



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee
Day 2 – Thursday, March 20, 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

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

Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel

- Judge Cambron dismissed Jason Tunstall, Joyce Noles, and Dr. Jared McKinney from the room as they had formerly recused themselves. She then asked the members to introduce themselves. She also provided a reminder of the conflicts of interest and prohibitions of discussions that are not officially on the record.
- Witness testimony and questioning continued initially by Ms. Smittick and Mr. Gibbs.
- A one-hour recess was observed beginning at 0953 due to a defense witness obligation. The members took a brief break at this point and then reconvened to handle other business during the

recess. Ms. Noles, Mr. Tunstall, and Dr. McKinney returned during this point in the meeting. Chairman Steve Hamby called the roll at 1018 AM and found that all 13 members were present.

CONSENT ORDERS

- Ms. Smalls presented 3 consent orders to the members for consideration.
- **Antonio Richmond, Paramedic License # 210914, Case # 2024025201** – Proposed discipline of 6-months suspension and 3 – year probation. After review, ***a motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Shannon Morphis to accept, roll was called finding 13 members in favor and none opposed. The motion passed.***
- **Zolton Scales, AEMT License # 216087, Case # 2024025191** – Proposed discipline of 3-year probation, AEMT refresher course, **and 4- hour** ethics course (with respondent teaching a portion of this course) within 180 days of ratification. This education cannot be used to satisfy renewal or pay supplement requirements. After review, ***a motion was made by Greg Miller and second by Jeffrey Bagwell for approval. Dr. Jared McKinney voted no; the other 12 members voted yes. The motion passed.***
- **Gary Lynn Dubose, AEMT License #36913, Case #2024022561** – Proposed discipline of 1 month suspension, ethics, 3-year probation, AEMT refresher. Drew Hooker recused from this matter. After review, ***a motion was made by Greg Miller to accept and second by David Blevins. Jeffrey Bagwell, Jeanie Diden, Shannon Morphis, Jason Tunstall, Chris Wheat voted no, the remaining members voted yes. The motion passed.***

AGREED ORDERS

- **Dylan Wolfe, AEMT License #210463 Case #2024023611** – 3-year probation and \$3450 civil penalty. After review, ***a motion was made by Drew Hooker and second by Shannon Morphis to approve as presented. The roll was called finding 13 members in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.***
- **Mohammed Kchouk, AEMT License #217465, Case # 2024023401** – Proposed discipline of TNAP. After review, ***a motion was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Greg Miller for approval, roll was called finding 13 members in favor and none opposed, the motion passed.***
- **James Peerey, Paramedic License #213863, Case #2024017271** – Proposed discipline of 3-year probation and 4 hours of ethics. After review, ***a motion was made by Stacy Prater and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to deny. Tim Bell, David Blevins, and Shannon Morphis voted no. The remaining members voted yes. The motion passed and OGC will return later with the matter.***
- There was a brief discussion regarding creation of an in-person ethics course and more consistency in similar proposed disciplinary issues. Director Ward mentions that volunteers have been working on an ethics course for presentation the Education Committee at a future meeting.

The members observed a 5-minute break.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING (CONTINUED)

- Jason Tunstall, Joyce Noles, and Dr. Jared McKinney again recused and left the courtroom,
- Ms. Smittick resumed witness questioning at 1057 AM. Mr. Gibbs also asked questions of the witness. Board members were also allowed to ask questions of the witness. Numerous questions came from the Board members.
- A lunch break was observed for approximately 1 hour.

- The case reconvened and the respondent, JaMichael Sandridge provided testimony. He was asked numerous questions by Ms. Smittick, Mr. Gibbs, and the Board members. The proof was closed at 1515 pm, and a short recess was observed.
- The Ms. Smittick and Mr. Gibbs provided closing statements to the Board members. Judge Cambron provided final instructions charge to the members for their deliberations.
- After discussion, ***a motion to approve the Findings of Fact as presented was made by Greg Miller and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to approve as presented. Dr. Jared McKinney, Joyce Noles, and Jason Tunstall recused. The 10 other members voted yes, and the motion passed.***
- After discussion, ***a motion to approve the Conclusions of Law as presented was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Tim Bell to approve. Dr. Jared McKinney, Joyce Noles, and Jason Tunstall recused. The 10 other members voted yes, and the motion passed.***
- After discussion, ***a motion to approve the Disciplinary Action as presented was made by Jeffrey Bagwell and second by Greg Miller to accept the order to revoke with wording edits to #15-16. Dr. Jared McKinney, Joyce Noles, and Jason Tunstall recused. Tim Bell, Shannon Morphis, and Chris Wheat voted NO. Steve Hamby, Jeffrey Bagwell, David Blevins, Jeanie Diden, Drew Hooker, Greg Miller, and Stacy Prater voted yes. The motion passed.***
- After discussion, ***a motion to approve the Policy Statement as presented was made by Shannon Morphis and second by Jeffrey Bagwell to accept as written. Dr. Jared McKinney, Joyce Noles, and Jason Tunstall recused. The 10 other members voted yes, and the motion passed.***
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The meeting adjourned until Friday, March 21, 2025.