

**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, December 7, 2022
(Day 1)**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Link to video stream:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/f078146c9e974b4e974b6adcd60177531d>

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Chair Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 am CST.

Ms. Ferguson conducted a roll call with the following results:						
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent		Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross, RN		X
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange		X
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X			11 Present; 2 Absent; A quorum was declared		

Also, present:

Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services
Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3
Dr. Joe Holley, Medical Director
Paul Richardson, Associate Counsel – Office of General Counsel
Matthew Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel – Office of General Counsel
John Dabbs, Region 1 EMS Consultant
Jonathan Beaty, Region 2 EMS Consultant
Nita Jernigan, Region 3 EMS Consultant
Brian Tompkins, Region 4 EMS Consultant
Kevin Cagle Region 7 EMS Consultant
Mike Duck, Region 8 EMS Consultant

The minutes of the September 2022 and November 2022 meetings were reviewed and approved unanimously after a motion by Mr. Dennis Rowe and a proper second by Mrs. Jeanne Yeatman.

OGC Report

The OGC report was provided by Mr. Matthew Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel of the Office of General Counsel. The OGC has 35 open cases. 1 agreed order and 5 contested cases were slated for this meeting and the following day.

TNPAP Report

Ms. Teresa Phillips provided a report of July 1 – September 30, 2022.

School Approvals

Director Ward presented 4 programs for approval. GMR – Community Paramedic, Sullivan County EMS – Basic EMT, Montgomery County EMS/APSU – AEMT, Ballad Health/Sullivan County/Washington County EMS – Critical Care Program. A motion was made by Mr. Dennis Rowe and was properly seconded by Mr. Brad Phillips. Dr. Brown recused. The motion passed with all others in favor.

Air Ambulance Committee

Mr. Robbie Tester provided an update on the progress of projects in the Air Ambulance Committee rule revisions.

COPEC Report

Ms. Natasha Kurth presented the report. The CECA website has updated training modules. The annual conference April 13-14th at the University of Memphis. The Star of Life awards will be held at the FB Expo Center in Lebanon on May 4th. Information about pediatric restraint device and other grants was also discussed.

Continuing Education

Mr. Kirk Harris provided the report, citing discussion of changes on AEMT scope of practice and its rollout regionally.

Initial Education

Mr. David Blevins provided the report. Mr. Greg Johnson of Columbia State Community College was introduced to provide information about the scope of practice update designed by the subcommittee formed by the Initial Education Committee. Mr. Dennis Rowe made a motion to approve the AEMT update process and it was properly seconded by Mr. James Ross. The roll was called, and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Blevins also provided an update on the EMT to Paramedic curriculum study. They intend to present it at the March 2023 meeting. The TBR convening was discussed briefly.

Out of state educational institutions performing clinical rotations in Tennessee was discussed by the Initial Education committee and the information forwarded to the Board. The committee had recommended not allowing the out of state programs to complete clinical rides in Tennessee. Those out of state agencies currently interning in Tennessee would be allowed to finish their training. The Board expressed concern with specific challenges that could occur should this come to fruition. The members requested further work on this issue from the committee and it was tabled until that time.

CASES

The Board took a short recess prior to hearing cases. Judge Michael Begley served as the administrative law judge for this meeting. He provided an overview of the process. Mr. Paul Richardson from the Office of General Counsel represented the Tennessee Department of Health.

William Angel, License #36779 Represented by Attorney Thomas Austin– Criminal Violation

A motion to accept the Findings of Fact 1-3 was duly made by Mr. Jeff Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Dennis Rowe. The motion passed.							
Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			11 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Passed			

A motion to accept the Conclusions of Law as written was duly made by Mr. Greg Miller and properly seconded by Dr. Seth Brown. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			11 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Passed			

A motion to for Disciplinary Action of 24-month probation was duly made by Mr. Jeff Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Randy Porter. The motion was withdrawn during discussion. A motion was duly made by Mr. Randy Porter and properly seconded by Dr. Brown to suspend respondent's license until judgement is issued and respondent reappears before the board.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman		X		Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe		X	
Greg Miller		X		Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips		X		Tyler White		X	
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN		X	
Brian Robinson		X		3 Ayes; 8 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Failed			

A motion to for Disciplinary Action of Revocation was duly made by Mr. Jeff Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Greg Miller. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown		X		Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter		X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			9 Ayes; 2 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Passed			

A motion to for Policy Statement as presented was duly made by Mr. Brad Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Jeff Beaman. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		

Jeff Beaman	X			Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown		X		Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter		X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			10 Ayes; 2 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Passed			

William Russ, License #18073 Voluntary Surrender – Criminal Violation

A motion to accept the order as presented was duly made by Mr. Randy Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Brad Phillips. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			Vice Chair James Ross, RN	Absent		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			11 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Absent; 0 Abstention - Motion Passed			

Cases concluded for this day and resumed the following day.

Medical Director's Report

Dr. Joe Holley provided a brief report about upcoming Clinical Issues committee items that will come to the Board at the March meeting.

The December 7, 2022, meeting was adjourned for the day.
the meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.