



**Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination  
Regular Board Meeting**

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

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**MINUTES**

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A Contested Case hearing was held at 9:00 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

**Phillip Justice, DO v. State of Tennessee Board of Osteopathic Examination  
Poplar Room**

**Administrative Law Judge: Steve Darnell**

**Counsel for State: Gerard Dolan, Associate General Counsel**

**Counsel for Respondent: Andrew Farmer, Esq; Steven Urciolo, Esq**

On August 14, 2025 during a regular Board Meeting, the Tennessee Board of Osteopathic examination delegated the hearing of this case to an administrative law judge due to timing and scheduling needs. The designated administrative law judge will hear from both sides and prepare an initial order for the Board to review and make a final determination.

Judge Darnell heard opening statements from both sides and testimony from Dr. Matt Rupert, expert witness for the state. The hearing concluded for the day at 5:30 pm.