



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
Wednesday March 28th, 2018**

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Members of the Board present:

The Board Chair opened the meeting with a Roll Call and the following is the results:

Chris Brooks, MD	Present	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Present	Dennis Rowe	Present
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	Present
Thomas Dunavant	Present	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Present	Tyler White	Present
Greg Patterson	Present	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	Present
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Nine (9) members were in attendance, a quorum was established.

Also present:

- Donna G. Tidwell Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook Assistant EMS Director
- Joe Holley MD State Medical Director
- Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs Legal Counsel
- Paul Richard Legal Counsel
- Steve Hamby Region 2 EMS Consultant
- Nita Jernigan Region 3 EMS Consultant
- Brian Tompkins Region 4 EMS Consultant
- Dwight Davis Region 5 EMS Consultant
- Teddy Myracle Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Randall Kirby EMS Consultant at Large
- Tory Ferguson Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 12th, 2017 MINUTES – Motion by Mr. Davis to accept and seconded by Mr. Mosby. Motion passed on voice vote.

Recognition

Director Tidwell addressed the Board and the audience to recognize Mr. Ricky Cope Director of Cannon County EMS for his forty plus years of service in the EMS Community. He served as a field paramedic, EMS Director and as an EMS Board member. Director Tidwell outlined his many accomplishments. Mr. Cope is retiring at the end of the month. Chairman Smith echoed her assessment of Mr. Copeland and defined Mr. Cope as a “class act”.

OGC Report

Mr. Paul Richardson came forward and delivered the report for OGC. The first order of business was to review the Conflict of Interest Statement. Next Mr. Richardson reported there was twenty-four (24) Open Cases, one (1) Agreed Order, eight (8) Consent Order and five (5) Contested Cases.

Mr. Richardson listed the Rules that were in internal review in the OCG. The timeline presented is to culminate in a Rule Making Hearing in the June 2018 meeting.

TnPAP Report

Mark Harkreader was unable to attend the Board meeting. In his place Ms. Racheal Talley was present and presented the report. There was no questions from the Board to Ms. Talley.

School Approvals

Director Tidwell related that there was three (3) school approvals to be presented:

- 1) Coahom Community College (Mississippi) requests approval to be able to have clinical experiences in the Memphis area in the hospital and EMS arenas. Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Dunavant to approve. The motion passed on a voice vote.
- 2) Southwest Community College (Virginia) to have clinical experience for their AEMT students at hospital in Tennessee. A motion to approve came from Mr. Rowe and was seconded by Mr. Mosby. The motion passed on voice vote.
- 3) Chattanooga Fire Academy has requested to be approved to do initial AEMT training. Director Tidwell reported that a site visit had been completed (03/22/2018) and approval was recommended. A motion to approve came from Mr. Rowe and was seconded by Mr. Mosby. The motion passed on voice vote.

Approval of Proposed Rules

There were no proposed Rule changes at this time.

CASES

Agreed Order

Respondent: Bradley Romaine Abram, EMT, License No. 210039

Mr. Mosby recused himself.

The Agreed Order for Case No. 20160505 was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson. On or about October 4th, 2016 (after being tentatively employed by Emergency Mobile Healthcare LLC in Memphis) a pre-employment drug screen revealed a positive reading for Marijuana. As a result the Respondent was terminated from Emergency Mobile Healthcare LLC. It is noted that the respondent was an employee of Memphis Fire Department since 2015 and he has submitted five (5) specimens with no positive results since the submission of the October 2016 test.

The Respondent is agreeing to having his license suspended and him entering into the TnPAP program. On acceptance into the program, his license suspension would be lifted and place on probation as long as compliance with TnPAP’s monitoring agreement. A motion to accept the order as written was received from Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	Greg Patterson	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	James Ross	Absent	Tyler White	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Brian Robinson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye		
Donald Mosby	Recused	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye		

Motion carried.

Mr. Mosby Returned to the proceedings.

Consent Order

Respondent: Joshua Cole Anderson, AEMT, License No. 25518

The Consent Order for Case No. 2017004341 was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson. The Respondent has a history of opioid dependence, and suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), which the Millington Airport Fire Department has documented. Between the dates of February 25th, 2016 and November 8, 2016, Respondent used his position as Fire Chief of the Millington Airport Fire Department to place multiple orders for personal use, totaling 7- vials of diphenhydramine and 25 vials of ondansetron – he did use personal funds to pay for a portion of these orders. Ordering these medications is beyond the scope of practice of the Respondent’s AEMT license and that of the Millington Airport Fire Department. Respondent has served as Fire Chief while impaired due to drug use on multiple occasions. Respondent maintains he at no time served patients while impaired.

