



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Development Committee
Monday, January 13, 2020**

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The Development Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Melanie Blake, Committee Chair.

Committee members present: Melanie Blake, MD, Committee Chair
W. Reeves Johnson, MD,
Neal Beckford, MD
Charles Handorf, MD
Robert Ellis, Consumer Member

Staff present: Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant, BME
Angela Lawrence, BME Executive Director
Francine Baca-Chavez, Deputy General Counsel

The Committee discussed considered revisions to the application fitness competency questions and renewal application as proposed by the Safe Haven Taskforce. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee made a few suggested changes to be brought back to the Safe Haven Taskforce in the morning for consideration. The Committee also discussed the definition of certification examination for purposes of demonstrated competency for reentry applications. The Committee feels as though the policy is good as is. The Committee discussed ways to obtain evidence of satisfactory completion of residency for International Medical Graduates. After discussion, the Committee feels the best route is for the applicants go through the declaratory order pathway. The meeting adjourned at 6:17p.m.