



**Minutes of the  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD  
DAY 2  
Thursday, September 22, 2022**

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

Ms. Tory Ferguson a roll call, finding 8 members present and 5 absent at time of roll call. Mr. Rowe arrived at 9:15 am.					
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		Arrived after roll call
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange		X
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter		X	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X		8 Present; 5 Absent; A quorum was declared		

**COPEC/CECA report**

Ms. Natasha Kurth provided the COPEC/CECA reports to the Board noting pediatric immobilization devices recently acquired with funding from GEICO and will be delivering to several counties. The CECA is continuing to build the PECC program. The Star of Life awards will be held on May 4, 2023, at the Farm Bureau Expo Center in Lebanon, TN. Nominations for the awards are currently being accepted. The CECA conference will be April 13-14, 2023, with more information to come. COPEC has recently updated operating policies to include EMS Standard Committee to focus on all aspects of pediatric emergencies linked with the EMS community from the local, regional, and state level. Each region has an EMS representative to work closely with the agency. A CQI workgroup is currently meeting monthly as well. CECA EMS video training modules are currently under construction for future deployment.

Dr. Smith turned the meeting over to the Honorable Judge Cambron to continue with the cases to come before the EMS Board.

**Aaron Davis – representing himself**

Judge Cambron provided the opening statements and instructions to the Board members. A brief discussion about the respondent's correct address was held. The Judge requested a copy of the notice of sch the scheduling order provided to the

respondent for his review. A brief pause was held for Mr. Richardson to make copies for Mr. Davis to review. During this time, the Board heard the above committee reports.

Medical Director’s report:

No report due to no clinical issues meeting

Air Ambulance Committee

Dr. Smith requested committee to present in December due to case load and time constraints of the September meetings.

Initial Education Committee

The report was provided by Assistant Director Ray Cook on behalf of acting Education Committee Chair David Blevins. The EMT to Paramedic education process that was being developed to bring before the Board. The committee makeup and vacancies were discussed due to loss of multiple members that have left the EMS industry. There was discussion of the new National Scope of Practice update and the development of a bridge curriculum for those currently licensed as Advanced EMT. A committee was formed to manage this process. There was significant discussion of out-of-state educational institutions that requested clinical internship in TN. There was conversation about NREMT ALS exam redesign and preliminary discussion of removal of psychomotor exam. A further discussion will take place when necessary.

Mr. Aaron Davis’ case resumed at 9:20 am. Judge Cambren explained the procedures and process of the case to Mr. Davis. Mr. Richardson provided an opening statement outlining the allegations of fact. Mr. Davis waived his opening statement. Mr. Richardson then provided the state’s proof. Mr. Davis then provided his explanation of the situation, citing hardships and mental health. He also stated he was able to gain assistance with his burdens and improved his situation. The proof was closed, and the Judge provided further instructions/charge to the Board Members. A letter of support was also provided as a reference for Mr. Davis.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the Finding of Fact 1-5. Motion Passed.							
Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe			X
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			
A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept the Conclusions of Law as presented. Motion Passed.							
Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe			X

<b>Greg Miller</b>	X			<b>Tim Strange Absent</b>			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	X		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was duly made by Mr. White and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to recommend discipline of 3 - year probation and 16-hour ethics course with TNPAP assessment. Discussion from the Board regarding the TNPAP assessment and the applicability to this situation and the potential burden. Mr. White amended the motion removing the TNPAP. Board members asked for further guidance. Mr. Phillips made a motion to re-open the proof and a second was properly made by Dr. Brown and was approved by voice. The Board asked Director Ward to the podium for recommendations on mental health support. Chaplain support was mentioned. Also, the respondent's current employer was mentioned for employee assistance. The proof was again closed, and the deliberations were continued. Mr. White amended his motion to a 16-hour ethics course and 3-year probation. Mr. Beaman properly seconded. The motion passed.

<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>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>	X			<b>Twila Rose Absent</b>			
<b>Jeff Beaman</b>	X			<b>James Ross RN</b>			
<b>Dr. Seth Brown</b>	X			<b>Dennis Rowe</b>			X
<b>Greg Miller</b>		X		<b>Tim Strange Absent</b>			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>			X
<b>Brian Robinson</b>			X	<b>5 Aye; 3 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the Policy Statement after changing the word suspension to probation. Motion Passed.

<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>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>	X			<b>Twila Rose Absent</b>			
<b>Jeff Beaman</b>	X			<b>James Ross RN</b>			
<b>Dr. Seth Brown</b>	X			<b>Dennis Rowe</b>			X
<b>Greg Miller</b>	X			<b>Tim Strange Absent</b>			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	X			<b>Tyler White</b>	X		
<b>Randy Porter</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	X		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Eris Pope – not present – Motion for Default**

The Board members introduced themselves as requested by the Judge. They were reminded of the previous charge. After reviewing the notice of hearing and charges. After reviewing files, the Judge asked Mr. Richardson for attempts at service. The Judge initially felt the attempts at service were inadequate and wished to move the matter to the December meeting. The Judge instructed the Board on the applicable rules/laws of a Default finding.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Dr. Brown not to proceed in default due to issues with service to the respondent. Motion Passed.								
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain		Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X				<del>James Ross RN</del>			
Dr. Seth Brown	X				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X				<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X				Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>					Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X				<b>9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

