

## **Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board Minutes of Meeting on March 7, 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 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Central time.

### **Attending were the following members of the board:**

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

### **Applicants Participating by Phone:**

Shawn Mitchell Cordell

### **Persons Participating by Phone**

Jerrie Hickey – Administrator of Elections for Sequatchie County

### **Applicants Participating in Person:**

Monroe County – Matthew Twain Cansler

### **Others Participating in Person:**

Rodney Carmical – Tennessee Highway Officials Association  
Morgan Crocker – Tennessee Highway Officials Association  
Steve Teague – Monroe County Road Superintendent  
Larry Valentine – Monroe County Assistant Road Superintendent  
Raymond Plemmons – Visitor  
Phil Axley – Visitor

Chairman Carver called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Bob Wormsley, seconded by Manny Belen, and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes from February 21, 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 Manny Belen.

A motion to approve all previously certified applicants was made by Manny Belen and seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

- **Fentress County – Guy Jeremy Roysden - Approved - (Belen/Shaffer)**
- **Robertson County – Dudley Troy Adkins - Approved - (Belen/Shaffer)**
- **Scott County – Clifton Dale Boyatt - Approved - (Belen/Shaffer)**

## New Applicants

### **Chester County – Windell Allen Beshires – Denied – (Wormsley/ Shaffer)**

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Bob Wormsley, seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

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

### **Sequatchie County – Shawn Mitchell Cordell – Deferred – (Wormsley/Belen)**

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Manny Belen, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Cordell, the board did not feel that they had sufficient information to reach a determination. Mr. Cordell participated by phone, and the board requested the applicant to submit additional documentation detailing his work experience. The board also suggested Mr. Cordell complete section 5 of the application and/or provide supporting letters from the City of Dunlap and the Sequatchie County Highway Department detailing his duties.

### **Sequatchie County – Steve Harmon – Approved – (Fortner / Carver)**

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Nicole Shaffer, seconded by Bob Wormsley.

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

## Previously Deferred Applicants

### **Sequatchie County – Anthony Dean “Tony” Roberson – Deferred – (Wormsley/Shaffer)**

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

Based on the application and additional documentation submitted by Mr. Roberson, the board was still did not feel they had enough information to reach a determination. The board requested that the applicant complete section 5 of the application.

## Challenged Applicants

### **Monroe County – Matthew Twain Cansler – Denied – (Lack of motion to reconsider)**

The motion to discuss Mr. Cansler’s application was made by Manny Belen, seconded by Abby Carver.

Mr. Cansler submitted additional documentation to appeal the board’s previous denial in order to be considered as a write-in candidate. Mr. Cansler was subsequently challenged by Mr. Steve Teague. The board reviewed all of the documentation submitted by Mr. Cansler and Mr. Teague. Based on the application and additional documentation submitted by Mr. Cansler, the board was still unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway construction and/or maintenance.

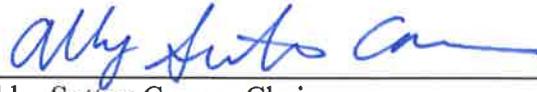
There was no motion made to reconsider and approve Mr. Cansler’s application. Therefore, Mr. Cansler’s application remains denied.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2018.

Chairman Carver encouraged board members to bring suggestions to update the application and guidelines to the next meeting.

Since there was no other business before the board, Chairman Carver adjourned the meeting.

Submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



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Abby Sutton Carver, Chairman  
Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board