Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners - Summary Suspension Panel Informal Hearing

Friday, August 11, 2023

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The panel of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 10:03 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director.

Board members present:	Robert Ellis, Consumer Member, Secretary Deborah Christiansen, MD John McGraw, MD
Staff present:	Michael Varnell, JD, Office of General Counsel Stacy Tarr, BME Executive Director Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director Samantha Green, Board Administrator

Ms. Stacy Tarr 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 electronic meeting was scheduled for the purpose of the Informal Hearing in the matter of the Summary Suspension of Aaron Areli Hernandez-Ramirez, MD. The teleconference was then turned over to Michael Varnell, Associate General Counsel. Mr. Varnell addressed the panel with general comments on the process for the informal hearing. Mr. Varnell made opening remarks and presented evidence in the case prior to turning the hearing over to Dr. Hernandez-Ramirez. Dr. Hernandez-Ramirez appeared before the Board, with his legal representative, Mr. Samuel Helmbrecht. Dr. Hernandez-Ramirez introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of his training and background in medicine. The Board questioned Dr. Hernandez-Ramirez about the CPEP Assessment. This summary suspension shall remain in effect pending proceedings for the formal discipline of Respondent's license.

Dr. McGraw motioned to uphold the Summary Suspension, and Mr. Ellis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by Dr. Christiansen, which passed unanimously.

This concludes the Board of Medical Examiners panel.