On or about August 5th, 2016, Respondent was involved in an automobile accident while operating an emergency response vehicle. The accident report stated that Respondent made no continuing contributing actions and appeared normal. He was reprimanded by his employer.

Respondent has completed an Employer Assistance Program (November 2016), Parkland Behavioral Health System Detoxification Program (January 2017), participates in a PTSD support group, and has organizes Narcotic Anonymous (NA) meeting as his church. He has letters of support from Pastor David Harlon and Associate Pastor Mike Coker attesting to his effort of continuous improvement.

The respondent has stated he has previously reached out to TnPAP, but has yet to receive a response.

The Respondent is agreeing to having his license suspended and him entering into the TnPAP program. On acceptance into the program, his license suspension would be lifted and place on probation as long as compliance with TnPAP’s monitoring agreement. A motion to accept the order as written was received from Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Yeatman.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	No	Dennis Rowe	No
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	No
Thomas Dunavant	No	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	No	Tyler White	No
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	No
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion failed.

Consent Order

Respondent: Kristin Marie Cannon, AEMT, License No. 35926

The Consent Order Number 2017037891 was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson. The respondent was at all times pertinent a student enrolled in Jackson State Community College’s Paramedic Program in Jackson, Tennessee. On or about June 13th, 2017, the Respondent scheduled clinical rides with preceptor Brian Peay on July 6th, 9th and July 12th. She did not report for her clinical rides with Mr. Peay on July 6th and 9th; however, she did present on the 12th. At which time she was assigned Mr. Keith Hamm as her preceptor. On or about July 15th the Respondent submitted falsified documentation to Brian Peay seeking approval for her rides on the 6th and 9th, 2017. In the documentation, she stated she had ridden with Mr. Hamm.

On or about July 18th, the Respondent questioned by Mr. Brian Kessler, the Program Director, about her documentation for July 6th. She responded affirmatively, stating that she had ridden with Keith Hamm on both days. After Mr. Kessler produced evidence to the contrary, she confessed to failure to report for the rides and submitting falsified documentation. She was then informed of her dismissal from the Paramedic Program.

The Respondent consents to her license to practice as an advanced emergency medical technician in the state of Tennessee placed on suspension, she must complete three (3) hours of continuing education on Ethics as approved by the Director of the Division, and she must instruct a three (3) hour continuing education courses on Ethics as approved by the Director of the Division. Once presentation of proof of completing the three (3) hours of Ethics her license suspension will be lifted and she will be placed probation for no less than one (1) year. After the proof of instruction of the three (3) hour continuing education course without one year of the ratification of this Order.

Motion to accept the order was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. White.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	No	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion carried.

Consent Order

Respondent: Timothy Allen Coup, AEMT, License No. 38693

Mr. Davis recused himself from the proceedings.

The Consent Order Numbers 2017027321 and 2017035911 was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson.

On or about May 11 18th, 2017 in his role as an AEMT with Sullivan County EMS, Respondent was working with Kevin Clark, Paramedic in Kingsport, Tennessee when they were dispatched to a chest pain call. On arrival to a patient who was having a ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction (STEMI). He inserted an intravenous line in the patient while his partner retrieved the STEMI kit. At this point, the Respondent drew up and administered Brilinta and Heparin. The patient was transported to Houston Valley Medical Center without incident. Supervisors were made aware of his drug administration and he was terminated due to violation of EMS and company policy.

On or about May 19th, 2017 the Respondent responded to an automobile accident as a volunteer with Church Hill Rescue Squad (Wings Air Rescue also responded). Once the patient was extricated, Wings Air Rescue Paramedic Adam Williams stated he needed someone to obtain intraosseous access (IO) on the patient. Respondent accepted this request and began placing the IO line in the patient. When informed by another member of the rescue Squad that he could not start that line with a medical director. He acknowledged the statement and responded that Paramedic Williams had told him Wings Air Rescue's Medical Director would cover him.

Respondent has consented to have his license placed on suspension for a period no less than six (6) months, to be effective immediately. Upon completion of the suspension, the license shall be immediately placed on probation for a period of two

(2) years. He must also attend an AEMT refresher approved by the Director of the Division. He must instruct three (3) hours of continuing education within one year of the ratification of this order.

Motion to accept by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mrs. Yeatman.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	No
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	No
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	No	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	No	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion was a tie vote and did not pass.

Mr. Davis returned to proceeding.

The Chairman called for a short break to set up for Contested Cases.

