



**Minutes of the  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD  
June 19, 2019**

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

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

The Chairperson conducted a roll call with the following results.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
William Beaman	X		James Ross RN		X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X		Dennis Rowe	X	
Kappu Deshpande		X	Tim Strange	X	
Thomas Dunavant	X		Tyler White		X
Greg Patterson	X		Jeanne Yeatman RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X		10 Present; 3 Absent; A quorum was declared		

**Also present:**

- Brandon Ward Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook Assistant Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Joe Holley MD State Medical Director
- 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 3

**APPROVAL OF THE March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 MINUTES** – Motion by Mr. Rowe to accept and seconded by Dr. Chris Brooks passed on voice vote.

**Legislative Update**

Mr. Patrick Powell presented the Legislative update. Every public chapter this year was submitted by the General Assembly from the Dept. of Health.

- Public Chapter 3: Uniform of Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment-\$9.09 per transport that is part of the providers' total transports versus per Medicaid transports. Took effect March 7, 2019.
- Public Chapter 61: Entity responsible for an AED program is immune from civil liability for personal injury caused by the maintenance or use of an AED if such conduct does not rise to the level of willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence. Took effect March 28, 2019
- Public Chapter 188: Extends the Uniform of Ground Ambulance Service Provider Assessment to June 30, 2020. The act also establishes a penalty for \$50/per calendar day the assessment remains unpaid in full after the due date. TennCare is authorized to waive penalties when the provider enters a payment plan approved by TennCare. Took effect April 23, 2019.
- Public Chapter 195: Act applies to the Board governed by the Dept. of Commerce and Insurance. There was one provision across Health Related Boards for expedited licensure regarding military members and their spouses. It required military spouses to leave active employment to be eligible for an expedited licensure process. Takes effect July 1, 2019.
- Public Chapter 229: Act allows healthcare professionals to accept goods or services as payment in direct exchange of barter for healthcare services. Bartering is only for patients to whom services are provided are not covered by health insurance. All barter accepted by the healthcare professional must be submitted to the IRS annually. This act does not apply to healthcare services provided at pain management clinics. Took effect April 30, 2019.
- Public Chapter 243: This act mandates that an agency that requires a person applying for a license to engage in an occupational trade or profession in this state to take an examination must provide appropriate accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any state agency that administers a required examination for licensure, except exams required by federal law, shall promulgate rules in regard to the eligibility criteria. This legislation was introduced to assist individuals with dyslexia. This is largely a restatement of federal law. Took effect for rule making purposes on May 2, 2019. Takes effect for all other purposes July 1, 2020.
- Public Chapter 255: Act permits a medical professional who has a current license to practice in another state, commonwealth territory or district of Columbia, is exempt from the licensure requirements if the medical professional is a member of the armed forces and the medical professional is engaged in the practice of medical professions listed in 681-101 through a partnership with the Federal Innovative Readiness Training (FIRT). Took effect April 18, 2019 for rules. Will take effect for other purposes on July 1, 2019.
- Public Chapter 328: Act allows persons that provide EMS services who are required to keep proof of their license, registration or certification on their person to be able to provide proof by electronic means such as a cell phone. Took effect May 8, 2018.
- Public Chapter 341: Healthcare Billing Clarity Act- prohibits hospitals from including in a billing statement any language that implies that a charge for specialty healthcare services unless (1) the charge provides the patient with sufficient information to identify a healthcare provider or the specialty healthcare service rendered. (2) The cost of supplies, equipment or other services provided by the hospital are excluded from the amount charge by a specialty service or provider. (3) The billing statement informs the patient that the billed amount do not include charges for healthcare providers not employed by the hospital. Takes effect January 1, 2020.
- Public Chapter 380: act requires, unless prohibited by federal law, each regional medical communication center to provide to the director by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of each month the number of flight request rejected by the vendor and the patient volumes transported into the covered region for the preceding month. On a monthly basis, the Director of EMS, shall ensure the data was submitted to be posted on the Department of Health's website in a manner accessible to the public. Takes effect July 1, 2019.

