

**Minutes of the  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:30 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am CDST.

The Chairperson had Ms. Ferguson to conduct 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		<b>12 Present; 1 Absent; A quorum was declared</b>		

**Also, present:**

- Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
- Dr. Joe Holley, MD, State Medical Director
- Paul Richardson, Legal Counsel – Office of General Counsel
- Steve Hamby, Region 2 EMS Consultant
- Nita Jernigan, Region 3 EMS Consultant
- Brian Tompkins, Region 4 EMS Consultant
- Dwight Davis, Region 5 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Mike Duck, Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Russell Gupton, EMS Consultant at Large
- Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

**Special Presentation**

Director Ward recognized Mr. Greg Johnson, Coordinator of Columbia State Community College EMS Academy to present an award to Dr. David Cauthen, CSCC EMS Director upon his retirement from a long career of service in EMS. Dr. Cauthen took the podium for brief remarks and received a standing ovation from the meeting attendees.

**EMS Responder COVID Deaths to be recognized at June Meeting**

Director Ward mentioned that the Board will recognize those responders lost to the COVID pandemic at the June EMS Board meeting.

**OGC Report**

- Presented by Mr. Richardson
- There are 44 open cases; however, there are 7 cases to be presented today.
- Conflict of Interest Statement and policy was presented.
- Discussion about scheduling a rule making hearing pertaining to the ambulance operator qualification originally enacted by emergency rule to become permanent. Rule expires May 18<sup>th</sup>. If not passed by legislature before then, a date of hearing is 0900 on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Cases

Agreed Order – Joshua Printy

- Respondent agreed to voluntarily surrender his license.

Motion made by Mr. Beaman and was duly seconded by Mr. Porter to approve agreed order as written.							
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			James Ross, RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	Absent (stepped out)		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			11 Aye; 0 Nay; 2 Absent - Motion Passed			

Contested Case – Rodney Cravens and Darlene Wangler

- Agreed to joint stipulation of facts
- Attorneys Mr. Evan Wright and Ms. Leslie Clark are present representing Fentress County, Mr. Cravens, and Ms. Wangler
- Dr. Smith recuses himself and exits the room and Mr. James Ross assumes the role of Chair
- Mr. Richardson proceeds with stipulations of facts for Mr. Cravens first. Then presents stipulation of facts for Darlene Wangler, as the facts have some similarities and differences from the aforementioned.
- Chair Mr. Ross polls the Board on adequacy of information received. Clarification by judge that these cases are similar but can have different final outcomes for each respondent.

A motion to proceed with cases after having received the proof as presented is made by Mr. Porter and was duly seconded by Mr. Rowe.							
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	X		
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 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed			

- Mr. Evan Wright addressed the Board on behalf of Respondents and provided copies of continuing education in relation to this matter.
- A 10-minute recess was called at the request of OGC to retrieve materials.

A motion was made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept Findings of Facts for both Cravens and Wangler matter.

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	X		
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			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

- Mr. Richardson proposes Conclusions of Law for Mr. Cravens' matter after agreement of what is presented by opposing counsel.

A motion to accept Conclusions of Law as proposed was made by Mr. Rowe and was duly seconded by Mr. Porter.

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	X		
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			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

- A period of discussion was held regarding the matter. Chair Mr. Ross cited excerpts from a letter from the Fentress County EMS leadership asking for a probationary period due to steps taken at the service level to reeducate and consider previous disciplinary action.
- Ms. Yeatman mentions that documentation continuing education should be included. Mr. White mentions that this could be included in the Q.A. process. The attorney for Fentress County mentions that both Mr. Cravens and Ms. Wangler have attended documentation courses.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Mr. Rowe for a 1-year probation and that all airway and critical care procedures, as well as related documentation are monitored by quality assurance from the service Medical Director for 1 year. There was no further discussion.

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	X		
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		

<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>
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A policy statement was proposed by Mr. Richardson after sharing it with opposing counsel. A motion to approve the policy statement as presented was made by Mr. Phillips and duly seconded by Mr. Beaman. No further discussion.

<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>			X	<b>Twila Rose</b>	X		
<b>Jeff Beaman</b>	X			<b>Vice Chair James Ross, RN</b>	X		
<b>Dr. Seth Brown</b>	X			<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	X		
<b>Greg Miller</b>	X			<b>Tim Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>		
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>	X			<b>Jeanne Yeatman, RN</b>	X		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

- The Cravens' case was concluded. As the stipulations of facts were agreed to be the same in both cases, the Board moved to the Darlene Wangler case.

Mr. Richardson proposed the Conclusions of Law, and a motion was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Ms. Yeatman. There was no further discussion.

