

Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board
Minutes of Meeting on January 24, 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 January 24, 2018, at 9:00 a.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:

Cocke County – Ben Gay Hicks
Decatur County – Robert Lynn Montgomery
DeKalb County – Danny Lynn Hale
Hardin County – Steven David Cromwell
Johnson County – Freddie Darrell Reece
Sequatchie County – Eric Daniel Higgins
Wayne County – Charles Edward Moser

Applicants Participating in Person:

Fentress County – Joey Wayne Reagan
Hardeman County – Darren Gene Grantham
Pickett County – Christopher Michael Beaty
Pickett County – Jeffrey Malcolm Neal
Pickett County – Gary Wayne Young

Others Participating in Person:

Rodney Carmical – Tennessee Highway Officials Association
Morgan Crocker – Tennessee Highway Officials Association
Levie Glenn – Warren County Road Superintendent
Matty Beaty – Visitor
David Collett - Visitor

Chairman Carver called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Mr. Wormsley, seconded by Mr. Fortner, and unanimously approved to accept the meeting minutes from January 10, 2018, June 22, 2017 and April 13, 2016.

Chairman Carver reviewed the proposed meeting procedural guidelines for the board. A motion was made by Mr. Fortner, seconded by Ms. Shaffer, and unanimously approved to accept the procedural guidelines.

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.

- **Cumberland County – Stanley Lawrence Hall - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Decatur County – Robert Lynn Montgomery - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Dickson County – Jerry Lynn Burgess - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Dyer County – Jeffrey Wayne Jones - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Grainger County – James Wayne Renfro - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Grundy County – Johnny Ray Fults - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Hickman County – Ronald Jasper Coates - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Houston County – George David Dew - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Houston County – James D. Felts - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Johnson County – Freddie Darrell Reece - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Lincoln County – James Timothy (Tim) Gill - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Marshall County – Jerry T. Williams - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **McNairy County – Harvey Neal Smith - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Morgan County – Joe Henry Miller, Jr. – Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Perry County – Robert Lane Dedrick - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Pickett County – Jeffrey Malcolm Neal - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Robertson County – Willard Delvin Hester, Jr. - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Sequatchie County – Thomas Edward Sims - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Stewart County – Gary Neal Page - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**
- **Wayne County – Charles Edward Moser - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)**

New Applicants

Cocke County – Ben Gay Hicks – 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. Hicks, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway maintenance and/or construction.

Fentress County – Richard Joseph (Joe) Greer – Denied – (Fortner/Shaffer)

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

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

Fentress County – Joey Wayne Reagan – Approved – (Wormsley/Fortner)

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

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

Hardeman County – Darren Gene Grantham - Deferred - (Shaffer/Fortner)

The motion to discuss the applicant was made by Abby Carver, seconded by Nicole Shaffer.

The application submitted by Mr. Grantham was not complete. Therefore, the board requested additional documentation from Mr. Grantham.

Hardin County – Steven David Cromwell - Approved - (Wormsley/Fortner)

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

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

Pickett County – Christopher Michael Beaty - Approved - (Fortner/Wormsley)

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

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

Pickett County – Gary Wayne Young - Denied - (Fortner/Wormsley)

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

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

Sequatchie County – Eric Daniel Higgins - Approved - (Wormsley/Shaffer)

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

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Higgins, the board was able to clearly identify two (2) years of experience in highway construction and/or maintenance in addition to an engineering degree from an accredited school of engineering.

Sequatchie County – Timothy Lee Layman - Denial - (Wormsley/Fortner)

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

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

Deferred Applicants

Bledsoe County – Benny Tobe Smith – Deferred – (Carver/Fortner)

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

Based on the application and additional documentation submitted by Mr. Smith, the board was unable to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway construction and/or maintenance. The board requested additional information in order to make a determination.

DeKalb County – Danny Lynn Hale – Approved – (Fortner/Wormsley)

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. Hale, the board was able to clearly identify four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway construction and/or maintenance.

Challenged Applicants

Warren County – Larry Nelson Judkins – Approved – (Carver/Belen)

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

The board reviewed the additional documentation that was submitted by Mr. Judkins since the board's denial at the meeting on January 10, 2018. Mr. Judkins had been previously challenged by Mr. Levie Glenn. The board thoroughly reviewed and discussed the application, challenges submitted by Mr. Glenn, and additional documentation submitted by Mr. Judkins. The board ultimately determined the Mr. Judkins did have four (4) years of supervisory experience in highway construction or maintenance based on the board's definitions of highway construction or maintenance.

The motion to reconsider and approve the applicant was made by Abby Carver, seconded by Manny Belen.

Manny Belen, Nicole Shaffer and Abby Carver voted in favor of the motion to reconsider and approve. Mr. Fortner and Mr. Wormsley voted against the motion to reconsider and approve.

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

Submitted this 24th day of January, 2018.



Abby Sutton Carver, Chairman
Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board