



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

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

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The Office Based Surgery Committee meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 4:58 p.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. Neal Beckford, Committee Chair.

Board members present: Neal Beckford, MD, Committee Chair  
Phyllis Miller, MD  
John Hale, MD

Staff present: Mary K. Bratton, JD, Chief Deputy General Counsel  
Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant, BME  
Angela Lawrence, BME Executive Director

The meeting was also joined by the following representatives from Health Care Facilities (HCF): Mr. Craig Parish and Mr. Nelson Rodriguez.

The Committee continued their discussions of upgrading the current Office Base Surgery Rules. Ms. Mary Bratton provided the following handouts for the Committees review and consideration;

- Redline drafted language that added a plans review portion
- Building Standards from the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Rules
- Commissioners Rules for review of Health Care Facilities construction plans review process

The Office of General Council made recommendation that in addition to what the Committee adopted at the last meeting, to consider referencing the Commissioners Rules for HCF construction plans review process 1200-24-05(-.01-.05) in their rules. Dr. Hale made a motion to accept this recommendation, Dr. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Committee also discussed the current cost for the application, renewal and survey and whether the current fee should be raised or stays the same. The Committee wants to ensure that HCF receives what is due to them for the portion of the application and renewal process they complete. Dr. Beckford asked for more justification and/or information to determine what the appropriate fee should be if an increase is agreed upon. Ms. Bratton reminded the Committee of the discussion to complete all of the rule changes as a whole rather than piece milling sections, until the Committee can come up with an actual figure, no action can be taken concerning fees. The Committee will discuss the possibility of a fee increase at the next meeting in January. The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.