



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee**

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Day 1 - Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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
- Ellen Gose, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel – serving as EMS Board Advisory Attorney
- Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion by David Blevins and second by Drew Hooker to approve minutes of December 11, 2024 meeting. The motion passed after a voice vote.***

RECOGNITION

- Drew Hooker wished to recognize participants of the 'Battle of the Smokies' hosted by the TN association of EMS Providers.
- David Blevins recognized students from Jackson State Paramedic Program who were present in the gallery.

CONTESTED CASES

- The Honorable Judge Elizabeth Cambron served as the Administrative Law Judge assigned by the TN Secretary of State for the hearing this date. She first called the docket for Amy Zeigler, AEMT License #214133, Case # 202202932. Mr. Timothy Peters of the TN OGC was present to represent the state. Ms. Ziegler was not present, and the matter was continued to another date.
- **Case# 17.34-232371A TDH vs JaMichael Sandridge, AEMT License #209188.**
- Mr. Matthew Gibbs will represent the State and Attorney Ms. Laura Smittick representing the respondent.
- Judge Cambron provided an overview of the contested case process and asked the members to introduce themselves for the record and asked Mr. Gibbs to provide a copy of the notice of hearing and charges to the members. She also informed the members of the conflict-of-interest statement. Jason Tunstall and Joyce Noles recused themselves from the matter and were excused from the room. No other members disclosed conflicts. Dr. Jared McKinney if he needed to leave by 3 pm. Judge Cambron opined that the case would not be concluded by that time and excused Dr. McKinney at that time. The Board continued to maintain a quorum with 10 members present. The Judge provided further instructions to the members. A 5-minute break was used by attorneys for a brief conference. An opening statement was provided by the State and Ms. Smittick. Judge Cambron provided further instructions related to evidence testimony.
- Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Smittick were allowed to call/question witnesses and present proof. Board members were allowed to ask questions at various points.
- A lunch recess was observed from 1200-1300 PM.
- Mr. Greg Johnson provided expert witness testimony for the state. He was asked questions by the members and Ms. Smittick.
- The case was adjourned at 1557 until tomorrow

APPLICANT APPROVAL

- Mr. William Pesaturo appeared before the Board to request approval due to previous background check findings. He provided documents to the members to review. ***A motion was duly made by Shannon Morphis and second by Drew Hooker for approval. The roll was called, 10 members present voted in-favor and the motion passed.***

The meeting was adjourned until 0900 on March 20, 2025