

**Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners’  
Physician Assistant Committee  
September 18, 2009**

**Teleconference Minutes**

A teleconference for the Board of Medical Examiners’ Committee on Physician Assistants was held at 12:00 in the Health Related Boards Conference Room located at 227 French Landing, Ste. 300 Heritage Place, Metro Center on September 18, 2009.

**Members Present Electronically:** Jonathan White, Chairperson; Johnny Nowlin, Secretary; Glen Alexander, PA; and James Montag, PA

**Staff Present:** LaTonya Shelton, Administrator; Marsha Arnold, Unit Manager; Rosemarie Otto, Executive Director; Alison Cleaves, Deputy General Counsel and Mona Jean-Baptist, Associate General Counsel

A roll call vote was held to determine if the participants could each hear the responses of all the other participants. Ms. Alison Cleaves, Deputy General Counsel, addressed the Committee and informed them that the sole purpose of the teleconference was to reopen the rule making hearing regarding tamper resistant prescription pads in order to consider one of the three comments to the rules made by the Tennessee Medical Association. Mr. Alexander made a motion to proceed with the teleconference for that purpose and Mr. White seconded the motion which passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Alexander to proceed to conduct the meeting by determining the matters to be discussed met the following requirements: The subject matter requires timely action, the physical presence of all members was not possible considering the period of time required for action, and the participation by some or all of the members of the board by electronic or other means is necessary. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held to accept the motion and the motion was adopted unanimously.

After a brief explanation of the purpose of the teleconference, Ms. Cleaves turned the meeting over to Jonathan White, Chair. After clarifying that two of the three comments offered by the Tennessee Medical Association were previously considered and accepted by both the Board of Medical Examiners and the Committee, Mr. Alexander made a motion to reject the recommendation of the Tennessee Medical Association which would have more narrowly defined nurse practitioner than the proposed rules contemplated. Mr. White seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held with all members voting in the affirmative.

The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

**These minutes were ratified by the Committee on October 9, 2009.**