- Public Chapter 391: Requires all public schools to have at least 1 AED place within the school. The act also requires the instruction on AEDs and their location within the school be taught jointly with instruction on CPR. Further, public schools must conduct CPR and AED drills. Takes effect July 1, 2019.
- Public Chapter 447: Act permits law enforcement agencies to subpoena materials and documents pertaining to investigations conducted by the Department of Health prior to formal disciplinary charges being filed against the provider. Took effect May 22, 2019.
- Public Chapter 489: Act expands a pilot project for EMT/AEMT training centers operated by ambulance service to no more than 15 training centers. The EMS Board will oversee this pilot project and certify each program. All training programs offered under this act must follow the national EMS scope of practice model for EMS personnel. All student information documented by a training center must be submitted to the Board and the Tennessee Board of Regions quarterly. The Board shall submit an annual report to the legislatures health committee by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

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**OGC Report**

Mr. Paul Richardson presented the OCG Report. In the report he reviewed the Conflict of Interest policy. He reported 18 open cases and today’s docket: 5 consent orders, 3 agreed, 2 contested. All Rules are under review by the AG Office.

**TnPAP Report**

Not yet present

**OGC Cases**

**Consent Orders**

**Consent Order: Hayden Joseph Bradfield (Case No.: 2016044361)**

**Stipulation of Fact:** Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an Advance Emergency Medical Technician in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 42170 on February 18, 2015 with an expiration date of September 30, 2018. On or about June 21, 2016, Respondent was convicted of – Stalking and Harassment – in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

**Stipulated Disposition:** The Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following: Respondent agrees to **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the State of Tennessee, License number 42170, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. It is Respondent’s understanding that this **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** is of the same effect as ratification.

Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Strange to accept as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X			
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			

<b>Thomas Dunavant</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Tyler White</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Greg Patterson</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>				Unanimous				

Motion Passed

**Consent Order: Donald E. McCormick (Case No.: 2018020381)**

**Stipulation of Fact:** Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 16072 on May 15, 1991, with an expiration date of October 31, 2020. Respondent was employed at the Monroe County EMS in Madisonville, TN at all times pertinent hereto. On or about March 26, 2018, a call was made involving a patient who had suffered an injury to his hand through his use of a table saw. Upon arrival, Respondent and a second paramedic encountered the patient. Respondent observed patient’s lacerated hand and thumb, fully amputated pinky, and a ring finger, attached only by a small piece of skin. Present was a law enforcement officer who engaged in a conversation with Respondent the second paramedic. Shortly thereafter, the law enforcement officer asked the second paramedic if the officer could remove the skin. Respondent then handed a pair of trauma shears to the second paramedic, who in turn, handed the shears to the officer and the second paramedic and Respondent allowed the officer to cut the remaining skin and detached the finger from the patient’s hand.

**Stipulated Disposition:** For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, License number 16072, is **REPRIMANDED**, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this order. Respondent must complete three (3) hours of Continuing Education related to management of soft tissue injury amputations, avulsions, and near amputations. These hours are to be completed in addition to the hours required to maintain licensure as a Paramedic in the State of Tennessee. Proof of completion of these additional hours must be submitted within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Consent Order.

Motion by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Beaman to accept as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the results were:

<b>Board Member’s Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Board Member’s Name</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recused</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Twila Rose</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>William Beaman</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>James Ross RN</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Dr. Chris Brooks</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Dennis Rowe</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Kappu Deshpande</b>				<b>X</b>	<b>Tim Strange</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Thomas Dunavant</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Tyler White</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Greg Patterson</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>				Unanimous				

Motion Carried.

**Consent Order: Jacob Elliott Smith (Case No. 2018053181)**

**Stipulation of Fact:** Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as an Emergency Medical Technician in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 210342 on January 11, 2017, with an expiration date of April 30, 2020. On or about November 3, 2018, in the Sumner County General Sessions Court, Respondent was

convicted of – Driving Under the Influence (DUI) – First Offence. Respondent received eleven (11) months, twenty-nine (29) days, suspended sentence.

