Hamby voted no, Joyce Noles, Drew Hooker, and Jason Tunstall recused.***
- Prior to the meeting closing, Mr. Gibbs returned with another agreement for **Robert Long, EMT license # 214076**, to agree to an 180-day suspension, in addition to the 5-year probation, and 6 months with a paramedic chauffeur. ***A motion was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Chris Wheat. After significant discussion, Bagwell, Bell, Morphis, Wheat voted yes. Blevins, Diden, McKinney, Miller, Prater, Hamby voted no. Tunstall, Noles, and Hooker recused. The motion failed.***

RULES REVISIONS CONTINUED

- Ms. Webb-Stewart requested to work with the Vice Chair to review requested rule revisions and present later. ***Motion by Shannon Morphis and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to proceed with this process. The motion passed on a voice vote.***

DIRECTOR REPORT

- Greg Miller asked about the status of the parking lot. Director Ward stated that he had no updates on the progress of repairs.