The Chairman reconvened the proceedings and entered into contested cases. Administrative Law Judge Thomas Stovall will be presiding over the proceedings. Judge Stovall called the docket and only Jared Buys (Docket No. 17.34-146755A) and Kenneth Charles Walker (Docket No. 17.34-14696A) were present.

Respondent: Benjamin Ray Ervin AEMT, License Number 41390

The Contested Docket Number 17.34-1508784A was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson and he asked for a continuance in the matter since the charges had been expunged. A motion of continuance will be filed with the Judge's Office by Mr. Richardson. Judge Stovall then moved on with the Docket.

Respondent: Terry Priest AEMT, License Number 27559

The Contested Docket Number 17.34-1508777AA was presented by Mr. Paul Richardson. The Chairman had to recuse himself from the proceedings and Mr. Davis assumed the Chairman's role. Mr. Priest was not present.

The Board was polled:

Chris Brooks, MD	Present	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Acting Chm.	Dennis Rowe	Present
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Chrm. Sullivan Smith, MD	Recused
Thomas Dunavant	Present	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Present	Tyler White	Present
Greg Patterson	Present	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	Present
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Judge Stovall gave instructions and charges to the Board.

Mr. Richard reviewed all efforts that was made to contact Mr. Priest. A motion was received from Mr. Mosby to hold Mr. Priest in Default and was seconded by Mr. Brooks.

Roll Call Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Chrm. Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Recused

Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman , RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion carried

Mr. Richardson reviewed the facts of the case. In that Mr. Priest was serving a Fire Chief of Hardy’s Chapel Volunteer Fire Department and was investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Controller’s Office over a complaint of missing funds. It was found that there was a cash shortage of \$37,496.11. He was found guilty of theft and was ordered to pay restitution of the missing funds.

A motion was received from Mr. Mosby to accept the Findings of Fact as presented by Mr. Richardson and was seconded by Mr. Brooks. A voice vote was held without any descending vote.

Motion carried

A motion was received from Dr. Brooks to accept the Conclusions of Law as written by Mr. Patterson and was seconded by Mr. Brooks. A voice vote was held without any descending vote.

Motion carried

A motion was received from Mr. Rowe to accept the Revocation and was seconded by Mr. White. A voice vote was held without any descending vote.

Motion carried

A motion was received from Dr. Brooks to accept the Policy Statement as written and was seconded by Mr. White. A voice vote was held without any descending vote.

Motion carried

Chairman Smith returned as Chairman.

Respondent: Jared Buys Paramedic, License Number 24834

The Contested Docket Number 17.34-146755AA was presented by Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs. Mr. Mosby had to recuse himself from the proceedings. Mr. Buys is present without an attorney.

Mrs. Hughes Toombs presented the facts of the case. On or about October 26th, 2016, Mr. Buys responded to a report of a possible overdose. While on the scene the patient struck Mr. Buys and he struck the patient back. The oath was administered to Mr. Buys.

The State called Mr. Kevin Cagle to testify. Mr. Cagle is employed by the Office of EMS as a Case Investigator. He presented a MPD body cam video of the incident in addition to his verbal testimony. No questions were from Mr. Buys for Mr. Cagle. The State rested their case.

Mr. Buys then testified as to the events of the incident. He admitted to striking the patient and asked for forgiveness of the Board. He then answered questions from Ms. Hughes-Toombs. It was discovered that a typographical error in the document – his expiration date is in 2019 and not 2017. He answered questions from the Board.

He presented Character Letters from co-workers. He then answers further questions from the Board.

The Judge repeated his Charges and Instructions.

A motion was received from Mr. White to accept the Findings of Fact as presented by Ms. Hughes-Toombs with the expiration date change and was seconded by Mr. Davis. A voice vote was held without any descending vote.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion carried

A motion was received from Dr. Brooks to accept the Conclusions of Law as written by Ms. Hughes-Toombs and was seconded by Mrs. Yeatman.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion carried

A motion by Dr. Brooks for probation for a minimum of one year with TnPAP evaluation before the year is up. The probation will not be lifted until the TnPAP evaluation comes before the Board. A minimum of one year probation and completion of the TnPAP recommendation. It was seconded by Mr. Dunavant.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	No
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	No
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	No
Greg Patterson	No	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	No
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion Failed (3-5)

A motion by Mr. White for suspension for six months with minimum of six month probation. The lifting of the probation will be contingent on the TnPAP evaluation. It was seconded by Mr. Rowe.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	No	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	No	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	No	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	No
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Vote Tied (4-4) – motion not passed

A motion by Mr. Davis for two years of probation and during the first year of the probation a TnPap anger management evaluation is done. The TnPAP recommendations must be followed. A letter of reprimand be placed in his EMS file. His license be conditioned to the hospital venue for one year (no pre-hospital). He also receive anger management training. He also be involved in teaching by sharing his experience. It was seconded by Dr. Brooks.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	No
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	No
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	No
Greg Patterson	No	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Vote Tied (4-4) – motion not passed

A motion by Mr. Davis for suspension until he gets a TnPAP anger management evaluation is done. The TnPAP recommendations must be followed. After such his suspension is lifted a probation period of two years. A letter of reprimand be placed in his EMS file. His license be conditioned to the hospital venue for one year (no pre-hospital). He also receive anger management training. He also be involved in teaching by sharing his experience. It was seconded by Mr. White.

