



Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners
Special Teleconference Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

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A Special Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examiners was called to order at 9 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Polk, Board President.

Board members present: Donald Polk, DO
Jeffrey Hamre, DO
Shant Garabedian, DO
Karen Shepherd, DO
Robert Fletcher Lance, Consumer Member (appeared personally)

Board member(s) absent: J. Michael Wieting, DO

Staff present: Maegan Carr Martin, Executive Director
Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director
Rene Saunders, Medical Director
Devin Wells, Deputy General Counsel
Andrea Huddleston, Chief Deputy General Counsel
Jane Young, General Counsel

The necessary number of Board members joined the teleconference and a quorum was established. Board of Osteopathic Examiners Chair, Donald Polk, DO, called the meeting to order.

Ms. Martin made opening remarks to the Board and provided an overview of the requirements for a special meeting by teleconference. All of the requirements were satisfied. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Devin Wells.

Mr. Wells stated this meeting is scheduled to consider the summary suspension of Dr. Brett Bolton, license number 1256. A summary suspension is considered a special emergency procedure that is authorized by T.C.A § 4-5-320, if the board finds that an emergency exists to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires emergency action, the Board can summarily suspend a practitioner's license. Mr. Wells explained that if the Board agreed that a summary suspension of Dr. Bolton's was appropriate, he would ask the Board to enter an order to that effect immediately and Dr. Bolton would be served the same day. By law, after a summary suspension takes place, the Board must allow the licensee the opportunity for an informal hearing within seven (7) business days to challenge the suspension. Dr. Bolton was not

present; however, once he is served with the outcome of this proceeding, he can request the informal hearing.

Dr. Brett Bolton is a licensed Osteopathic Examiner who does hair transplants in Brentwood, TN, and has been licensed since 1998 in the State of Tennessee. As of the date of the meeting, there were no current complaints against Dr. Bolton on file with the Department of Health; however, during the investigation of this case, the Department was made aware that Dr. Bolton was previously disciplined in Ohio and his license was permanently revoked for a felony conviction that arose out of the Southern District of Florida in 2003. These issues have never been addressed by the Board. These issues are not grounds for summary suspension, but were included during the meeting as background information.

Dr. Bolton's staff started to notice his strange, manic behavior, so much so that a complaint was subsequently filed with the Department about his practice. His employees sought out the assistance of his family in getting him help for his current condition. Dr. Bolton met with a psychiatrist who recommended that he spend additional time in TrustPoint Hospital for further stabilization and treatment. Dr. Bolton declined. Dr. Bolton has posted a number of disturbing videos on YouTube proclaiming to be Jesus Christ.

Mr. Wells called investigator, Ken Jones, to offer his testimony. Mr. Jones provided testimony based on his personal knowledge. After the state presented all evidence, the Board deliberated.

Upon deliberation, the Board preliminarily found that the misconduct of the respondent, Brett Bolton, DO, required emergency action in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare prior to the initiation of former disciplinary charges. The Board therefore ordered that the respondent's Tennessee Osteopathic Examination license, number 1256, be summarily suspended. The Order will become effective upon the Respondent's receipt and shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the contested hearing against the respondent.

Dr. Hamre made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garabedian, to approve the recommendation of the statements regarding the order of suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hamre made a motion, seconded by Dr. Garabedian, to authorize Mr. Lance to sign the document. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.