



**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
Regular Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

MINUTES

The regular board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners was called to order at 8:41 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Dr. W. Reeves Johnson, Board President.

Board members present: W. Reeves Johnson, MD, President
Melanie Blake, MD, Vice President
Charles Handorf, MD, Secretary
Neal Beckford, MD
John Hale, MD
Robert Ellis, Consumer Member
Phyllis Miller, MD
Deborah Christiansen, MD
Stephen D. Loyd, MD
Samantha McLerran, MD
Julianne Cole, Consumer Member
Jennifer Claxton, Consumer Member

Board member(s) absent: None

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

I. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Medical Doctor Applicant Interview(s):

Martin Strueber, MD - appeared before the Board with legal representation by Mr. Travis B. Swearingen. Dr. Strueber is an International Medical Graduate who has had no ACGME accredited postgraduate training, is not currently ABMS Board Certified, has taken no medical licensing

examination and has not submitted a medical school transcript that obtains the date the degree was conferred. Dr. Strueber has filed a petition for declaratory order in hopes the Board will grant him the ability to petition. Dr. Deborah Christiansen motioned to table the application up to six (6) months pending the outcome of the declaratory order. Dr. Phyllis Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Swearingen presented his request to petition for declaratory order. Dr. John Craig, a cardiovascular surgeon in Memphis, presented before the Board identifying the need for Dr. Strueber to be licensed to provide his specialty practice in Memphis. Dr. Christiansen motioned to accept the petition for declaratory order. Dr. Charles Handorf seconded the motion and it passed. The declaratory order will be heard at the March 2020 Board meeting.

William Winter, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Winter did not complete all three (3) steps of the USMLE within ten (10) years. He was participating in an MD/PhD program but he does not have a “verifiable and rational” reason for not having completed this task in a timely manner as required by Board Rule 0880-02.08(4)(d)(e)(3). Dr. Winter’s exceeded the ten (10) year timeframe by six (6) days. Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant licensure. Dr. Neal Beckford seconded the motion and it passed.

Steven Schlosser, MD – appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Schlosser has had public disciplinary action with three (3) medical boards in the past (California Medical Board, Colorado Medical Board and Maryland Medical Board). Dr. Schlosser outlined his disciplinary matters to the Board. The Board and applicant led a lengthy discussion on his telemedicine practice and history of Board actions. Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant licensure. Dr. Beckford seconded the motion and it passed.

Kenneth Smith, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Smith has been reprimanded by the Kentucky Medical Board and required to take a medical ethics course. The Board led a discussion with the applicant regarding his Kentucky reprimand. Dr. Handorf motioned to grant licensure. Dr. Christiansen seconded the motion and it passed.

Gregory Hale, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Hale has been disciplined by the Mississippi Medical Board for infractions related to prescribing controlled drugs and prescribing to a family member. Dr. Hale and the Board led a discussion regarding his prior disciplinary action, prior practice and plans for practice in Tennessee. Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant licensure. Dr. Beckford seconded the motion and it passed.

Eliane Haddad, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Haddad has been out of clinical practice since 2016. Dr. Christiansen recused herself. The Board reviewed their re-entry policy diagram. Based on her length of time out of practice, Dr. Haddad has three (3) options in order to complete the re-entry process: 1) achieve ABMS Board certification, 2) pass a SPEX exam, or 3) complete the PLAS assessment and reappear before the Board to discuss recommendations (if any) and how the Board wishes to proceed. Dr. Handorf motioned to table the application for six (6) months to allow time for the applicant to choose which one, of the three, re-entry options would best suit her. Dr. Stephen Loyd seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Christiansen recused.

Tamarin Larson, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Larson has been out of clinical practice since January 1995. She completed residency training in 1992 and practiced approximately three (3) years before leaving the profession to attend to family responsibilities. Dr. Christiansen motioned to table the application up to six (6) months for the applicant to review the re-entry policy, choose which PLAS program works best for her and to bring the results back before the Board. Dr. John Hale seconded the motion and it passed.

