



The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate public notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at <https://www.tn.gov/health/calendar.html>. **All reasonable attempts are made to include all items submitted up to one day prior to the meeting. Please note that items submitted within one day of the meeting are not guaranteed to have been timely reviewed and may not be able to be included.**

Members of the public wishing to comment on matters that are relative to this meeting agenda may submit written comment to the board's administrative office in advance or if attending the meeting in person, sign the public comment sheet located by the board room entry way.

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH RELATED BOARDS  
AMENDED MEMORANDUM

Date: November 06, 2023  
To: Dean Flener, Director of Communications and Media Relations  
From: Jeffrin Zachariah, Board Administrator  
Name of Board or Committee: Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners  
Date & Time of Meeting: November 07, 2023 - 9:00 am. Central Time  
November 08, 2023 - 8:30 am. Central Time  
Place: Iris Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Link to Live Video Stream:**

Iris Room November 07, 2023:  
<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/fb652eb2913947e3b2c4d45ba39eba931d>

Poplar Room November 07, 2023:  
<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/7c015660d860424984f36e6dfe83976c1d>

Iris Room November 08, 2023:  
<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/bf712ca272fc48ebbb6a014c8843da2a1d>

Poplar Room November 08, 2023:  
<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/2f018c3c7c5040829953a0ae434280b91d>

**AGENDA** \*The Board will recess for lunch from 12:00-1:00

**1. ELECTION OF OFFICER**

- a. Secretary

**2. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS**

**XRAY**

- a. Lynn Tillery-Pearson AMDX

**PHYSICIANS**

- b. Ismail El-Hamamsy, MD
- c. Allen Walker, MD
- d. Abdulrahman Rageh, MD
- e. Naguib Farah, MD
- f. Sharon Carson, MD

**3. UPDATE FROM DR. WILLIAM REEVES JOHNSON, MD**

- a. FSMB
  - 1. Reentry Workgroup
  - 2. Artificial Intelligence Meeting
  - 3. April 2024 Annual Meeting
- b. Interim Medical Consultant

**4. BOARD MEMBER EDUCATION**

- a. Pain Clinic licensure, inspections and discipline
- b. Chronic Pain Guidelines
- c. Top Fifty Prescribers list
- d. BME vs. Commissioner authority

**5. CHRONIC PAIN GUIDELINES UPDATE**

Dr. Christopher Stanley, MD, Director of Special Projects

**6. TENNESSEE PAIN SOCIETY**

The current implementation of the Pain Clinic Laws as they relate to the BME's authority over investigations referred to the BME

**7. CONDUCT NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss, consider and take action as needed on the following:

- a. Change in Federal Law - Portability of professional licenses of service members and their spouses
- b. Update on FARB Conference - Brittani Kendrick, Office of General Counsel
- c. Sending Medical Consultant, Executive Director, and Board Member to FSMB Symposium on AI, January 17, 2024
- d. Sending board member to Forum on Professional Regulation (FARB) conference – January 25-27, 2024, in Fort Worth, TX
- e. Sending board members and staff to FSMB Annual meeting in Nashville, TN April 18-20, 2024
- f. Joint taskforce with Board of Osteopathic Examination for Office Based Surgery
- g. Rules for Public Chapter 211
- h. Revision to Development Committee Policy
- i. Creating taskforce to review Chronic Pain Guidelines and make recommendations

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - 1. September 26, 2023, Development Committee meeting
  - 2. September 26-27, 2023, Board of Medical Examiners meeting
  - 3. September 27, 2023, Office Based Surgery meeting.
- b. **Ratification of new licenses and reinstatements of the following professions:**
  - 1. Medical Doctor\_MD X-Ray Operator\_Genetic Counselor\_Surgical Assistant
  - 2. Clinical Perfusion
- c. **Approval of Agreed Citations**
- d. **Departmental Reports**
  - 1. Office of Investigations
  - 2. Administrative Office
  - 3. Office of General Counsel
- e. **Ratification of Policies**
  - 1. Polysomnography Policy regarding applicants practicing prior to July 1, 2007

**9. UPDATES FROM TASKFORCE, COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS**

Consider and take action as needed:

- a. Office Based Surgery Committee-September 27, 2023 Meeting

**10. PRESENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS**

- a. **Consent Order(s)**
  - 1. Francis P. LeBuffe, MD
  - 2. Miguel Rodriguez Antonatos, MD
  - 3. Susan Webb, MD
  - 4. Judy Foster, MD
  - 5. Kevin Merigian, MD
  - 6. Jack Scariano, MD
  - 7. Zhiqiang Sun, MD
  - 8. Elmer Pinzon, MD
  - 9. Benjamin Kotinsley, MD
- b. **Agreed Order(s)**
- c. **Petition to Lift Restriction**
  - 1. Shelton Hager, MD
- d. **Contested Case(s)**
  - 1. Deborah Poteet-Johnson, MD
  - 2. Chawki El-Zein, MD
- d. **Informal Hearing**
- e. **Petition(s) for Order Modification**

**10. PRESENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS (CONT.)**

**f. Order(s) of Compliance**

1. Derron Allen, MD
2. Sarah Beth Bush, MD
3. Joseph Hensley, MD
4. Kevin L. King, MDX

**g. Hearing for Declaratory Order(s)**

**h. Final Order(s)**

**11. COMMITTEES AND TASKFORCE REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Development Committee
- b. Office Based Surgery

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Panel 1 Dr. McGraw, Dr. Anderson, Dr. Loyd

Panel 2 Dr. McLerran, Dr. Tillmanns, Mr. Diaz-Barriga