



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners  
Safe Haven Taskforce Meeting**

**Monday, October 28, 2019**

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The Safe Haven Taskforce Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 9:20 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. W. Reeves Johnson, Committee Chair.

Board members present:           W. Reeves Johnson, MD, Committee Chair  
  Michael Baron, MD  
  Stephen Loyd, MD  
  Neal Beckford, MD

Staff present:                           Mary K. Bratton, JD, Chief Deputy General Counsel  
  Angela Lawrence, BME Executive Director  
  Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director

Ms. Lawrence made opening remarks to the Taskforce and provided an overview of the requirements for a special meeting by teleconference. All of the requirements were satisfied. The electronic meeting was scheduled for the purpose of reviewing application questions relating to physician impairment. The teleconference was then turned over to Dr. Reeves Johnson to serve a chair of this taskforce. Dr. Johnson provided an overview of the development of this taskforce. Dr. Michael Baron provided suggested changes to the applications for the taskforce member's review prior to the meeting. After some discussion all taskforce members agreed with Dr. Barons' recommendations. Dr. Johnson asked Ms. Mary Bratton if she saw any concerns with the suggested changes. Ms. Bratton stated that she did not and advised the taskforce members to articulate the reason(s) for the changes on the record before the full board, particularly as it relates to the Fresh Start Act previously passed by the General Assembly. Ms. Bratton also spoke to providing clarity in terms of impairment overall verses physical or psychological impairment. After further discussion, Dr. Beckford made a motion to accept the recommendations from Dr. Baron and present those recommendations to the full board at the November meeting. Dr. Loyd seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously and the meeting adjourned.