

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Continuing Medical Education Committee

May 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Health Related Boards' Iris Room, 227 French Landing, Ground Floor, Heritage Place Metro Center, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Committee members present were Drs. Barrett Rosen, Keith Lovelady, Neal Beckford.

The meeting was being held in response to a question about the need to raise the CME requirement from 40 to some other amount of hours per renewal cycle. Dr. Rosen said his information indicated that the national average was about 30 Category I CME per year.

The Tennessee Medical Association provided the Committee with a survey which generally opposed the raising of the CME requirements.

Mr. Yarnell Beatty, General Counsel for the Tennessee Medical Association, addressed the Committee and outlined the requirements on a state-by-state basis and he concluded that Tennessee was in line with other states when it came to requiring Category I AMA hours. He indicated Tennessee's requirement of 40 hours of Category I AMA hours every two years is somewhat ahead of many states. He also addressed the costs of requiring CME.

Dr. Ali spoke in support of raising the requirements to meet the national average of 30 CMEs per year for a total of 60 per renewal cycle.

Dr. Beckford reminded the Committee that Tennessee was "average" and asked the question about why the BME should be content with being average.

The Committee decided to report back to the full Board that the Committee was in support of adjusting the CME requirement to 30 hours a year or 60 per renewal cycle. The motion was made by Dr. Beckford and seconded by Dr. Lovelady. The motion passed.

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 p.m.