



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

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

MINUTES

The Office Based Surgery Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 5:20 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

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

The meeting was also joined by the following representatives from Health Care Facilities (HCF); Mr. Craig Parish, Mr. Coby Henson and Mr. Alex Warmer.

The Committee discussed the application process and the timing and review by Healthcare Facilities personnel. The Committee was asked to consider the lack of communication between the time the license is granted and the survey cycle schedule, payment to healthcare facilities for surveys, clarification of the renewal process and updating language of the rules with the renewal process. The Committee spoke primarily around an applicant that built an office with a dedicated level III surgery suite that without best efforts his building was not up to code. The Committee discussed what the Board can do to make the process easier. Language was created that codifies that the Healthcare Facilities Board would be involved in the review of plans from day 1 as opposed to the applicant being told to go ahead and build the facility and then to have it reviewed on the back end. This will allow for assurances to the applicant by having the plans reviewed ahead of time. Dr. Hale made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, Dr. Miller seconded the motion. The motions passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.