



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

This special called meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:05 am CST.

Mr. James Ross conducted a roll call, finding 9 members present and 4 absent at time of roll call. Dr. Sullivan Smith arrived approximately 3 minutes after roll call due to traffic congestion.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chair Dr. Sullivan Smith	0908		Twila Rose	X	
Jeff Beaman	X		James Ross, RN	X	
Dr. Seth Brown	X		Dennis Rowe	X	
Greg Miller	X		Tim Strange		X
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White		X
Randy Porter		X	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X	
Brian Robinson		X	8 Present; 4 Absent; 1 late; A quorum was declared		

Also present:

- Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
- Paul Richardson, Legal Counsel/Enforcement Attorney– Office of General Counsel
- Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 3
- Dwight Davis, Region 5 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle, Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Mike Duck, Region 8 EMS Consultant

CASES

The Administrative Judge assigned to the Board for this meeting was the Honorable Richard Murrell. The Judge introduced himself and called the docket for the cases to determine who was present. The Board introduced themselves for the record and the court reporter. The Judge then provided the instructions to the Board.

James Drewry – representing himself

Mr. Richardson provided the Board with the stipulated facts of the case, and they were reviewed by the members. Mr. Beaman indicates he may have had prior information of the case, but no knowledge of respondent. The respondent had no objection, and the conflict was resolved. The Judge allowed closing statements from the state and the respondent. Mr. Drewry provided copies of references for the Board members. A brief pause from this matter was taken to allow for copies to be made for the members.

Mr. Richardson proceeded with Default cases during this time.

John Charlton –not present - Motion for Default Judgement

A motion was duly Made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to proceed in Default on the John Charlton case. A voice vote was taken, and all present members were in-favor.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

Mr. Richardson introduced several documents related to the case into evidence as admitted by the Judge. The members reviewed the documents and were provided a proposed discipline from Mr. Richardson for consideration.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept the Findings of Fact items 1-4. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose			X
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe			X
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				7 Aye; 0 Nay; 2 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the Conclusions of Law items 5 & 6. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose			X
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe			X
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				7 Aye; 0 Nay; 2 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the proposed Disciplinary Action items 7-9, 10 & 11. There was a brief discussion about license status and failure to appear before the board by the respondent.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		Twila Rose			X

Jeff Beaman		X		James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown		X		Dennis Rowe			X
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				4 Aye; 3 Nay; 2 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			
A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the Policy Statement as listed in number 4. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose			X
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe			X
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				7 Aye; 0 Nay; 2 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

James Drewry – representing himself – Continued

The aforementioned documents were distributed to the Board and after review, Mr. Drewry provided an account of his situation and the changes he has made in his situation. He requested leniency in his proposed disciplinary action.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the Findings of Fact items 1-5. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman			X	James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			
After the review of documents, a motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Ross to accept the Conclusions of Law excluding paragraph 6, subpart 4. Motion Passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman			X	James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		

Brian Robinson					8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed		
A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Miller for proposed discipline of 4 years of probation, completion of a 4-hour EMS Board approved ethics course, and motion was amended to add the respondent is to teach an ethics course. There was discussion about stipulated education. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman			X	James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson							
8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed							
A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve a Policy Statement after removing the wording regarding suspension and replace with 4-year probation, 4-hour ethics, and teach ethics. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman			X	James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson							
8 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed							

Katherine Post - Dyke – representing herself

Mr. Richardson provided opening statements and information related to the state's case. The respondent provided information related to her situation and her reasons for not following previous Board order. Mr. Richardson provided the Board with a proposed order for disciplinary action. Board members asked the respondent about previous contact with OGC and if she had taken a PHTLS as previously ordered by the Board. She was also asked about supporting documents from classes previously taken and proof of upcoming class.

