



## POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

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### MINUTES

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A regular meeting of The Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners' Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee was held in the Division of Health Related Boards, 665 Mainstream Drive, Poplar Room, Nashville, TN 37243.

Members Present:

Mark Spiceland, PSGP  
Charity Worrick  
Penny Sprigs-Smith, PSGP  
Jim O. Donaldson, PSGP

Absent Members:

Theresa Hill, Consumer Member  
Scott Vogt, PSGP

Staff Present:

Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant  
John Tidwell, HRB Director  
Andrea Huddleston, Office of General Counsel  
Angela Lawrence, Executive Director  
Tammy Hulsey, Administrator  
Candyce Wilson, Administrative Director

The committee convened at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present and Ms. Charity Worrick called the meeting to order with a roll call.

### Approval of Minutes

Charity Worrick made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Mark Spiceland seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

**Applicant Interviews**

There were no applicant interviews.

**Discussion of Legislation**

Ms. Andrea Huddleston stated she will present the pertinent legislation during her OGC report.

**Ratification of New Licenses & Reinstatements**

Ms. Worrick made a motion to ratify the new licenses/reinstatements. Ms. Sprigs-Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Office of General Counsel Report**

Ms. Huddleston reported there are no rulemaking hearings pending. There is no pending litigation. There are no Agreed or Consent Orders. There are no petitions for Orders of Compliance.

Ms. Huddleston presented one Consent Order. She reminded the Committee that in order to avoid any conflict of interest, if there are any personal or financial interest to be sure and raise that prior to any discussion in order to recuse yourself from that discussion.

Ms. Huddleston reviewed the relevant legislation:

HB0304/SB0384 – As introduced, exempts members of the armed forces stationed within this state and their spouses from licensure requirements to practice professions and occupations regulated by the department of commerce and insurance and the department of health, subject to meeting certain requirements to practice.

HB1219/SB0937 – As introduced, directs the department of health and the department of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules for the issuance of temporary occupational licenses to spouses of members of the armed forces of the United States.

**Manager’s Report**

The activities that have transpired in the administrative office between February 1, 2019 and April 30, 2019 concerning the Polysomnography professionals are as follows:

New Applications Received:

- Full Technician 0
- Technician/Temp 10
- Trainee/Student 0
- Reinstatements 3

Total New Licenses Issued:

- Full Technician 11

- Technician/Temp 15
- Trainee/Student 0

Number of Renewals 49  
Online Renewals 43 -87%

The total number of active licenses as of April 30, 2018 is 542.

**Office of Investigations Report**

There are currently four (4) monitored practitioners under Board Order. In 2018, two (2) complaints were received. In 2019, both complaints were closed. One (1) was sent to the Office of General Counsel for discipline and the other was closed with a letter of concern. One (1) complaint was for unprofessional conduct and one (1) was for a lapsed license. No complaints have been filed thus far in 2019.

There being no further committee business, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.