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**TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**Office Based Surgery Committee**

**July 21, 2009**

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The meeting was called to order at 4:20 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. George Eckles, Michael Zanolli, Subhi Ali and Neal Beckford.

The Committee met to consider the request for waiver from Stephen Lazarus, M.D. from certain requirements relative to Office Based Surgery. Dr. Zanolli briefed the Committee on the activities of the Committee when it met in May 2009 relative to Dr. Lazarus' request. Stephen Baker from Healthcare Facilities was present to assist the Committee. Dr. Lazarus appeared before the Committee to discuss his request.

The Committee was provided with the following materials:

1. An email from Dr. Lazarus to the Board's executive director, Rosemarie Otto dated July 12, 2009;
2. A letter from Douglas S. Erickson, FASHE, CHFME, HFDP to Dr. Lazarus regarding life safety guidelines; and
3. A July 18, 2009 email from Dr. Lazarus to Rosemarie Otto, executive director.

The Committee heard from Dr. Lazarus regarding his request for waivers.

Waiver Request Number 1: Dr. Lazarus asked for a waiver from the monolithic operating room ceiling requirement.

Waiver Request Number 2: The second issue surrounded the width of a door in Dr. Lazarus' office. Dr. Lazarus provided the Committee with the measurements of all the doors in his office (as well as visual evidence showing a stretcher with arm rails up) to support his request for a waiver.

Waiver Request Number 3: This third issue was about the requirement for piped medical gas. Dr. Lazarus indicated that piped gases are never used and are not on the premises.

Mr. Bozarth "walked the board through" the waiver process. However, after consideration of the materials presented and the discussion had with Mr. Baker and Dr. Lazarus, the Committee recommended denial of the request for waivers.

The Committee adjourned at 5:25 p.m.