**Stipulated Disposition:** For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, license number 210342, placed on , **SUSPENSION**, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Respondent may undergo an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (“TnPAP”). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION on the following terms and conditions:

A. The period of probation of Respondent’s license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should Respondent’s monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of probation of Respondent’s license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.

B. Respondent’s failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of this ORDER, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of Respondent’s license upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP. If thereafter Respondent wishes to have his or her license reinstated, Respondent must appear before the Board and demonstrate his/her present ability to engage in the safe practice of emergency medical services. The Board reserves the right to impose other reasonable conditions of reinstatement at the time of Respondent’s appearance.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP- approved evaluation but monitoring was not recommended, the suspension shall be immediately lifted and the license shall be immediately placed on **PROBATION** for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered.

Motion by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Rowe to accept as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X			
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			
Thomas Dunavant	X				Tyler White				X
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X			
Brian Robinson	X				Unanimous				

Motion Carried.

**Consent Order: Sara A. Stoll (Case No. 2018049861)**

**Stipulation of Fact:** Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as an Advance Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 211026 on August 14, 2017, with an expiration date of October 31, 2020. On or about October 12, 2018, Respondent failed alcohol screen while employed with Sullivan County EMS, in Blountville, TN. Respondent’s employment was terminated.

**Stipulated Disposition:** For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, license number 211026, placed on , **SUSPENSION**, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Respondent may undergo an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (“TnPAP”). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION on the following terms and conditions:

- A. The period of probation of Respondent’s license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should Respondent’s monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of probation of Respondent’s license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.
- B. Respondent’s failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of this ORDER, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of Respondent’s license upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP. If thereafter Respondent wishes to have his or her license reinstated, Respondent must appear before the Board and demonstrate his/her present ability to engage in the safe practice of emergency medical services. The Board reserves the right to impose other reasonable conditions of reinstatement at the time of Respondent’s appearance.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP- approved evaluation but monitoring was not recommended, the suspension shall be immediately lifted and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered.

Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Strange to accept as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X			
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			
Thomas Dunavant	X				Tyler White				X
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X			

<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Unanimous</b>
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Motion Carried.

**Consent Order: Phillip R. Tolbert Jr. Case No.: 2018058261**

**Stipulation of Fact:** Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 17187 on June 1, 1992, with an expiration date of September 30, 2019. On or about November 28, 2018, in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee, Respondent pled guilty to – one count of Social Security Fraud – in an attempt to obtain survivors’ benefits after the death of this spouse. Respondent received two (2) years’ probation, with the first six (6) to be served under home confinement, community service of four (4) hours a month for six (6) months, and ordered to pay restitution of sixty thousand, five hundred, and twenty-eight dollars (\$60,528.00). Respondent has since joined the American Red Cross as a volunteer in order to continue his community service, and has completed a course on financial responsibility offered by the USDOJ, and has paid over twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) in restitution.

**Stipulated Disposition:** NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, license number 17187, is placed on **SUSPENSION** for a period of no less than one (1) year, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Upon expiration of the **SUSPENSION**, Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the State of Tennessee shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a period of no less than two (2) years. Respondent must complete three (3) hours of Continuing Education related to ethics. These hours are to be completed in addition to the hours required to maintain licensure as a Paramedic in the State of Tennessee. Proof of completion of these additional hours must be submitted within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Consent Order.

Motion by Dr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Strange to accept as presented. A Roll Call Vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
<b>Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Twila Rose</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>William Beaman</b>		<b>X</b>			<b>James Ross RN</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Dr. Chris Brooks</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Dennis Rowe</b>		<b>X</b>		
<b>Kappu Deshpande</b>				<b>X</b>	<b>Tim Strange</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Thomas Dunavant</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Tyler White</b>				<b>X</b>
<b>Greg Patterson</b>	<b>X</b>				<b>Jeanne Yeatman RN</b>	<b>X</b>			
<b>Brian Robinson</b>	<b>X</b>				8 ayes and 2 nays				

Motion Carried.

