

MINUTES

TENNESSEE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

October 21, 2009

A meeting for the Board of Medical Examiners was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Health Related Boards' Iris Room, Ground Floor, 227 French Landing, Heritage Place Metrocenter, Nashville, TN 37243.

Members in attendance electronically: Drs. Barrett Rosen and Charles White, Sr.

Member in attendance: Ms. Regine Webster

Staff present: Shiva Bozarth, Deputy General Counsel; Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager; Sandra Powell, Board Administrator; Larry Arnold, MD, Medical Director.

A meeting was held to summarily suspend the medical license of Rodney Dunham, MD on October 21, 2009.

Mr. Bozarth opened the teleconference and informed the panel that in order to ensure all requirements are met to have a valid teleconference there are several formalities that first must be accomplished which would all require roll call votes. Drs. Rosen and White appeared by telephone and Ms. Webster appeared in person.

The panel was asked for a roll call to determine that each panel member heard the responses of all other participants. Mr. Bozarth informed the panel that the meeting was being held to consider the summary suspension of the medical license of Rodney Dunham, MD. A motion was made and seconded, followed by a roll call vote to determine that the committee wished to proceed to conduct the meeting electronically. A motion was then made and seconded, followed by a roll call vote to determine that the meeting met all requirements and was deemed necessary.

Mr. Bozarth made a brief opening statement and presented the notice of charges to the panel members for review. Dr. Dunham violated applicable laws relative to the practice of medicine by having sexual relations with female patients, prescribing controlled substances to one of these patients in exchange for the sexual relationship and prescribing controlled substances to non-patients in an effort to avoid having his sexual relationship with a female patient revealed to others. Mr. Bozarth then provided the panel with a copy of a proposed order of summary suspension. Dr. White made a motion to accept the proposed order of summary suspension in the matter of Rodney Dunham, MD to be

effective October 21, 2009. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rosen and a roll call vote was conducted in which all members voted yes.

Mr. Bozarth informed the panel that Dr. Dunham has a right to a hearing within seven days. The panel agreed to be available within seven days if needed.

Ms. Webster made a motion to adjourn the teleconference and Dr. Rosen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

These minutes were ratified by the Medical Board November 2, 2009.