Christopher Frost, MD - appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Frost reports to only practice administrative medicine since 2016 on his reinstatement application. Further information provided by Dr. Frost suggests he has been practicing clinically but no clear evidence to support this supposition has been provided. Without proof of clinical practice within the last two (2) years he would be subject the Boards re-entry policy. Dr. Frost has had some experience with the Tennessee Medical Foundation (hereinafter "TMF") and may need further assistance from TMF. Dr. Frost discussed his prior experience with TMF and him entering noncompliant status. He reported that his travel and work kept him very busy and ultimately led to his TMF noncompliance. However, Dr. Frost reported he is currently in an active recovery process. Dr. Michael Baron, Medical Director of TMF, spoke in regards to Dr. Frost's history and based on that history reported he would recommend a conditional requirement to maintain TMF monitoring.

Dr. Melanie Blake motioned to grant a conditional license with a five (5) year monitoring agreement with TMF and with the contingency that he provides proof of clinical practice within the two (2) years prior to submitting the reinstatement application, loss in TMF advocacy would result in immediate suspension of his license and he must appear before the Board to petition for the lifting of his suspension. Dr. Samantha McLerran seconded the motion and it passed.

Lewis Friedlander, MD – appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Friedlander submitted an application for an initial license with several possibly incorrectly answered questions that he believes to be correct. Additionally, Dr. Friedlander has participated in a Physicians Health Program (hereinafter "PHP") in the past and was asked to contact TMF for an evaluation to determine whether he should be required to continue his participation upon issuance of this license. The Board and applicant led a discussion regarding his application answers. It was cleared up that Florida allowed him to withdraw his application and he was not denied a license. Dr. Baron reported that, he was lacking some information regarding his past treatment but it is minute considering he has been in recovery for over thirty (30) years. Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant unrestricted licensure. Dr. Handorf seconded the motion and it passed.

Farhan Adam, MD – appeared before the Board without legal representation. Dr. Adam submitted an application for an initial license. Dr. Adam has had "adverse action" during his LSU Residency for an allegation of unprofessional conduct, during his Meharry Residency involving a Veterans Administration (hereinafter "VA") Hospital as well as dismissal from a Fellowship program at Dartmouth Medical College due to deception. The exact circumstances for the VA action are not known as that information was not provided in the submission of the application documents. The applicant has had a discussion with Dr. Baron with the TMF and Dr. Baron provided the Board with a letter outlining that meeting. Dr. Adam provided his explanation of the sequence of events relating to the above concerns. Dr. Baron presented before the Board and explained what information he was unable to obtain but provided his overview of the information he did receive. Dr. Baron reported the unknown facts that occurred at the VA are troubling in this matter. Dr. Adam reported to his knowledge the VA information has previously been reviewed by the NH Board and Dartmouth during their investigations. Dr. Adam has already enrolled in Vanderbilt's boundary course which he will take in March 2020. Dr. Baron reported he could include the requirement to complete that boundaries course in his monitoring agreement if he should need to enter one. Dr. Adam reports he has been in psychotherapy counseling for about two (2) years. Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant licensure contingent on signing a two (2) year monitoring agreement with TMF. Dr. Loyd seconded the motion. Dr. Beckford and Dr. Hale opposed the motion. The motion passed.

Disciplinary Order(s) Order of Compliance

Omar Ahmad, MD – appeared before the Board with legal representation by Mr. Robert Talley. Ms. Francine Baca-Chavez represented the State. Dr. Ahmad petitioned the Board for an order of compliance

pursuant to an Agreed Order issued by the Board on November 19, 2014. The Agreed Order continued the suspension previously placed on Petitioner's license, when he was summarily suspended on March 27, 2014. The period of suspension was to continue until Petitioner complied with the recommendations outlined in Acumen's September 2014 forensic fitness to practice evaluation or until Petitioner obtained a forensic fitness to practice evaluation from another pre-approved entity and complied with the recommendations of the evaluation. In addition, prior to petitioning for the lifting of the suspension, Petitioner was to comply with the recommendations of his treating physicians, obtain advocacy with TMF and demonstrate compliance with medication and any other treatment recommendations for an extended period of time. Based on the information provided, including the Petition and statements of counsel, statements from the TMF, Petitioner's entering into a lifetime contract with TMF and the testimony from the Petitioner, the Board finds that Petitioner has satisfactorily complied with the requirements of the Agreed Order such that suspension of his license should be lifted and placed on probation for a period of five (5) years pursuant to the terms of the Agreed Order. During the period of probation, Petitioner shall maintain advocacy of TMF, cause the TMF to issue quarterly reports to the Board's Disciplinary Coordinator detailing Petitioner's compliance with the terms of the TMF contract, cause TMF to notify the Disciplinary Coordinator in writing of any violation of the TMF contract, be monitored for medication and treatment recommendation compliance by the TMF, comply with all recommendations of TMF, and immediately notify the Board's Medical Consultant if at any time, Petitioner no longer has the advocacy of TMF during the period of probation.

