



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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

MINUTES

The Office Base Surgery Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 8:05 am in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243.

Committee members present: John McGraw, MD, Committee Chair
Keith Anderson, MD
John Hale, MD

Staff present: Stacy Tarr, Executive Director
Brandi Allocco, Administrative Director
Francine Baca-Chavez, Deputy General Counsel

The committee started the meeting by electing a Chair. Dr. John Hale nominated Dr. John McGraw. Dr. Keith Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ms. Francine Baca-Chavez provided an overview of the meeting stating the committee last met in 2020 and at that time discussions involved making rule revisions and amendments. Previous minutes from 2019 and 2020 and a copy of red lined rules reflecting the discussions from those meetings were reviewed and discussed. It was noted discussions at that time were around fee structure and compensation to Health Care Facilities for providing inspections for office based surgery suites. Since those meetings, Health Care Facilities is no longer a part of the Department of Health, and the Office of Investigations has been given the responsibility of conducting the site surveys.

Dr. McGraw expressed concern regarding building codes and his lack of knowledge of those. Dr. Anderson suggested an engineer look at the codes and that administrative staff should confirm the Office of Investigations is comfortable conducting site surveys.

After a lengthy discussion of the materials and information presented, the committee decided time was needed to review and become better familiar with all the information and the current issues concerning the site surveys.

Agenda items for the next meeting to include:

- Changes to building codes-have inspector attend
- Confirm a licensed MD is required by rule to be the medical director
- How many Surgical Suites in Tennessee-include trends
- Surveying process of facilities
- Discuss proposed recommendations for rule revisions
- Difference between Office Based Surgical Suites and Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. on January 24, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.