



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday, June 15, 2022**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:05 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 CDST.

The Chairman conducted a roll call, finding all 13 members present.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chair 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	X	
Brad Phillips	X		Tyler White	X	
Randy Porter	X		Jeanne Yeatman, RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X		13 Present; 0 Absent; A quorum was declared		

Also present:

- Brandon Ward, Director - Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook, Assistant EMS Director
- Dr. Joe Holley, MD, State Medical Director
- Paul Richardson, Legal Counsel/Enforcement Attorney– Office of General Counsel
- Matt Gibbs, Legal Counsel/Advisory Attorney – Office of General Counsel
- Tory Ferguson, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2
- Dwight Davis, Region 5 EMS Consultant
- Mike Duck, Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Russell Gupton, EMS Consultant at Large

APPROVAL OF THE 03/23/2022 and 05/16/2022 MINUTES – A motion was duly made by Mr. Rowe to accept as presented and properly seconded by Mr. Porter. Motion passed on voice vote.

OGC REPORT

- Presented by Mr. Matt Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel of OGC.
- Mr. Gibbs will serve as advisory attorney and Mr. Richardson will continue as disciplinary attorney.
- There are 57 open cases currently in OGC. Today’s meeting will consist of 12 consent orders and 2 contested cases.
- Conflict of Interest Statement, litigation statement, and rulemaking hearing statement were presented.

TNPAP REPORT

- The TnPAP report from January 1, 2022-March 31, 2022, was presented, citing 20 new participants with 15 discharges during this period.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

RECOGNITION

- Recognition for those individuals that lost their lives due to the COVID-19 (approximately 20) will take place at the September Board meeting. Director Ward stated he felt it was in the best interest of everyone’s time to postpone due to office workload and the schedules of others.

SCHOOL APPROVAL

- Maury Regional EMS received an accreditation survey visit by Director Ward and Assistant Director Cook for a request to hold a Community Paramedic program. All requirements were met, and Director Ward recommended the program for approval. A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Ross. The voice vote was unanimous.
- During the last legislative session, the EMT classes at the service level was increased from 15 to 30. The office is receiving applications from those services wishing to hold programs. Rutherford County EMS requested an EMT Basic program. After an accreditation survey, they were deemed to have met the qualifications. *A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Miller. The voice vote was unanimous.*
- Ascension St. Thomas EMS also made application for an EMT program. An accreditation survey was performed, and it was determined that all qualifications were met, and approval was requested. *A motion was duly made by Mr. White and properly seconded by Mr. Porter. A voice vote was unanimous.*

INSTRUCTOR APPROVAL

- Mr. Keith Riddle asked to come before the Board to request approval of his application for Instructor Coordinator due to initial denial by the office of EMS due to CBC findings.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Mrs. Yeatman to approve the I/C endorsement. After discussion from the Board, the request was approved.							
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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White		X	
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			10 Aye; 2 Nay; 1 Abstention; Motion Passed			

CASES

Mr. Paul Richardson from the OGC presented the consent orders to the Board. He also stated he received 2 agreed orders yesterday as well. Mr. Richardson provided a docket sheet of the consent orders to the board so that they could review and vote.

Consent Order – Jessica Allsbrook – Unprofessional Conduct

Motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Porter. Discussion related to the varying levels of discipline which was clarified by OGC and the proposed discipline in this case versus others of similarity. The case was deferred until after the Brundige case. There was no other discussion. The order was accepted.							
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		X	
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White		X	
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN		X	
Brian Robinson	X			7 Aye; 6 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Consent Order – James Bradley– Failure to Report Accurate Care

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Ross and was properly seconded by Mr. Porter. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Consent Order – Chris Brundige – Unprofessional Conduct

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Rowe and was properly seconded by Mr. Ross. There was discussion on levels of discipline and the role of the case review committee. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			11 Aye; 2 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Kristen Foster – Consent Order – Substance Abuse

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Beaman and was properly seconded by Mr. Porter. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Justin Howard – Consent Order – Substance Abuse

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Porter and was properly seconded by Mr. Miller. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Derrick Maclin – Consent Order – Substance Abuse

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Strange and was properly seconded by Mr. Phillips. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

James McNatt – Consent Order – Failure to Report Accurate Care

A motion to accept was duly made by Mr. Ross and was properly seconded by Mr. Porter. There was discussion about respondent being in a subordinate role with an FTO and this should reflect in disciplinary action and recommend reprimand for respondent. There was no further discussion. 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		X	

Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter		X		Jeanne Yeatman RN		X	
Brian Robinson		X		3 Aye; 9 Nay; 1 Abstention; Motion FAILED			

Director Ward brought forth Mr. Blake Chandler who desired to appear before the board to request permission to attend EMS education because he had a criminal history that would normally disqualify him from obtaining a license. The Board asked Mr. Chandler several questions about his past and current situations. Mr. Chandler’s mother also supported his positive progress to date.

