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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH RELATED BOARDS  
AMENDED MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2024  
To: Dean Flener, Director of Communications and Media Relations  
From: Jeffrin Zachariah, Board Administrator  
Name of Board or Committee: Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners  
Date & Time of Meeting: March 05, 2024 - 9:00 am. Central Time  
March 06, 2024 - 8:30 am. Central Time  
Place: Iris Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Link to Live Video Stream:**

Iris Room March 05, 2024:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/a4408b4e1e2d4219854eb4e8944f8fce1d>

Poplar Room March 05, 2024:

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Iris Room March 06, 2024:

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Poplar Room March 06, 2024:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/838fe9f14b474a7a80b6f045f1aa38a01d>

**AGENDA** \*The Board will recess for lunch from 12:00-1:00

**1. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

**XRAY OPERATORS**

- a. Walter Blankenship, MDXL

**PHYSICIANS**

- b. FNU Umair, MD  
c. Kais Atmeh, MD  
d. Kenechukwu Ibeneme, MD  
e. Mahmood Kazmi, MD

**2. TENNESSEE BUPRENORPHINE GUIDELINES UPDATE-DR. WESLEY GEMINN**

Discuss, consider and take action as needed

**3. REVISED CHRONIC PAIN GUIDELINES**

Discuss, consider and take action as needed

**4. PRESENTATION OPEN MEETINGS ACT-FRANCINE BACA-CHAVEZ**

**5. CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss, consider and take action as needed on the following:

- a. Application changes to support the Dr. Lorna Breen Foundation ALL IN WellBeing First Champion Challenge  
b. Xray course reapproval  
    1. X-Ray Instructional Guidelines  
    2. Radiology Education Seminars  
c. Approval of BME case consultants  
    1. Tia Aryal, MD  
    2. Fredrick Bossert, MD  
    3. Mark Peacock. MD  
d. Selecting Board members, staff and attorneys to attend FSMB annual conference  
e. Selecting voting delegate for FSMB annual conference  
f. Sending Administrative Director to AIM Licensing Specialist conference Augusta, Maine, July 17-18, 2024  
g. Public Chapter 211  
h. Public Chapter 470

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**  
    1. January 23-24, 2024, Board of Medical Examiners  
    2. January 23, 2024, Development Committee
- b. **Ratification of new licenses and reinstatements of the following professions:**  
    1. Medical Doctor\_MD X-Ray Operator\_Genetic Counselor\_Surgical Assistant  
    2. Acupuncture  
    3. Polysomnography
- c. **Approval of Agreed Citations**  
    1. Laura Foutch, RPSGT  
    2. Nicholas Choppa, L.Ac.  
    3. Charles Sullivan, L.Ac.
- d. **Departmental Reports**  
    1. Office of Investigations  
    2. Administrative Office  
    3. Office of General Counsel

**7. UPDATES FROM TASKFORCE, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS**

Consider and take action as needed:

- a. **Office Based Surgery Committee**
  - 1. Office Based Surgery rules 0880-02-.21

**8. COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCE REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Development Committee
- b. Office Based Surgery

**9. PRESENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

- a. **Consent Order(s)**
  - 1. Clifford Freeman, MD
  - 2. Benjamin Reese, PA
- b. **Agreed Order(s)**
  - 1. Scott Sang-Hyun Lee, MD
  - 2. Eric Welling, MD
  - 3. John Underwood, MD
- c. **Petition to Lift Restriction**
- d. **Contested Case(s)**
  - 1. Mark Miller, MD
  - 2. Ana Lisa Carr, MD
  - 3. Timothy Bunker, MD
  - 4. Samson Orussa, MD
- e. **Informal Hearing**
- f. **Petition(s) for Order Modification**
- g. **Order(s) of Compliance**
- h. **Petition(s) for Declaratory Order**
- i. **Hearing(s) for Declaratory Order**
  - 1. Christine Barth, GC
  - 2. Mohamed Soltan, MD
  - 3. Preeti Prasad, MD

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT/Q&A (Will be heard at 1:00 pm CST)**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**