Dr. Brown left the meeting at approximately 10:30 am due to prior obligations. Mr. Richardson requested to reopen the record after discovering more information about the service for the above case. Mr. Richardson renewed his motion to find the respondent in Default.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to rescind the previous motion and proceed in default. Motion Passed.								
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain		Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X				<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>					Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X				<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X				Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>					Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X				<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

Mr. Richardson provided an opening statement and proceeded with proof. The Judge refused to allow video or PCR evidence due to lack of affidavit from a custodian of records for the video. A statement from the respondent and partner were allowed into evidence. Mr. Richardson made a closing statement and Judge Cambron reminded the Board of their instructions.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept the Findings of Fact 1-4 and 6-7 and a correction to the expiration date of the license. Motion Passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the Conclusions of Law 7-10. Motion Passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the proposed disciplinary action. Motion Passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept the Policy Statement as written. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**John Charleton – not present – Motion for Default**

Mr. Richardson requests to proceed in Default as the respondent was not present at the scheduled hearing. After review of service attempts to respondent, the Judge decided to reset the matter to December 7<sup>th</sup> or special meeting to allow for proper service to be obtained.

Mr. Richardson further requested to move cases for respondents Reed, Post and Tillstrom to be continued as well to allow for more service attempts.

The Board elected to move to Agreed and Consent Orders in the interest of the Board's time.

**Ryan Barlow – Consent Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. White and properly seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the Consent Order. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman		X		<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe		X	
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>7 Aye; 1 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**William Boren – Consent Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Robinson to accept the Consent Order. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Michael Chandler – Agreed Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the Agreed Order. Discussion if service had instructed respondent not to transport beyond a certain area. Mr. Richardson stated no indication. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>7 Aye; 1 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Michael Cronan – Agreed Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the Agreed Order. Motion Failed. The Board requested the matter return to review committee for more enhanced disciplinary action due to mitigating factors.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			

<b>Jeff Beaman</b>		X		<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe		X	
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange Absent</del>			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN		X	
Brian Robinson	X			<b>4 Aye; 4 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Failed</b>			

**David Fowlkes Jr. – Voluntarily Surrendered License**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the order as written. There was a brief discussion about the events contained in the case. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose Absent</del>			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange Absent</del>			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**John Johnson – Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the order as written. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose Absent</del>			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange Absent</del>			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		

<del>Randy Porter</del>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Brandon McBride - Consent Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. White and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to deny the order. There was a discussion about the events contained in the case and the role/culpability of the parties. The Board requested more information as well as consideration of referral to other regulatory agency. Motion Passed.

<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>
<del>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</del>	<del>X</del>			<del>Twila Rose Absent</del>			
<del>Jeff Beaman</del>	<del>X</del>			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Greg Miller</b>	<b>X</b>			<del>Tim Strange Absent</del>			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Tyler White</b>	<b>X</b>		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Christopher Short – Consent Order – companion to above**

A motion was duly made by Mr. White and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to deny the order. There was a discussion about the events contained in the case and the role/culpability of the parties. The Board requested more information as well as consideration of referral to other regulatory agency. Motion Passed.

<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>
<del>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</del>	<del>X</del>			<del>Twila Rose Absent</del>			
<del>Jeff Beaman</del>	<del>X</del>			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Greg Miller</b>	<b>X</b>			<del>Tim Strange Absent</del>			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Tyler White</b>	<b>X</b>		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**James McNatt – Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the order. Motion Passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Jason Ramirez – Agreed Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the order. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman	X			<del>James Ross RN</del>			
<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

**Jonathan Swanger – Order**

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Ms. Rowe to accept the order. The Board had discussion about other options that could have been made regarding patient access. Motion Failed. Recommendation of further review.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		<del>Twila Rose</del> Absent			
Jeff Beaman		X		<del>James Ross RN</del>			

<del>Dr. Seth Brown</del>				<b>Dennis Rowe</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>Greg Miller</b>	<b>X</b>			<del>Tim Strange</del> Absent			
<b>Brad Phillips</b>	<b>X</b>			<b>Tyler White</b>	<b>X</b>		
<del>Randy Porter</del>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>		
<b>Brian Robinson</b>		<b>X</b>		<b>8 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 5 Absent: Motion Passed</b>			

Cases were concluded. Mr. White was excused at 12:05 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS – NONE**

The Board took a short lunch recess

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Director Ward and Mr. David Silvus provided information on the winddown process. The Board will continue to operate as usual until told otherwise.
- There was further discussion of potential areas of improvement of Board process and ways to expedite some matters.
- Dates of future meetings were discussed specifically for handling cases. November 15<sup>th</sup> will be a special meeting for cases.
- Jonathan Beaty was introduced as the new Region 2 EMS Consultant.
- Discussion of reset of committees was discussed. Several have missed the 50% attendance mark or meet with lack of a quorum. This discussion will be added to the agenda in December.
- Mr. Beaman requests information on membership, attendance, and ongoing tasks of committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.