A motion to approve eligibility to become licensed was duly made by Mr. Rowe and was properly seconded by Mr. White. There was no further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson			X	12 Aye; 0 Nay; 1 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A 5-minute recess was called at approximately 10:15 a.m. to allow the judge and court reporter time to prepare to begin the other cases. The Board came back into session at 10:20. The Honorable Judge Steve Darnell served as the administrative law judge for this meeting. Judge Darnell provided an introduction, docket review, and instructions to the board regarding process to be followed. There were 3 contested matters to appear before the Board on this date. The Board members introduced themselves for the record and Judge Darnell declared a quorum.

CASE DOCKET (continued)

Phillip Tillstrom & Catherine Post– Mr. Richardson asked for a continuance to ensure appropriate service had been conducted. Judge Darnell agreed.

Marshall Dockery – Criminal Violation – Default

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Porter to proceed in default. The motion carried on a voice vote. Mr. Richardson provided a brief opening statement, proof, and a proposed order for revocation. Mr. Rowe duly made a motion to revoke, and it was properly seconded by Mr. Beeman. The voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the findings of fact as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Strange to accept conclusions of law as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Ross to revoke the license. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Strange and properly seconded by Mr. Porter to adopt the policy statement as presented by Mr. Richardson. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Amber Smith-Chitwood – Substance Abuse – Default

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Beaman to proceed in default. The motion carried on unanimously on a voice vote. Mr. Richardson provided a brief opening statement, proof, and a proposed order for revocation.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Strange to accept the findings of fact as presented by Mr. Richardson. Mr. Rowe asked for clarification on TnPAP progress. No further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Ross to accept the conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Richardson. No further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Strange to revoke the license based on information as presented by Mr. Richardson. Mr. Ross inquired about why the order did not initially call for a revocation. Mr. Richardson explained that the order should reflect that the division seeks a revocation. No further discussion. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the policy statement presented by Mr. Richardson, noting it shall be amended by changing 'Suspension' to 'Revocation'. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Stephen Martin – Substance Abuse – Default

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Strange to proceed in default. The motion carried on unanimously on a voice vote. Mr. Richardson provided a brief opening statement, proof, and a proposed order for revocation.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the findings of fact as presented by Mr. Richardson. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mrs. Yeatman to accept the conclusions of law as presented by Mr. Richardson. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Ross and properly seconded by Mr. Porter to accept the disciplinary action as presented by Mr. Richardson. Several Board members inquired about the status of the respondent's TNPA status. Mr. Richardson stated he was unaware of the current state of the treatment plan. Mr. Miller reiterated the serious nature of the facts. Director Ward was able to confirm that the respondent was non-compliant with TnPA. Mr. Ross withdrew the initial motion. A motion was then duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Ross for revocation.							
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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Strange to accept the conclusions of law with the appropriate changes regarding revocation. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

The contested cases of this Board meeting were then concluded.

CONSENT ORDERS

Chris Masiongale – Unethical Practices and Conduct

Dr. Smith and Mr. Porter recused themselves from this matter. Mr. James Ross assumed the role of chair.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the order as presented. Discussion from the Board regarding the involvement of students in this situation. Mr. Beeman mentioned he felt the removal of the I/C credentials should be considered. Mr. Richardson explained that any amendments to the consent order would require a new order or a notice of charges. The motion failed. Discussion of a suspension of the instructor credentials and additional training was mentioned.							
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		X	
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White		X	
Randy Porter			X	Jeanne Yeatman RN		X	
Brian Robinson		X		1 Aye; 10 Nay; 2 Abstention; Motion Failed			

Prince Thomas – Substance Abuse

A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Beeman to accept the order as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Brooke Trenthem – Substance Abuse

A motion was duly made by Mr. Beaman and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the order as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

William Warwick – Criminal Violation

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Ms. Yeatman to accept the order as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Thomas Curtis – Criminal Violation

A motion was duly made by Mr. Miller and properly seconded by Mr. Phillips to accept the order as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Ronnie Farmer – Substance Abuse

A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Porter to accept the order as presented. 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White (stepped out)			

Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			12 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

This completed all cases for this meeting.

Air Ambulance Committee Report

The committee did meet, but no members were present that could provide a detailed report to the Board.

Ambulance Committee Report

They did meet but no action that required Board action.

Clinical Issue Committee Report

- Dr. Holley reviewed the discussions that was held in the Committee meeting on numerous topics. He discussed overwhelming of the hospital system and influx of patients. The need for consistency in terminology is necessary across the state. Specifically with the terms “diversion” and “critical advisory”. Dr. Holley would like to see a revisit of the HRTS system was also requested. Potentially more training statewide for verbiage could be helpful. The Board decided to table this until further research could be conducted.
- Dr. Holley also presented an issue that appears to come up across the state regarding clarification of destination: Patient choice or EMS system choice. This most often occurs when system resources are strained. Dr. Holley would like to be consistent across the state. Further legal review through OGC was requested.
- Dr. Holley presented updates to approved clinical practice documents and Tennessee State Guideline documents. The aim was to properly align these with national scope of practice. *A motion was duly made by Mr. Phillips and properly seconded by Mr. Porter. A voice vote was conducted with a unanimous result.*
- Discussion of flight medic initiating blood products in the field was denied in Clinical Issues due to the variance in training separating flight paramedic and Paramedic – Critical Care. More information will be presented in the future.