The Chairman called for a short recess at 09:55 and the Board came out of recess at 10:15.

**Agreed Orders**

**Agreed Order: James Lane Claude Docket Number 17.34-157876A**

**Findings of Fact**

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 41005 on January 28, 2014, with an expiration date of August 31, 2018. On or about August 16, 2018, Respondent failed a probable cause drug screen with his previous employer, after testing positive for Marijuana. On or about October 8, 2018, Respondent contacted the investigator by telephone and stated that he had no interest in maintaining his license as an AEMT, and that he would not be sending a statement as to his allegation. He has allowed his license to expire.

**Order**

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following: Respondent agrees to **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** Respondent’s license to practice as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician in the state of Tennessee, license number 41005, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order.

Motion to accept the Agreed Order was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Rowe. A roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member’s Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X			
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			
Thomas Dunavant	X				Tyler White				X
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X			
Brian Robinson	X				Unanimous				

Motion Carried.

**Agreed Order: Joshua Tyler Dannels Docket Number 17.34-157877A**

**Findings of Fact**

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 36742 on June 2, 2010, with an expiration date of February 28, 2021. Respondent pled guilty in the Cumberland County Tennessee General Sessions Court of the following: On October 11, 2018 – Reckless Endangerment.

**Order**

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following: Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician in the state of Tennessee, license number 36742, placed on **PROBATION** to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. **PROBATION** will continue for 6 months following submission of proof of completion of anger management class. Respondent understands that this **PROBATION** is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

Motion to accept the Agreed Order was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Rowe. A roll call vote was taken and the results were:



Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe		X		
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			
Thomas Dunavant	X				Tyler White				X
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X			
Brian Robinson	X				9 ayes and 1 nay				

Motion Carried.

**Agreed Order: Charles Leslie Docket Number 17.34-158878A**

**Findings of Fact**

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 35795 on July 13, 2009, with an expiration date of July 31, 2019. On or about November 1, 2016, Respondent failed a random drug screen while employed with the Memphis Fire Department (“MFD”), in Memphis, TN, after testing positive for Marijuana.

**Order**

NOW THEREFORE, Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following: Respondent agrees to have Respondent’s license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, license number 35795, placed on **SUSPENSION** to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order. Respondent may undergo an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (“TnPAP”). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION on the following terms and conditions:

A. The period of probation of Respondent’s license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should Respondent’s monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of probation of Respondent’s license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.

B. Respondent’s failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of this ORDER, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of Respondent’s license upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP. If thereafter Respondent wishes to have his or her license reinstated, Respondent must appear before the Board and demonstrate his/her present ability to engage in the safe practice of emergency medical services. The Board reserves the right to impose other reasonable conditions of reinstatement at the time of Respondent’s appearance.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP- approved evaluation but monitoring was not recommended, the suspension shall be immediately lifted and the license shall be immediately placed on **PROBATION** for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered.

Motion to accept the Agreed Order was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Rowe. A roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent	Board Member's Name	Aye	Nay	Recused	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X				Twila Rose	X			
William Beaman	X				James Ross RN				X
Dr. Chris Brooks	X				Dennis Rowe	X			
Kappu Deshpande				X	Tim Strange	X			
Thomas Dunavant	X				Tyler White				X
Greg Patterson	X				Jeanne Yeatman RN	X			
Brian Robinson	X				Unanimous				

Motion Carried.

**Contested Cases (Presided over by Administrative Law Judge Kim Summers)**

Initially, had 4 contested cases, 2 were resolved in Agreed Orders. Remaining cases are Donnie Taylor and Ryan Phillips. State asks for continuance to find more evidence. Continuance granted.

