

**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Iris Room and Poplar Room,
First Floor 665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN 37243
Thursday, March 19, 2026**

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CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Miller at 0900 AM. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

<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 Greg Miller	X		Vice-Chairman Jason Tunstall	X	
Jeffrey Bagwell	X		Dr. Jared McKinney	X	
Tim Bell	X		Shannon Morphis	X	
David Blevins	X		Joyce Noles	X	
Jeanie Diden		X	Stacy Prater	X	
Steve Hamby	X		Chris Wheat	X	
Drew Hooker	X		12 Members Present, 1 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

Ellen Gose, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

Tim Peters, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

Honorable Judge Claudia Padfield, Administrative Law Judge, TN Secretary of State – Panel 1

Honorable Judge Shannon Barnhill, Administrative Law Judge, TN Secretary of State – Panel 2

DIVISION OF BOARD PANELS FOR DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- The Board divided into 2 panels to hear cases. A brief recess was held prior to beginning hearings. Quorum is 3.

CONTESTED CASES

- The Board was divided into 2 separate panels to review cases on day 1.
- **Panel 1** was in the Iris Board Room and consisted of: Honorable Judge, court reporter, Chairman Greg Miller, Jeffrey Bagwell, David Blevins, Drew Hooker, and Tim Bell.
- **Panel 2** was in the Poplar Board Room and consisted of: Honorable Judge Shannon Barnhill, court reporter, Vice Chairman Jason Tunstall, Dr. Jared McKinney, Chris Wheat, Shannon Morphis, Steve Hamby, Joyce Noles and Stacy Prater.

Panel 1: Cory Friend, Paramedic License #39502, Case #7.34-2536761A

- *Motion by Blevins, second by Hooker for Finding of Fact as presented. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Blevins, second by Bagwell to accept Conclusions of Law as presented. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Bagwell, second by Bell to approve Disciplinary Action as written. Bagwell withdraws motion/Bell withdraws second.*
- *Motion by Bell for lines 11-13 remain unchanged with line 9-10 to read "3 -year probation". Died from lack of second.*
- *Motion by Hooker, second by Blevins for 90-day license suspension, 10 changes to reflect completion of suspension. Lines 11-13 remain unchanged. Bell voted no. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Hooker, second by Bagwell to approve policy statement with changes to reflect suspension. Bell voted no. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Blevins, second by Bagwell to amend paragraph 13 to reflect "suspension with probation" in approved order.*

This concluded the business of panel 1 at 10:53am

Panel 2: Jason A. Wilchie, AEMT license #36917, Case # 17.34-254701A

- The respondent is not present.
- *Motion by Dr. McKinney, second by Hamby to proceed in default. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Prater, second by Dr. McKinney to accept Findings of Fact. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Morphis, second by Hamby to accept Conclusions of Law as presented. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Hamby, second by Wheat to approve disciplinary action of revocation with change to #9 reflecting appropriate license number and rank. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Morphis, second by Wheat to accept policy statement. Motion passed.*
- *Motion by Hamby, second by Prater to note that respondent was held in default. Motion passed.*

This concluded the business of panel 2 at approximately 9:35am.

The Board resumed its regular configuration as a single group at 11:00 am.

The Board Members and the Office of EMS recognized Mr. Dwight Davis, Paramedic/ Regional Consultant for Middle Tennessee Region 5 upon his retirement from the Office of EMS after many years of faithful service to the State of Tennessee, serving from January 26, 2011, to March 31, 2026.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.