Dr. Christiansen motioned to grant lifting of suspension with terms that it will be a five (5) year probation, with lifetime TMF monitoring, with a graduated return to work plan as follows: for a four (4) month period he shall be restricted to working forty (40) hours in a two (2) week period and this will be monitored by a treatment team which will consist of a psychiatrist, therapist and worksite monitor. During the first four (4) months of practice, Petitioner shall cause monthly reports be issued by his treatment team to the TMF. Thereafter, Petitioner shall cause quarterly reports be issued by his treatment team to TMF. At the conclusion of five (5) years, and upon compliance with all of the terms imposed during the period of probation, Petitioner becomes eligible to petition the Board for an Order of Compliance lifting the probation on his Tennessee license. As part of his petition for an Order of Compliance, Petitioner shall appear personally before the Board. Dr. McLerran seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Consent Order(s)

John Manning, MD – did not appear before the Board nor did a legal representative appear on his behalf. Ms. Jennifer Putnam represented the State. Respondent was licensed on November 22, 2005 and that license expires on January 31, 2021. The Board received a complaint that the Respondent was prescribing non-controlled topical creams, ointments, gels, sprays and tablets via telemedicine without establishing a proper doctor-patient relationship. Respondent was formerly employed as a consultant for Telemedicine Corp. a telemedicine practice located in Hallandale Beach, Florida. Telemedicine Corp. utilizes a questionnaire that each patient completes and submits electronically. This questionnaire is then reviewed by a physician; a diagnosis is made and non-controlled prescriptions are issued without the Respondent physically examining the patient. From January 2017 to January 2019, Respondent prescribed 3,324 medications to 790 patients. The facts stipulated are grounds for discipline. This order shall reprimand Respondent's license. Respondent must pay two (2) "Type A" civil penalty for a total of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00). Respondent must pay all actual and reasonable costs of the case not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Dr. Christiansen motioned to accept the order of compliance. Dr. Beckford seconded the motion and it passed.

Stephen Treon, MD – did not appear before the Board nor was he represented by legal counsel. Mr. Peyton Smith represented the State. Dr. John Hale, Dr. Miller and Dr. Samantha McLerran recused themselves. Respondent was licensed on July 14, 1993 and that license expires December 31, 2021.

Respondent is an internal medicine provider and he owns and operates the Ocoee River Clinic (hereinafter “Clinic”) located in Copperhill, Tennessee. During an inspection of the Respondent’s clinic in June 2019, it was discovered that the cleaning, disinfection and sterilization practices at the clinic were inadequate. For example: Respondent failed to demonstrate that he had clean instruments or disposable instruments available for procedures requiring incision and debridement; Respondent failed to implement a consistent appropriate method of packaging and preparing used instruments for sterilization; Respondent failed to obtain an autoclave and there was not an appropriate location within the facility to safely and appropriately prepare the autoclave instruments. Majority of the alcohol based hand sanitizer at the clinic was expired. Respondent admitted that he uses alcohol to clean surfaces. However, alcohol is not an appropriate surface disinfectant. The refrigerator marked for medication only was being used to store medications and lab specimens. Respondent failed to demonstrate that he had a supply of clean tourniquets. Further, Respondent admitted to reusing tourniquets until they looked dirty, which could lead to exposing patients to blood borne pathogens. The facts stipulated are grounds for discipline. This order shall reprimand Respondents license. Respondent must obtain a certified infection preventionist to develop and maintain a comprehensive infection control plan that adheres to the minimum standards as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Guide. Respondent must submit the infection control plan to the Boards medical consultant within thirty (30) days. Beginning three months after the effective date of this order, Respondent must cause the certified infection preventionist to submit quarterly reports for one (1) year to the Board’s medical consultant detailing Respondent’s adherence to the infection control plan. Respondent must pay all actual and reasonable costs of this case not to exceed two thousand and five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). Dr. Christiansen motioned to accept the order. Dr. Blake seconded the motion and it passed with three (3) recusals.