Lunch Break was called by the Judge at 12:20 pm and to reconvene at 1:20 pm. During that time the TnPAP representative will be asked to return for input into the how TnPAP may be able to function in this process.

The proceedings were reopened by the Chairman. The TnPAP representative (Ms. Racheal Talley) had returned. She answered several questions from the Board about Anger Management Program infrastructure within the TnPAP Program.

After the insight into the TnPAP program, Mr. Davis removed his motion and Mr. White agreed.

Mrs. Tidwell shared language used in the past with suspensions by the Board.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Patterson to suspend his license for 60 days, but if proof of TnPAP agreement has been signed the suspension is lifted and he is put on probation for one year. If during that time he falls out of compliance, the suspension is reactivated.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	No	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye

Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the Policy Statement as follows: Whereas, it is the policy of the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board to promote the health and welfare of the State of Tennessee requiring it to protect the citizens of Tennessee, the Board takes this action today.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Mr. Mosby returned to the proceedings.

Respondent: Kenneth Charlie Walker Paramedic, License Number 35219

The Contested Docket Number 17.34-146396AA was presented by Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs. Mr. Walker is present without an attorney.

On or about October 22, 2015 Mr. Walker suffered an injury while on duty. Pursuant to his employer's policy, he submitted to a post-injury drug screen and it was positive for benzodiazepines and Lorazepam. Per employer's policy he was referred to the TnPAP Program. On or about February 5th, 2016 he contacted TnPAP and requested services as he was required by his Employer. Notwithstanding his request for TnPAP services, he has not followed up with TnPAP and has not responded to TnPAP's phone calls and mail concerning the services.

Mrs. Nita Jernigan was called to the stand as a witness for the State. She related the results of her investigation. Mr. Walker had no questions as did the Board.

The State rested.

Mr. Walker testified to the findings of the investigation. Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs questioned Mr. Walker. The Board had some questioned by the Board members. The Board members had some questions to Ms. Talley (the TnPAP representative).

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the findings of fact with the correction of his expiration date.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye

Brian Robinson Absent

Motion passed.

Motion by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the conclusions of law as presented.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Rowe to suspend his license for 120 days and during that time he is to contact TnPAP for evaluation and possibly entering into an agreement with them. At such time his license will be put into probation during the term of the agreement. If no monitoring is recommended the probation will be for no less than 3 years. It comes with the stipulation if he does not contact TnPAP within the 120 days or is non-compliant his license will be revoked.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept the Policy Statement as follows: Whereas, it is the policy of the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board to promote the health and welfare of the State of Tennessee requiring it to protect the citizens of Tennessee, the Board takes this action today.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Recused	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Respondent: Jeremy Hubble Paramedic, License Number 16737

The Contested Docket Number 17.34-146792A was presented by Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs. Mr. Hubble is not present nor is his attorney.

On or about July 28, 2016, a search warrant was executed on Mr. Hubble's residence by US Department of Homeland Security and the Postal Service and the Lake County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this search, he was arrested. He plead guilty to ordering Tramadol from a web site without a valid prescription. He received a suspended sentence and a fine of seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). Mr. Davis is recusing

A motion from Dr. Brooks and second by Mr. Dunavant to hold him in default.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

The State called Mr. Teddy Myracle to testify as to the findings of his investigation.

A motion from Mr. Mosby and second by Mr. Rowe to accept the Findings or Fact as presented with the removal of the "On or about November 29, 2016".

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

A motion from Mr. White and second by Mr. Mosby to accept the Conclusion of Law as presented.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

A motion from Mr. Mosby and second by Mr. Rowe to Revoke his license.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
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Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. White to accept the Policy Statement as follows: Whereas, it is the policy of the Tennessee Emergency Medical Services Board to promote the health and welfare of the State of Tennessee requiring it to protect the citizens of Tennessee, the Board takes this action today.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Recused	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Mr. Davis rejoined the proceedings.