The Chairman called for a short 10 minute recess.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Air Ambulance**

No one present to report

**B. Ambulance Committee**

No one present to report

**C. Clinical Issues/EMS Medical Director's Report**

The report was given by Dr. Joe Holley

- a. Met on May 6, 2019.
- b. Did not have a significant amount of new business
- c. Did quick update on the Ultrasound Pilot Program and Blood Administration Program.
- d. Talked about the proposal that was presented at the Education Committee regarding first and second year medical students being EMT certified.
- e. Updated Director Ward on strategy issues that are ongoing such as issues related to expired medications at the Pharmacy Board.
- f. Briefly discussed Medical Directors Conference and were able to come up with an agenda.
- g. Discussed CARES database and if Tennessee should be participating.

- h. Requested of the Board to add a TASA and an OGC representative to the Destination Guidelines Task Force. A motion was received from Mr. White to so move and a second was made by Mr. Rowe. The motion carried on voice vote.

**D. CoPEC**

The report was given by Natasha Kurth

- a. CRPC Coordinators
- Simulation/Mock Codes – 172
  - Lectures – 46
  - Courses – 99
  - Hospital Site Visits – 38
- b. There was a national survey on transfer agreements between hospitals with a 97.5% response rate.
- c. Continuing to hand out pediatric dosing tools.
- d. Annual Conference will be held in Nashville.
- e. Mentions ongoing programs around Injury Prevention.
- f. Star of Life Award winners are listed in report.
- g. Reaching out for those who would like to join CoPEC Board.

**E. Continuing Education Committee**

The report was given by EMS Assistant Director Chip Cook

- a. Had discussion concerning uniform certificate that will allow more timely audits of renewal hours in our Office.
- b. Working on matching the National Registry renewal requirements with the Tennessee State renewal requirements.
- Discussion adding EMS safety requirements with the renewal requirements.
- c. Discussed Ambulance Safety Program.

**F. Initial Education Committee**

The report was given by Tim Strange

- a. Discussed virtual EMT course.
- b. Working on AEMT military bridge program. Randy White is leading.

Board member Dennis Rowe brings up concern with keeping individuals engaged in this profession and prevention of overworking others to prevent “burnouts”.

Director Brandon Ward agrees that there is an issue in Tennessee, but points out that based on his last NASEMSO meeting, we are not the only state with this issue. His office has been working on a Workforce Development Survey that will be going out very soon to identify why individuals are leaving this profession. We want to look at why they are leaving.

The Chairman attempted to break for lunch. Board member Dennis Rowe suggests finishing with agenda before lunch due to bad weather coming in. No oppositions.

**G. Director’s Report**

This report was given by Office of EMS Director Brandon Ward

- a. Mobile Integrated Healthcare
- Have met with numerous facilities throughout the state.
  - In process of getting analysis surveys back.
  - Fully anticipate have curriculum up and moving by late August early September.
  - Curriculum has been drafted and text books have been purchased.
- b. RMCC

- Working with RMCC to see best way to gather and report the data.
  - Have reached out to Legislative to answer questions on the secureness of data.
- c. Ambulance Service teaching EMT classes
- Law states that the Board should consider other educational facilities in the area.
  - Asks what the Board shall consider.
- d. TNEMESIS Data System
- This report was given by the EMS Data Manager Britnei Outland
- Have officially gone Live April 1, 2019.
  - 30% (majority are smaller direct entry agencies) submitting to the system.
  - About 6,700 runs within the system.
  - Still waiting for a larger vendor to fully implement. Once they are fully implemented the system will go from 30% to 70%.
  - Working on 4<sup>th</sup> schematron to assist with validation issues.
  - Begin to form CQI reports from the current data in the system.
  - Still preparing to have data at 100% in October 2019.
- e. Trauma Registry
- Trauma Symposium is scheduled August 8-9, 2019.
  - Trauma rules are still with Attorney General's Office.
  - Trauma Task Force meeting next week.
  - Trauma Registry implementation is underway with two facilities chosen to submit test data.

Being no other business at this time, a motion was received to adjourn and multiple seconds were received. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 am CDST.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 25-26<sup>th</sup> 2019.