CoPEC Report

The joint annual report was presented by Mrs. Natasha Kurth. *A motion was duly made by Mr. Porter and properly seconded by Mr. Ross. A voice vote was conducted with a unanimous result.*

Continuing Education Committee

- Mr. Kirk Harris gave a report of the last meeting. During the meeting, clarification was requested for continuing education credits that are acceptable to the state office of EMS. A document was drafted by the committee and presented to the Board. *A motion was properly made by Mr. Porter and duly seconded by Ms. Yeatman. A voice vote was conducted with a unanimous result.*

Initial Education Committee

A meeting was held on June 14; however, a quorum as not present and no official business was conducted.

State EMS Director’s Report

Director Ward had no further information to report at this time.

Medical Director’s Report

Dr. Holley covered all necessary portions of his report in previous discussions in the meeting.

Legislative Affairs

Mr. Matt Gibbs, Deputy General Counsel of the Office of General Counsel discussed 5 pieces of new legislation for informational purposes.

- Public chapter 684 authorizes 30 ambulance service-based training centers
- Public chapter 827 authorizes re-employment of retiree.
- Public chapter 1011 waives initial license fees for veterans as defined (combat medic or corpsman)
- Public chapter 1012 authorizes EMS Apprentice, utilization, and requirements
- Public chapter 647 within 68-140-306f regarding secondary mental health transports not requiring a separate license or base of operations to conduct these transports throughout the state.

Mr. Gibbs charges the board to provide their interpretation of public chapter 647 within 68-140-306f by way of accepting an interpretation and voting.

Language was initially proposed by Mr. Phillips that “An ambulance service licensed in the state of Tennessee that has ambulances stationed or a base of operations in a county in the state of Tennessee must be licensed in that county, and that services for the purposes of mental health transports that are licensed in the state of Tennessee can perform secondary mental health transports based upon being licensed in the state of Tennessee.” There was significant discussion with the Board and Director regarding the language. The language of the motion was eventually amended to “licensure would be required for ambulance services to be licensed in the county of origin or destination of the patient for non-emergency transports.” The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Porter. There was further significant discussion amongst the board members regarding the motion in reference to county lines, mutual aid, and other situations. It was also stated that the Board may want to review this interpretation in the future.

The motion as originally made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Porter was restated by the Chair to read “A license is required for non-emergency EMS operations in the county of origin or destination of the patient to be transported.” The roll was called, and the motion was 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Mr. Gibbs moved on to the portion of public chapter 647 regarding mental health transports.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Strange and properly seconded by Mr. Miller that a service that holds a Tennessee ambulance service license may provide secondary mental health transports to/from any county in the state from a healthcare facility to another healthcare facility. Mr. Ross discussed numerous concerns of safety and risk assessments from the CMS, specifically ligature risks as related to the ambulance. He referenced CMS, Joint Commission, and medical publications that have highlighted the safety risks of hospital-to-hospital transports related to mental health transports for both patient and crew. Dr. Smith reiterated that the transferring physician is responsible for the patient until arrival at destination and that significant risk was involved. He stated he expected the College of Emergency Physicians to issue a position statement on this issue soon. Dr. Smith also mentioned a committee that is studying the mental health crisis and may hopefully be able to provide some helpful insight by the time the legislature re-convenes. The roll was then called, and 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	X		
Brad Phillips	X			Tyler White	X		
Randy Porter	X			Jeanne Yeatman RN	X		
Brian Robinson	X			13 Aye; 0 Nay; 0 Abstention; Motion Passed			

Old Business

No further old business

New Business

- Mr. Gibbs Discussed his involvement with the Medical Cannabis Commission. He encouraged Board members to reach out to him with questions related to this.
- Mr. Gibbs discussed the application of TCA 04-29-112 “Winding up affairs of terminated entity”. He stated the Board is not prevented from conducting business as usual. The wind-up period expires on June 30, 2023, should an agreement not be reached. Should this occur, the EMS Board and office would cease to exist, the industry would be unregulated, and there would be no licensees. TennCare, Medicare, and other insurance reimbursement would also cease to exist.
- Mr. Rowe and Dr. Smith mentioned the makeup of Committees that report to the Board. Some committee’s direction is unclear, and some often fail to have a quorum at meetings. There was discussion amongst the group about resetting all committees. Director Ward requested to keep Clinical Issues in place. Mr. Strange stated that he would like to see more working members on the committees rather than simply representatives. Mr. Porter stated that some issues have been discussed for years but have not made much progress. A motion was duly made by Mr. Rowe and properly seconded by Mr. Ross to reconstitute the committees and develop them again as needed. Mr. Beeman inquired how results will be measured with such a broad change. Mr. Matt Owens was allowed to address the Board as he was a member of one of the Air Medical Committee. He expresses that he felt that evaluation of the committees would be the best option. Dr. Smith stated that he wanted all committees to become more efficient. It was decided that the Board would study the committees and the motion was withdrawn.

A motion was received to adjourn with multiple seconds. Motion carried on voice vote.