



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners  
Office Based Surgery Committee Meeting**

**Monday, July 29, 2019**

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The Office Based Surgery Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 5:08 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Neal Beckford, Committee Chair.

Board members present: Neal Beckford, MD, Committee Chair  
Phyllis Miller, MD  
John Hale, MD (joined by phone)

Staff present: Mary K. Bratton, JD, Chief Deputy General Counsel  
Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant, BME  
Angela Lawrence, BME Executive Director

The meeting was attended by Dr. Beckford, Dr. Miller and Dr. Hale (joined by phone) from the Board of Medical Examiners as well as Dr. Saunders, the Board's Medical Consultant. Also joining the meeting were the following representatives from Health Care Facilities (HCF); Mr. Craig Parish, Mr. Vincent Davis and Mr. Nelson Rodriguez.

Dr. Saunders provided an overview of the meeting stating that legislation mandating Office Based Surgery licensure suggest the department be responsible for surveying the facilities and communicating back to the Board of Medical Examiners to close the link to license. Currently there is a lack of communication between the time the license is granted and the survey cycle. It was also noted the Board of Medical Examiners received the full payment of \$1080.00 which is thought to also include the fees for survey's completed by Health Care Facilities. It is not clear of what the amount is or should be at this time. Dr. Saunders also presented the need for clarification on the renewal process regarding Office Based Surgery as well as the need to update some language in the current rules. The committee was provided with copies of the following documents:

- General Rules and Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine (section 0880-02-.21)
- Revised Codes (showing current outdated language)

- Previous OBS Committee meeting minutes
- FGI code requirements for OBS Level III
- FGI summary for OBS level III
- OBS level II application
- Example of OBS level II plans that have been submitted
- Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Rules
- Plans review submittal form
- Basic life safety inspection code requirements

Mr. Craig Parish presented the committee with information concerning out dated codes in the current Board of Medical Examiner rules, basic life safety inspection code requirements, FGI code requirements and ambulatory surgical treatment center rules (ASTC). Mr. Davis provided an overview of how the process for plans review currently takes place within Health Care Facilities. Mr. Parish presented a comparison with the current rules and what is taking place today with regard to the surveys. To move forward more information is needed as to what the medical standards should be for Office Base Surgery suites. Should the rules conform to the current addition of basic life safety codes, expand the rules to capture specific code requirements or conform to the minimum requirements needed to ensure protect to the public.

After a lengthy discussion of the materials and information presented to the committee decided to take some time to review and become better familiar with all the information and the current issues concerning the inspection cycle. Topics for the next meeting include the following:

- What are other stated doing?
- What are some proposed recommendations?
- How will the fees processed moving forward?

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm