

Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board Minutes of Meeting on March 27, 2018

The Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board met in Conference Room F, on the 3rd Floor of the William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower in Nashville on March 27, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time.

Attending were the following members of the board:

Manny Belen (participated by phone)
Bryon Fortner
Nicole Shaffer
Bob Wormsley
Abby Sutton Carver

Applicants Participating by Phone:

Lanny Dale Brown – Fentress County
Shawn Mitchell Cordell – Sequatchie County
Eric Higgins - Sequatchie County
Anthony Dean “Tony” Roberson – Sequatchie County

Persons Participating by Phone

Anita Carnell
Rosemary Moody

Applicants Participating in Person:

Phillip Alan Littleton – Dickson County
Jo Blevins – Fentress County
William Todd Warner – Marshall County
Roger L. Hubanks – McNairy County
Timothy Mitchell Hill – Perry County

Others Participating in Person:

Rodney Carmical – Tennessee Highway Officials Association
Morgan Crocker – Tennessee Highway Officials Association
Dorothy Littleton – Dickson County - Visitor
Richard Smith – Attorney for Dickson County Applicant – Littleton
Harvey Smith – McNairy County Road Superintendent
Larry Smith – McNairy County - Visitor
Jerry King – Visitor
Sharon Connor - Visistor

Chairman Carver called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Central Time.

A motion was made by Bob Wormsley, seconded by Nicole Shaffer, and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes from March 7, 2018.

Chairman Carver reviewed statutory requirements and the board’s guidelines for certifying applicants.

The board proceeded to examine affidavits submitted for certification. The status next to each applicant’s name indicates the final action of the board. Motions for the board action were made and seconded by the members indicated. All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Previously Certified Applicants

A motion by Bob Wormsley was made to discuss all previously certified applicants and was seconded by Bryon Fortner.

A motion to approve all previously certified applicants was made by Bryon Fortner and seconded by Bob Wormsley.

- **Chester County – E. O. (Tiny) Carnell – Approved** (Fortner/Wormsley)
- **Dickson County – Richard Dean Neblett – Approved** (Fortner/Wormsley)
- **Johnson County – James Kenneth Moody – Approved** (Fortner/Wormsley)

New Applicants

Chester County – James Anthony Frix – Denied – (Wormsley/ Fortner)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Frix, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Chester County – Timothy Shane Harwell – Denied – (Fortner/Wormsley)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Harwell, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Fentress County – Jo Blevins – Approved – (Fortner / Shaffer)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Ms. Blevins, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Fentress County – Lanny Dale Brown – Denied – (Wormsley / Belen)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Brown, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Fentress County – Steven Albert Garrett – Denied – (Fortner/ Wormsley)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Garrett, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Hardin County – Daryl Allen Blount – Approved – (Fortner / Wormsley)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Blount, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Marshall County – William Todd Warner – Approved – (Wormsley / Fortner)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Abby Carver, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Warner, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

McNairy County – Roger L. Hubanks – Denied – (Fortner / Belen)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Mr. Hubanks' application was challenged by Mr. Harvey Smith. The board reviewed both the application submitted and the challenge. Based on the application submitted by Mr. Hubanks, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Perry County – Timothy Mitchell Hill – Denied – (Wormsley / Fortner)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bob Wormsley, seconded by Bryon Fortner.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Hill, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Sequatchie County – Norman Lee Christian – Denied – (Shaffer / Fortner)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Christian, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Deferred Applicants

Sequatchie County – Shawn Mitchell Cordell – Approved – (Fortner / Shaffer)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bob Wormsley, seconded by Bryon Fortner.

Based on the application and additional information submitted by Mr. Cordell, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Sequatchie County – Anthony Dean “Tony” Roberson – Approved – (Fortner / Carver)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

A motion to deny was made by Manny Belen but failed due to a lack of a second.

Based on the application and additional documentation submitted by Mr. Roberson, the majority of the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Yes votes: Fortner, Shaffer, Wormsley and Carver. **No votes:** Belen

Previously Denied Applicants

Dickson County – Phillip Alan Littleton – Approved – (Carver/ Shaffer)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Abby Carver.

Mr. Littleton filed additional documentation to the board in order to appeal the board's denial on February 7, 2018. Based on the application and additional information submitted by Mr. Littleton, the majority of the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

The motion to reconsider and approve Mr. Littleton's application was made by Abby Carver and seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

Yes votes: Belen, Shaffer and Carver. **No votes:** Fortner, Wormsley

Other Business

Anonymous Challenge – Steve Harmon – Sequatchie County

No action was taken on the anonymous challenge as the challenge was not notarized or signed.

Discussion of Changes to the Application and /or Guidelines.

Members of the board gave several suggestions for improving the application and guidelines. Chairman Sutton will prepare suggested documents for the boards review at their next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2018.

Since there was no other business before the board, Chairman Carver adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m. Central Time.

Submitted this 27th day of March, 2018.



Abby Sutton Carver, Chairman