



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Development Committee**

Monday, November 17, 2025

MINUTES

The Development Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 7:40 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Stephen Loyd.

Committee members present: Stephen Loyd, MD
Michael Bittel, Consumer Member

Staff present: Francine Baca-Chavez, JD, Office of General Counsel
Kavita Vankineni, MD, Medical Consultant
Stacy Tarr, BME Executive Director
Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director
Samantha Green, Board Administrator

I. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING AMENDMENT TO X-RAY RULES REGARDING REMOTE CONTRAST SUPERVISION

Jim Schmidt, lobbyist for the Tennessee Radiological Society, and Dr. Wes Angel, President of the Tennessee Radiological Society, appeared before the Development Committee with proposed rule amendments for Rule 0880-09-.08 Radiologist Assistant Scope of Practice and Role Delineation. They previously appeared at the September 23, 2025 Board of Medical Examiners meeting and the matter was tabled to allow the Development Committee time to consider the information. At that meeting Dr. Angel briefly went over the challenges faced by imaging centers as more radiologists retire and the rise of teleradiology to meet demands. During COVID the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) changed their policy to allow for remote supervision under specific protocols. Dr. Angel disclosed there are mixed feelings among members of their society regarding the proposed changes and how it may affect patient care and safety standards. Due to a physician shortage, many rural and suburban imaging centers have had to close which limits access to these services. Technicians at these facilities are often required by the facility to have basic life support training. Dr. Angel cites that true contrast reactions are rare and the rules could potentially require an advanced radiology life support course for all staff. Mr. Bittel motioned to accept the amendments as proposed. Dr. Loyd seconds the motion, and the motion passes. This will be presented to the full board for approval. Once the amendments are approved by the full board they will go through the rulemaking process.

II. DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION AS NEEDED REGARDING HIGH PRESCRIBER POLICY

At the May 2025 Board of Medical Examiners meeting, the Board voted to add “Targeted Pain Treatment Conference administered by the Tennessee Pain Society; Tennessee Pain Society Annual Meeting; and at least three hours of individual mentoring with a volunteer Pain Management Specialist from the Tennessee Pain Society conducted at the Mentor’s clinic with the curriculum developed with the input of the DOH, BME, and TPS for a total of 20 hours combined” to the High Prescriber Policy. Yarnell Beatty appeared on behalf of the Tennessee Pain Society to request that the mentor part of the policy be removed from the policy. Ms Tracy Alcock represented the State and expressed the State’s neutral position on the matter. Mr. Bittel motioned to accept the amendment to the policy which would remove the mentoring requirement. Dr. Loyd seconds the motion and the motion passes.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 am.