



**TENNESSEE BOARD OF
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
Summary Suspension Meeting**

September 5, 2025

MINUTES

The summary suspension meeting of the Tennessee Board of Physician Assistants (hereinafter, “the Board”) was called to order on September 5, 2025, at 10:00 am via Microsoft Teams virtual meeting.

Board Members Present: Robert White, PA-C
 Sara Hughes, PA-C
 Tamara Bennett, PA-C
 Seth Weathersby, PA-C
 Robert Kasper, MD
 Barbara Thornton, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Stacy Tarr, Executive Director
 Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director
 Tracy Alcock, Office of General Counsel
 Regan Cothron, Office of General Counsel
 Dexter Hawkins, Board Administrator

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS / ROLL CALL

- The meeting convened electronically. Roll call and electronic-meeting formalities were completed. Quorum present.
- Protective order: The State requested a protective order for DCS records, and Williamson County agreed to the order. Motion by Seth Weathersby to approve protective order; second by Robert White. Motion passed (roll call).

II. PURPOSE OF HEARING

- Purpose stated: Consider application by the Department of Health for summary suspension (emergency action) of Jonathan Chamberlain’s PA license under TCA § 4-5-320(c) to determine whether public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action pending further proceedings.

III. PROCEDURAL ADVICE

- Advisory counsel (Tracy Alcock) explained informal nature of hearing, statutory standard, and that rules of evidence do not strictly apply; parties were instructed to place objections on the record.

IV. STATE'S PRESENTATION / EXHIBITS OFFERED

- State counsel (Regan Cothron) identified exhibits in the hearing packet, including: application for summary suspension; respondent licensure info; DCS certified records (sealed under protective order); Williamson County agreed order (sealed); Court of Appeals decision; certified indictments; certified plea and judgment documents (no-contest plea subject to judicial diversion); sex-offender registration/parole materials; Alabama National Guard credential records; and Department filings re: request for juvenile-court records.

V. OBJECTIONS (Preserved for the Record)

- Respondent's counsel objected to multiple items on grounds including hearsay and mischaracterization; objections preserved on the transcript.

VI. RESPONDENT'S TESTIMONY

- Respondent Jonathan Chamberlain testified (informal statutory hearing):
 - Denied committing alleged sexual offenses; explained decision to enter no-contest plea under judicial diversion (Feb 23, 2024) to avoid incarceration and protect family.
 - Acknowledged placement on sex-offender registry per plea/diversion terms, six-year probation, treatment and polygraph requirements (initial polygraph reported "no significant response" / truthful).
 - Described current practice: adult-focused telemedicine/functional-medicine practice with in-home office; staff include wife (Amy) and office manager; collaborating physician Dr. John Gerard (California) reviews charts and visits monthly; approximately 700 active adult patients.
 - Acknowledged prior military administrative discipline (Article 15) for attempted receipt/possession of testosterone and failure to disclose indictment on Alabama National Guard credential application (stated misunderstanding).
 - Stated he has not been served with a formal notice of charges by the Department and opposed summary suspension as unnecessary and prejudicial.

VII. STATE'S ARGUMENT

- State counsel argued respondent poses an imminent risk to public safety based on DCS substantiation of severe abuse, the agreed circuit-court adjudication, criminal plea/diversion resulting in sex-offender registration, documented dishonesty (military credential application), and resistance to release of juvenile records. State requested interim action while assembling full record for final disciplinary proceedings.

VIII. RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL CLOSING

- Respondent counsel argued lack of an immediate emergency that did not exist in May 2024, emphasized respondent treats adults only, is supervised and compliant with probation, and

proposed less-restrictive interim measures (e.g., limiting care to adults; prescribing restrictions) instead of suspension.

IX. BOARD QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

- Board members questioned parties on legal effect of the plea/diversion and registry status, DCS substantiation vs. public registry, practice demographics and supervision, prescribing practices, prior nondisclosures, and timing of Department action.
- Discussion revealed differing views: some members focused on ethical/honesty concerns and public protection; others favored less-restrictive interim measures pending a full hearing.

X. MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND VOTE

- Motion for full summary suspension (by Barbara Thornton) received no second and died.
- Motion (made by Seth Weathersby; amended during discussion and seconded by Tamara Bennett) to impose interim restrictions pending further proceedings:
 1. Prohibit the respondent from treating patients under 18 years of age (in-person or via telemedicine, supervised or unsupervised).
 2. Prohibit the respondent from prescribing any controlled substances.
 3. Require the respondent to complete additional continuing education on controlled substance prescribing within sixty (60) days of the effective date.
 4. Incorporate factual findings, including a no-contest plea under judicial diversion (six-year period), failure to report arrest/indictment as alleged, and prior illegal possession/use of testosterone documented in military records.
 5. Provide that violation of these interim restrictions or revocation/activation of the sentence under probation shall be grounds for immediate suspension without further notice.
- Roll-call vote on amended restrictions motion:
 - Robert Kasper — Yes
 - Seth Weathersby — Yes
 - Robert White — Yes
 - Tamara Bennett — Yes
 - Barbara Thornton — Yes
 - Sarah Hughes — Yes
- Motion carried unanimously.

XI. ORDER / ACTION TAKEN

- The Board voted to issue an interim order restricting Jonathan Chamberlain's Tennessee PA license effective immediately as follows:
 - Respondent shall not treat or provide care to patients under 18 years of age (in-person or via telemedicine, supervised or otherwise).
 - Respondent shall not prescribe any controlled substances.
 - Respondent shall complete additional continuing education on controlled substance prescribing within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the order.
 - The Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law, as drafted and amended at the hearing, will be incorporated into the final written order.
 - Violation of the interim restrictions or revocation/activation of sentence will subject the respondent to immediate suspension as provided.
- State counsel to finalize the written proposed order (reflecting Board amendments) and send to the Acting Chair for electronic signature. Protective order for sealed materials to be issued.

XII. POST-HEARING MATTERS / FOLLOW-UP

- Department may continue compiling full evidentiary record and proceed with notice-of-charges and formal contested proceeding as warranted. Interim restrictions remain in effect pending further proceedings.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Hearing adjourned at approximately 3:01 p.m. CST.