Final Order(s)

Heather Smith – did not appear before the Board nor did a legal representative appear on her behalf. Ms. Tracy Alcock represented the State. This order was ratified by the Committee on Physician Assistants on January 10, 2020. In February 2019, Petitioner filed an application for licensure as a physician assistant, which the Committee considered at its meeting in July 2019. Petitioner had previously applied for and was denied a physician assistant license by the Committee in July 2018. Petitioner was invited to attend the July 12, 2019 Committee meeting because her licensure application revealed that she had been subject to disciplinary action against her California license, and she had convictions for alcohol-related offenses. Petitioner’s licensure application revealed that she had two convictions for alcohol-related offenses. In January 2019, Petitioner pled guilty to a DUI conviction in California, for which she was sentenced to sixty (60) months of probation. On or about November 15, 2005, Petitioner pled guilty to a DUI conviction in California, for which she was sentenced to three (3) years of probation. Petitioner was disciplined, with her agreement, by the State of California Physician Assistant Board in February 2017. That order revoked Petitioner’s license, with the revocation stayed and her license placed on probation for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, Petitioner was restricted from administering, prescribing or possessing Schedule II controlled substances and required to take certain coursework. Petitioner was accused of departure from the standard of care by prescribing controlled substances with regard to several patients, which formed the basis for the discipline. Petitioner was disciplined in CA, with her agreement, in June 2019. That order revoked Petitioners license, with the revocation stayed and placed on probation for an additional two (2) years in addition to the previously ordered three (3) years. Additionally, Petitioner was restricted from administering, prescribing or possessing Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances for the period of probation, with her being able to start prescribing Schedule IV controlled substances’ after one year, and required to obtain a Practice Monitor with quarterly reports during probation. Petitioner was accused of departure from the standard of care by prescribing controlled substances with regard to one patient, which formed the basis for the discipline. This order shall deny the Petitioner’s application for licensure in Tennessee as a physician assistant. Dr. Hale motioned to approve the order. Dr. Blake seconded the motion and it passed.

Continuing Education Agreed Citation

Dean Beach, PA – did not appear before the Board nor was he represented by legal counsel. Mr. Beach failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits. Mr. Beach has agreed to the terms of the order. Dr. Beckford motioned to accept the order and Dr. Handorf seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Marsha Mann with CE Broker - appeared before the Board due to this matter being tabled at their last meeting. Ms. Angela Lawrence informed the Board that ACCME does not have a contract with the State; however CE Broker does have a contract with the State. The Board led a discussion on whether or not they would like to utilize CE Broker as a CME manager for licensees. Dr. Handorf motioned to accept CE Broker on a volunteer basis. Dr. Beckford seconded the motion and it passed with one (1) abstention from Dr. Blake. A discussion was held about sending an e-mail blast and posting a notification about CE Broker to the Board's website.

It was addressed that, if a licensee were to use ACCME to record their completed CMEs, the licensee would have to print off the material to provide to the administrative office when requested.

I. Updates from Taskforces & Committees

a. Development Committee (Dr. Blake, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Beckford and Mr. Robert Ellis) –

- i. The Committee met January 13, 2020.
- ii. Definition of certification examination: review of re-entry diagram. The Committee feels as though the policy is good as is.
- iii. Discuss ways to obtain evidence of satisfactory completion of residency for International Medical Graduates: the best route is for the applicants to go through the declaratory order pathway.
- iv. The Committee will meet on Monday, March 16, 2020.
- v. Discussion on having the extra taskforces created meet during the Development Committee in order to limit the number of additional meetings held. The Committee and Board are in favor of this idea.

b. Advanced Practice Professionals Taskforce (Dr. Blake, Dr. Handorf, Mr. Greg Cain representing PA Committee and Ms. Leslie Akins representing the Board of Nursing) – The Taskforce met December 20, 2019.

- i. Dr. Blake presented the proposed rule revisions with the Board. The Board led a lengthy discussion on the proposed changes. The Taskforce will schedule to meet again to continue drafting the rule changes.

c. CSMD (Dr. Blake and Mr. Ellis) – scheduled to meet Feb 3rd.