<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>			X	<b>Twila Rose</b>	X		
<b>Jeff Beaman</b>	X			<b>Vice Chair James Ross, RN</b>	X		
<b>Dr. Seth Brown</b>	X			<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	X		
<b>Greg Miller</b>	X			<b>Tim Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>		
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>	X			<b>Jeanne Yeatman, RN</b>	X		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

For the disciplinary action for this case, Mr. Miller motioned that Ms. Wangler be placed on probation for 1 year with all airway and critical care procedures and their documentation to be reviewed by the service Medical Director. Mr. Robinson duly seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Board Member's Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>			X	<b>Twila Rose</b>	X		
<b>Jeff Beaman</b>	X			<b>Vice Chair James Ross, RN</b>	X		
<b>Dr. Seth Brown</b>	X			<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	X		
<b>Greg Miller</b>	X			<b>Tim Strange</b>	<b>Absent</b>		
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>	X			<b>Jeanne Yeatman, RN</b>	X		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

A motion to adopt the policy statement as stated from the previous case was made by Mr. Beaman and duly seconded by Ms. Yeatman. There was no further discussion.							
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	X		
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			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; 1 Abstention - Motion Passed</b>			

- The Board recessed for lunch.
- When the Board came back into session, Dr. Sullivan Smith resumed the role of Chair. As a matter of housekeeping, a motion was made to approve the December 08, 2021, and January 13, 2022, minutes. – Motion by Mr. Porter to accept as presented and duly seconded by Mr. Phillips. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote of all present Board Members.
- Director Ward presented information for the Erlanger Critical Care Paramedic Program citing a recent favorable site visit by the State EMS Office that exceeded requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Rowe and properly seconded by Mr. Ross. The motion passed by unanimous affirmative voice vote of all present Board Members.

**Applicant Approval**

- Ms. Tracy Feist came before the Board to appeal initial license denial, explain her previous criminal history, and seek permission to become licensed as an EMT in Tennessee.

Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Ms. Yeatman that Ms. Feist be allowed to obtain licensure.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			<b>12 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

**CASES (Continued)**

**Barney Bates**

- Agreed to joint stipulation of facts. Mr. Bates will be representing himself in this matter. Mr. Richardson presents a run report as evidence and presents the stipulations of fact. Mr. Bates also made a statement explaining his defense of the matter.

A motion to accept Stipulation of Fact as presented was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Mr. Rowe. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	Absent			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

A motion to accept the Conclusions of Law as presented was made by Mr. Ross and duly seconded by Mr. Miller. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

- A discussion about the potential disciplinary action occurred between Board Members. There was question of service specific protocols. Mr. Miller made a motion to re-open the proof and it was duly seconded by Mr. Beaman. The motion was approved by a unanimous affirmative voice vote of all present. At this point, Mr. Bates was sworn in to provide testimony.
- Mr. White asked Mr. Bates for clarification as to why it was permissible to transport a patient to one facility but not to another despite similar distance.
- Dr. Brown expressed concerns of fitness for duty of Mr. Bates and his health, specifically about inability to recollect past events. Mr. Bates explains various aspects of his health conditions
- Mr. Phillips asked if Mr. Bates regularly assisted patients to their POV.
- Mr. Steve Hamby, Region2 EMS consultant was sworn in to provide testimony.
- Mr. Rowe asked about a policy regarding transport destinations. Mr. Hamby recited a quote from the investigation regarding this. Mr. Rowe asked about similar instances. Mr. Hamby stated he did not. Mr. Rowe asked about dispatch logs and documentation or the lack thereof. Mr. Hamby explained the findings. No further questions were asked, and the record was closed.

A motion was made for disciplinary action of a 2-year probation, 4 hours ethics, Paramedic refresher by Mr. Porter and was duly seconded by Mr. Beaman. There was significant discussion on the proposed discipline, and the motion was amended to include a physical and mental health evaluation in addition to the aforementioned.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White		X	
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>9 Aye; 3 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

Mr. Richardson proposed a policy statement for the case. A motion was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Mr. Ross. There was no further discussion.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

- There was a brief discussion among the Board members regarding long distance transports and long-distance transfers. The Chair indicated that the ambulance committee could take this up potentially or another adhoc group.

**Lorene Clark – Agreed order**

- Respondent agreed to have her license reprimanded, 3 years of probation, and attend a 16-hour PALS and ACLS course within 180 days.

A motion to accept the agreed order as proposed by Mr. Richardson was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Mr. Miller. There was no further discussion.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

**Louis E. Davis – Agreed Order**

A motion was made to accept the agreed order as presented by Mr. Richardson by Mr. Porter and was duly seconded by Mr. Phillips. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

**Hunter Martin – Consent Order**

- Agreed to 9-month suspension of license.

