



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Friday, March 3, 2023**

This special called emergency meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 10:00 am in the Iris Room, First Floor at The Tennessee Department of Health. Located at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

The purpose of this meeting was to consider Appeal of emergency disciplinary actions EMT Long License #214076 This meeting was conducted permitting participation by electronic means of communication.

Link to recorded video: <https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/efd19d4bb7eb450e83d5cc9bddefea1b1d>

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

At 10:05 a.m., Director Brandon Ward gave the opening statement explaining the roll call procedure to ensure each participant is connected to the meeting.

Director Ward proceeded to conduct an initial roll call with the results below. A quorum was established.						
<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>		<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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		

Those present for the meeting in-person:

- Dr. Sullivan Smith – EMS Board Chair
 - Tyler White – EMS Board Member
 - Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services
 - Hansel Cook, Assistant Director- Office of Emergency Medical Services
 - Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3
 - Deputy General Counsel Matt Gibbs – Office of General Counsel
 - Dean Flener, Director, Communication & Media Relations – TDH
 - Bill Christian, Associate Director Communication & Media Relations – TDH
 - Court Reporter
- There were no members of the public in the audience

Director Ward asked for responses from each participant of the call to ensure they could hear one another. Having all those present in person and on the call respond in the affirmative, it was determined that all members were able to listen and respond appropriately.						
<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>		<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>

Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		11 AYE; 2 Absent		

Director Ward asked all participants on the conference call to declare and identify anyone present with them in the location from which they were participating. All members indicated that no other persons were present with them at the location from which they were participating.

Director Ward stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct the essential disciplinary matter regarding the application for summary suspension of 2 respondents (AEMT license #209188 and EMT license #214076).

Director Ward requested a motion and a second if the Board agreed to conduct the electronic meeting regarding the matters previously mentioned. A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Jeff Beaman to proceed. The roll was called, and the motion passed					
<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		11 AYE; 0 NAY; 2 Absent – Motion Passed		

Director Ward announced that only certain matters were appropriate for an electronic meeting. He then requested a motion and a second if the members felt the meeting met the requirements as stated in TCA 844-108. A motion was duly made by Brad Phillips and properly seconded by Tim Strange. The roll was called, and the motion passed.					
<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		11 AYE; 0 NAY; 2 Absent – Motion Passed		

All members indicated they had received all necessary materials for the meeting. The members were informed that all voting during the session would be conducted by roll call. Furthermore, all members were to keep microphones muted until ready to speak and to identify themselves upon speaking.

In addition to the Board members present online, the following were connected to the meeting electronically:

Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel TDH
 Robert Long, respondent
 Darrell O’Neal, Attorney for respondent
 John Holloway – testified as an expert witness for respondent

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel of the Office of General Counsel. He acted as the advisory attorney for this meeting. Mr. Waters gave a brief introduction and overview of the process. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. O’Neal to present the matter to the Board for consideration.

Mr. Robert Long was eventually introduced and placed under oath by the court reporter. Mr. O’Neal and Mr. Long provided their context to the previously viewed video, along with other testimony related to this matter. Deputy General Counsel Mr. Matthew Gibbs of the Office of General Counsel represented the Board for this meeting. Mr. O’Neal, Mr. Gibbs, and Board members asked questions of Mr. Long related to the video and his testimony. Mr. John Holloway was introduced as an expert witness for the respondent. He was placed under oath by the court reporter. Mr. O’Neal provided a CV for Mr. Holloway for the Board members to review and went over the educational and professional history of Mr. Holloway. Mr. Holloway also provided his assessment of the matter before the Board today. He stated that he based this upon his education, training, and experience. Mr. O’Neal, Mr. Gibbs, and Board members asked various questions of Mr. Holloway as well. The Board members requested a brief recess at approximately 12:55pm prior to Mr. Gibbs asking questions of Mr. Holloway.

At the conclusion of the questions, both Mr. O’Neal and Mr. Gibbs provided a closing statement.

Mr. Mark Waters informed the Board that they were charged with determining if the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively required emergency action by the Board to suspend and maintain the suspension of Mr. Long. He indicated they should deliberate over the evidence as presented and decide if the previously imposed action should be maintained or the summary suspension lifted.

A motion was duly made by Dennis Rowe and properly seconded by James Ross to reaffirm the suspension and the findings of fact. Mr. Beaman left the screen and was not present for this vote. The motion passed.					
<i>Board Member’s Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member’s Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman			James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed		

A motion was duly made by Randy Porter and properly seconded by Dennis Rowe to accept the Findings of Fact. Mr. Beaman left the screen and was not present for this vote. The motion passed.
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<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	Absent		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed		

A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Tim Strange to accept the Conclusions of Law as presented. The motion passed.

<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	Absent		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed		

A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Tim Strange to accept the Disciplinary Action (summary suspension) as presented. The motion passed.

<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	Absent		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed		

A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Tim Strange to accept the Policy Statement with an amendment to #13 removing the word “Advanced”. The motion passed.

<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	Absent		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	

Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed
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A motion was duly made by Tyler White and properly seconded by Tim Strange to adjourn. The motion passed.

<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Board Member's Name</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	Absent		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	Absent		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Absent	
Brian Robinson	X		10 AYE; 0 NAY; 3 Absent – Motion Passed		