II. Draft changes to competency licensing application questions

- a. Dr. Johnson presented the Board with the proposed application revisions. The Board led a lengthy discussion on the proposed revisions. It was suggested that one change be made. Dr. McLerran motioned to accept the application revisions proposed to include the one change suggested. Dr. Beckford seconded the motion and it passed.

III. Public Comment – Ms. Lawrence confirmed there is no one on the list for public comment.

IV. Discuss, Consider and Approve Consent Agenda

Dr. Blake motioned to accept the consent agenda. Dr. McLerran seconded the motion and it passed. The Consent Agenda contained the following:

1. Approval of November 12 – 13, 2019 Board meeting minutes
2. Approval of November 12, 2019 Office Based Surgery meeting minutes
3. Approval of November 13, 2019 Amphetamine Task Force Meeting minutes
4. Ratification of new licenses, reinstatement and renewals of Medical Doctors, MD X-Ray Operators, Genetic Counselors and Physician Assistants.
5. Review of Office of Investigations Statistical Complaint Report and Currently Monitored Practitioners Report
6. Review of Administrative Office Statistical Licensing Report
7. Review of the Office of General Counsel Report
8. Review and approve continuing medical education Agreed Citations – Andrew Brittan, MD, Cayawnta Smith, MDXL, Heather Boshers, MXRT, James Langdon, MD, Jessica McKissack, AMDX, John Bomar, MD, Kris Houser, MD, Rhonda Douglas, MX and Stefanie James, MDX.
9. Review and approve practicing on a lapsed license Agreed Citation – Colby Fredrick Javellana, MDX, Glenda Sholey-Homes, MDX and Emebet Melaku, MDX.

Discuss and consider course reapproval for RES

The Board reviewed the biennial request for course approval submitted by RES. Dr. Christiansen motioned to approve the biennial course approval request. Dr. McLerran seconded the motion and it passed.

USMLE Exceptions

Dr. Saunders explained to the Board that periodically the Administrative office receives requests for USMLE petitions for an exception. This exception is something the director signs off on which then grants the physician the ability to sit for one of the USMLE steps again. Dr. Saunders presented the concerns with vetting these requests because often times the physician would ultimately not qualify for licensure based on several factors. The Board led a lengthy discussion on this matter. It was ultimately decided that the administrative should continue to proceed as they currently are; whereas a physician that would not ultimately qualify for licensure does not need to be approved for the exception.

Request to send delegates to FSMB April 30 – May 2, 2020 Annual Meeting

Ms. Angela Lawrence, Dr. Renee Saunders and Ms. Francine Baca-Chavez requested to attend this annual meeting. The Board appointed Dr. Deborah Christiansen as the delegate of the Board for this annual meeting. Dr. Phyllis Miller, Dr. Reeves Johnson and Dr. Melanie Blake requested to attend this annual meeting. Dr. Handorf motioned for approval for the Board to send the three named staff and three named Board members to the annual FSMB meeting. Dr. Hale seconded the motion and it passed.

The Board concluded their Board Business for Day 1 at 5:01pm CST.



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**Day Two of the Regular Meeting of the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners
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Board members present: W. Reeves Johnson, MD, President
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 Samantha McLerran, MD

Board member(s) absent: Julianne Cole, Consumer Member

Staff present: Mary K. Bratton, JD, Chief Deputy General Counsel
 Francine Baca-Chavez, Deputy General Counsel
 Rene Saunders, MD, Medical Consultant, BME
 Angela Lawrence, BME Executive Director
 Stacy Tarr, Administrative Director
 Candyce Wilson, Administrative Director
 Mitchell Mutter, MD Special Projects Director

Presentation from Dr. Michael Baron, Medical Director of Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF)

Dr. Baron presented the following updates from TMF:

- He reports the TMF remained busy, and did not experience the typical decline in referrals over the last month or so. Also, many of the referrals they receive are mental health related rather than substance abuse. There are about 215 participants in contract with TMF at this time.
- TMF will be adding a screening platform as a tool to be proactive in physician mental health services rather than the usual reactive approach. The goal is to connect more physicians to the help they need, earlier in the process and hopefully before there is a need for a TMF referral.
- The Professional Screening Questionnaire (PSQ) has a tentative launch date of February 3, 2020. Stakeholders will help advertise this tool via links, e-mails and newsletters.
- The Commissioner of Health, Ms. Lisa Piercey, is aware of the PSQ tool and supports implementation.
- PSQ is not a crisis tool for anyone who is actively suicidal
- PSQ utilizes the Interactive Screening Program (ISP)
- It is projected that the TN PSQ resource will receive about 600 hits per year

- It is voluntary, confidential and anonymous and the outcome is completely driven by the user. This should address some of the fears involved in asking for help with mental or an emotional illness.
- After submitting the questionnaire, resources will be provided to include contact information for a therapist. If the user chooses to see that therapist the first six visits will be free.
- Dr. Baron requests to have the link available on the Boards website. Dr. Johnson requests to have the link available on renewal application as well as the website.
- Dr. Hale motioned to approve adding this link and information to the Boards website and other methods the administrative office can disseminate the information. Dr. Blake seconded the motion and it passed.

Office Based Surgery Committee meeting update by Dr. Beckford – the Committee met January 14, 2020 at 5pm CST. The Committee discussed a reasonable fee for assessing the applications. This fee is assessed every year, due to an annual renewal. It was determined that twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00) would be a reasonable fee. One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) will be given to the health inspection review and two hundred dollars (\$200.00) will be given to the administrative application review cost. At the next meeting they will discuss the need to have the plans reviewed before the work is done for level 3.

Amphetamine Taskforce – was scheduled to meet January 15th at 7:30am CST but they did not meet because they did not have a quorum. Dr. Christiansen presented proposed revised rules to the Board. Dr. Loyd requested to add the assessment of family history of substance use disorder. Dr. Christiansen reports this is still a work in progress but is close to being completed.

Petition for Order of Compliance

Dennis A. Velez, MD – appeared before the Board with legal representation from Mr. Todd Sandall. Pursuant to a Final Order issued by the Board on September 27, 2017, which placed Petitioner’s license on probation to run concurrent with the Missouri Settlement Agreement and lasting at least until November 12, 2019 and until such time as Petitioner complied with certain other terms. On November 12, 2019, the restrictions and probation imposed on Respondent’s Missouri license were terminated and his Missouri license was returned to full privileges free and clear of all restrictions. Based on the petition and statements of Petitioner, the Board finds that Petitioner has satisfactorily complied with the requirements of the previous order such that the probation on his license should be lifted and placed in unencumbered status. Dr. Christiansen motioned to accept the order of compliance lifting probation and moving the license to an unencumbered status. Dr. Miller seconded the motion and it passed.

Update on the Annual Compact meeting by Ms. Angela Lawrence

- Ms. Lawrence attended the latest annual compact meeting in Las Vegas and reported the following updates to the Board:
 - She was elected as a commissioner on the audit committee
 - The Compact will begin invoicing the Board rather than vice versa as it has been
 - The Compact added parameters to their application to keep people from applying who do not qualify

Vanderbilt Anesthesiology Program Presentation by Staff

Dr. Saunders informed the Board that Ms. Baca-Chavez, Ms. Lawrence and herself presented before the Vanderbilt Anesthesiology Program. This is the third year this presentation has been presented by staff. The presentation is about two hours long and provides an overview of important Board related

information. Dr. Saunders encouraged the Board members to let staff know if there are other programs/entities that would benefit from this presentation.

Public Comment – Ms. Baca-Chavez confirmed there is no one on the list for public comment.

Discussion on aiding dependent patients without an addiction history

Dr. Loyd proposed a scenario to consider where the patient has no history of dependence, no history of abuse but he/she became dependent after taking prescribed medications while recovering from surgery. When physicians struggle to help these patients minimize or eliminate the need for dependency it is often unknown how to truly help these patients. One avenue often taken is to send these patients to a treatment facility for their dependency where they are then labeled as addicts. Whereas, they aren't addicts, they are dependent and want to no longer be dependent. Dr. Loyd presented this scenario, which may often be the case for patients, before the Board for them to reflect on. It was suggested that this should be considered before the Chronic Pain Guidelines Committee.

This concludes the Board of Medical Examiners day 2 meeting at 9:43am CST.