A motion was made to accept the consent order as presented by Mr. Richardson by Mr. Ross and was duly seconded by Mr. Phillips. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

**Other Reports**

**TnPAP Report**

- Ms. Teresa Phillips came to the Board and presented the report. Mr. Ross asked about the drug most prevalent in positive drug screens. Ms. Phillips responded that the most frequent was THC. She went on to provide other related information data sets with 2017-2021 trends of substances and referral sources. Mr. White and Mr. Rowe asked if specific boards were doing with discipline for a positive THC. Ms. Phillips gave a summary of the other boards. There was a discussion about THC and other analogues. Mr. Phillips asked about refusal or acceptance of services. There were further discussions about collaboration and coordination among the boards.

**Applicant Approval**

- Mr. Keith Riddle was on the agenda; however, he was not present.

**Air Ambulance Committee Report**



- The report was presented by Mr. Kevin Nooner. He discussed the details of the last meeting, citing revisions to current rules, unmanned aerial systems (drones), and air medical strike teams.

**Ambulance Committee**

- Presented by Mr. Rick Valentine. He mentioned that the committee had completed a review of rule 12-12-01.14 (EMS Standards and Categories for Licensed Ambulance Services and Mobile Pre-Hospital Care) with exception of section 3 that deals with the 4 levels of licensure. The committee paused at this point due to pending legislation that will change this language. There was mention of a standardized set of uniform standards that will be presented at rulemaking hearing. They will also begin the discussion of destination determination as Mr. White has previously discussed. There was mention that this was a very complex issue and would take some time and significant collaboration. There was also discussion about the EMT apprentice operator bill.

**Clinical Issues Committee Report**

- Dr. Holley reviewed the discussions that was held in the committee meeting on numerous topics. The committee suspended discussion on single pole traction splint. There was talk of blood product administration and maintenance and the need to revisit the approved clinical practices list. The committee also recommended the Board approve the initiation of IV antibiotics be added to the list of approved clinical practices.

A motion was made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Mr. Ross to add the initiation of IV antibiotics in the field as presented by Dr. Holley. It was mentioned that this is within the national scope of practice for Paramedics. There was discussion about antibiotic use in specific situations and the need for blood cultures for the hospital purposes.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

- Dr. Holley spoke about the difference in Approved Clinical Practices and National Scope of Practice. The entire scope of practice for the level should be taught during initial education. He will also be updating all the current approved clinical practices and update the responsibilities of education for each.

A motion was made by Mr. Ross and duly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to adopt the recommended changes on all Approved Clinical Practices documents. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

- Dr. Holley will also be updating the protocol/guidelines that are available on the website for EMS Medical Directors around the state to properly align them.

### COPEC

- Ms. Natasha Kurth presented the report to the Board including education opportunities and surveys currently being planned or conducted. They are also working on a safety transport device project and seeking grant opportunities. April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be training opportunity and May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Star of Life awards.

### Continuing Education Committee

Mr. Kirk Harris gave a report of the last meeting of the committee and no Board activity was needed. They continue to promote CE Broker and updates to the websites. A document for best practices for virtual education was designed by the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and duly seconded by Mr. Robinson to adopt the recommended guidelines for Virtual Continuing Education and to share with educators. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

### Initial Education Committee

- Assistant Director Chip Cook reported on the last meeting of the committee. There is a new educational audit method/form that will come into use and a new Instructor/Coordinator audit process that will begin soon. There was discussion of out of state online EMT training. The applicant must be licensed in the state where the class was taken and have passed registry to be eligible to become licensed through reciprocity in Tennessee.

### Trauma Council

- No report

**State Director’s Report**

- Director Ward cites large number of individuals that are obtaining reciprocity in TN that were initially trained in an online setting that are below standards once licensed and practicing. There was no action taken, but the Director asked the Board to be mindful of this. There are also instances of online programs that claim to be accepted in Tennessee but are not.
- COVID deaths of EMS responders will be recognized at the next meeting.
- Requests Board members to review national standard curriculum due to national scope of practice upcoming changes that will affect the various levels of licensure in Tennessee.
- CSCC will provide an additional means to obtain I/C renewal May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Director Ward requests the Board approve Reciprocity solely in an online manner in the interest of efficiency.

A motion was made by Ms. Yeatman and duly seconded by Mr. Rowe to adopt the recommended changes on all Approved Clinical Practices documents. There was no further discussion.							
Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Charm 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	Absent		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>11 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Absent; Motion Passed</b>			

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**TASA report**

- TASA President Mr. Rick Valentine provided a brief report centering around the importance of recruitment and retention, chiefly at the Paramedic level. Over 40 services in the state are currently using operators.

**Medical Director’s Report**

No Further

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 16 if a rule making hearing is necessary. If not, the next meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was received to adjourn with multiple seconds. Motion carried on voice vote.