After information review, a motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and is properly seconded by Dr. Brown to accept Findings of Fact 1-5 as presented, with 5 stipulating that respondent is currently enrolled in a PHTLS course. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson							
9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed							

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and was properly seconded by Dr. Brown to accept Conclusions of Law with the renumbered paragraph 6 & 7. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Rowe and was properly seconded by Mr. Ross to accept the disciplinary action as proposed. There was discussion if a revoked license could be reinstated. Judge Murrell stated revocation could be deferred until stipulations are met. There was discussion about the respondent's mental health and the necessity of a TNPAP prescription. The motion failed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith		X		Twila Rose		X	
Jeff Beaman		X		James Ross RN		X	
Dr. Seth Brown		X		Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller		X		Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips		X		Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN		X	
Brian Robinson				1 Aye; 8 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Failed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and was properly seconded by Ms. Rose to suspend the license. Respondent will supply evidence of PHTLS completion, change of address, proof of regulatory compliance, and evidence of TNPAP evaluation. Further discussion amended the motion to add immediate revocation without proof of PHTLS completion within 30 days, and TNPAP evaluation and compliance and evaluation. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and was properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to suspend the license. Respondent will supply evidence of PHTLS completion, change of address, proof of regulatory compliance, and evidence of TNPAP evaluation. Further discussion amended the motion to add immediate revocation without proof of PHTLS completion within 30 days, and TNPAP evaluation and compliance and evaluation. The motion passed.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		

Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

Judge Murrell indicated that the timing of the 30-days would fall on a non-business day. The end date of the 30-days was set as December 19, 2022. The Board signified agreement with an all-affirmative voice vote.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and was properly seconded by Mr. Phillips for a Policy Statement amendment to support the discipline as ordered by the Board. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

There was a lunch recess from approximately 11:45 am-12:30 pm.

Phillip Tillstrom – not present –Motion for Default Judgement

Mr. Richardson reviewed the attempts at service for the respondent and presented them to Judge Murrell. The Judge provided his findings to the members for review.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and was properly seconded by Dr. Brown to proceed in Default. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

Mr. Richardson provided investigative documentation related to the case.

After review of the documentation, a motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and was properly seconded by Dr. Brown to accept the Findings of Fact items 1 through 4. There was discussion about the proposed disciplinary action in the documents. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		

Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			
After review of the documentation, a motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and was properly seconded by Dr. Brown to accept the Conclusions of Law items 5 and 6. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			
After clarification that the respondent's license was expired for over one year, a motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Ms. Rose for revocation. The stipulations that were previously proposed were removed. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			
A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept the Policy Statement with the word "probation" removed. The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

Elton Reed – Agreed Order

After review of the documentation, a motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and was properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the agreed order The motion passed.							
Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

Consent Orders

After reviewing a packet of Consent Orders, A motion was duly made to group all the cases with failed drug screens into a single vote. Mr. Miller stated that he would suggest removing all cases that had any factors other than a failed drug screen. Mr. Richardson mentioned that he would like to research the idea further for the future. Mr. Miller stated that the future caseload will continue to grow if the process is not streamlined. Mr. Ross echoed the same, citing the backlog. There are more egregious matters than these. It was decided in this session to do a voice vote on each similar matter that was only a failed drug test and would generally receive the standard TNPAP prescription.

- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Ross in the matters of the following individuals: **Eddie Brown and Courtney Christopher** All passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.
- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips in the matters of the following individuals: **Franklin Hobbs, Taylor Potts, Gregory Remscheid, and Jillian Simmons.** All passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.
- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman in the matters of the following individuals: **Sheldon Smith and Prince Thomas.** All passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.
- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman in the matters of the following individuals: **Todd Wienczek, DeJerius Loverson.** All passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.

The following Consent Orders involved factors beyond only a failed drug screen by the respondent:

- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Ross in the matter of **Stephanie Ashford.** The motion passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.
- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman in the matter of **Dustin Copeland.** The motion passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.
- The motion for the standard TNPAP prescription was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Ross in the matter of **Larry Doerr.** There was discussion of potential polypharmacy drug use and multiple failed subsequent drug screens. There was discussion of the TNPAP process. The motion passed unanimously with an affirmative voice vote.

Cynthia McDow – Consent Order

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to deny the order. Discussion of the level of offense rising above the level of a TNPAP prescription because the offense compromises the safety and trust of the public and comprises a potential criminal component. The motion to deny the consent order was approved. The Board discussed the situation with the respondent not functioning in an office setting rather than on an ambulance, with the thought that a licensure change may not take the respondent out of the healthcare field if licensure was not required. The Board recommended revocation. Mr. Richardson will return with further on the matter in the future.

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X			Twila Rose	X		
Jeff Beaman	X			James Ross RN	X		
Dr. Seth Brown	X			Dennis Rowe	X		
Greg Miller	X			Tim Strange			
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White			
Randy Porter				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson				9 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; 4 Absent: Motion Passed			

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 pm after a motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Rowe.