Consent Order

Respondent: Karrie Lynn Cox, AEMT, License No. 36865

The Case Number 2017001881 was presented by Mr. Richardson.

On or about November 22, 2016, the Respondent requested TnPAP services at the endorsement of her employer. On or about December 8, 2016, she submitted an evaluation by TnPAP. It recommended that she should enter into an in-patient treatment facility, that she receive psychotropic medication from a mental health provider, and execute a monitoring agreement with TnPAP. TnPAP also concluded that she was not safe to practice as an AEMT. She was notified by TnPAP of their findings and on or about January 9th, 2016 she notified TnPAP that she was seeking a different treatment plan from an unnamed physician. On or about January 26, 2016 she informed the EMS Consultant Investigator that she wished to forfeit her license and discontinue her work as an AEMT.

The respondent agrees to voluntarily surrender her license to practice as an AEMT in the state of Tennessee, License No. 36865, effective immediately upon ratification of this order. She understands that this REVOCATION is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and similar agency.

Motion by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Mosby to accept the consent order.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye

Motion by Mr. White to accept the Consent Order and seconded by Mr. Davis.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Respondent: Kyle D. Fisher, Paramedic 38963

The Case Number 2016039431 was presented by Mr. Richardson.

Respondent was tall times pertinent hereto employed by Macon County EMS. On or about August 24, 2016 he was found to have administered morphine without a physician's order. A review of his transports were done by the service Director and it was found that one record revealed that the transferring physician was present on the date of service but did not give orders for administering narcotics. The other physicians listed on the reports were not working on the dates of transport.

Respondent agrees that his license be placed on suspension to effective immediately. He must complete three hours of continuing education on Ethics as assigned by the Board. On receipt by the Board of successful completion and submission of proof, the suspension shall be lifted and the license be placed on probation for no less than one year.

Motion by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Rowe to decline this order.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

Respondent: Wesley S. Profitt, Paramedic 12238

The Case Number 2016039431 was presented by Ms. Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs.

On or about September 9, 2014, he responded to a call concerning an 89 year old patient with dementia who had passed out under a pickup truck. While kneeling to assess the patient, the patient struck him in the face. In response he struck the patient. As a result of this incident on September 11, 2014, his employment with Decatur County Emergency Medical Service was terminated.

Respondent has agreed that his license be placed in suspension to be effective immediately upon ratification of this order. He may undergo an approved evaluation by TnPAP. Should the results of the evaluation recommend monitoring, he may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement. Upon signing the agreement his license suspension will be stayed and placed on probation on the following conditions: probation runs concurrent with the monitor agreement. If he fails to maintain compliance with the agreement, the stay of suspension is lifted.

If the evaluation by TnPAP does not recommend TnPAP monitoring, the suspension shall be lifted and his license shall be placed into probation for a period of not less than three year.

Motion by White and seconded by Mr. Davis to accept the consent order.

Call Roll Vote:

Chris Brooks, MD	Aye	James Ross, RN	Absent
Jeffrey Davis	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Absent	Sullivan Smith, MD	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tim Strange	Absent
Donald Mosby	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman, RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Absent		

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Air Ambulance Committee

There is a need for a memo to facilities and THA that it against FAA rules to transmit 12 Leads EKGs in flight.

B. COPEC

Rhonda Phillippi was present to give the COPEC report. An article has been composed on Data Goals and submitted. Also Standards are being reviewed on pediatric destinations. She reported that Tennessee received its full funding on its federal grant.

C. Clinical Issues Committee and Medical Director's Report

CIC did not meet in the last quarter. A report was given on drug shortages – 120 drugs are on the list with 50 IV fluids. Protocol revision to done in the next 6 weeks. In mid-May the CIC will meet. A news video was played on the Memphis Mobile Stroke Unit.

D. Director's Report

Mrs. Tidwell gave a report on the new software vendor CE Broker and its function in uploading continuing education. The contract is available and it free to license.

LARS Phase II is live now. The EMS Personnel can change their names, pay fees (debit, credit card, E-check), request replacement cards, change address and services can renew their license.

We hosted the EMS Compact meeting in February.

The new EMS Agenda for the Future is out and open for comment. Dennis Rowe is on the Scope of Practice Committee.

MLK+50 Celebration is the next week and we will be assisting.

We now have a new contract with Image Trend and will start collecting data in July.

Old Business

Director Tidwell report on conferring with epidemiologist as to why people are leaving the workforce but not there is not capability to do so.

New Business

There is new bills (SB 2603 / HB 265) in the State Legislature that requires EMS providers to report an arrest or conviction (other than a minor traffic conviction) in ten days.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 20, 2018.

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