

**Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board**  
**Minutes of Meeting on February 24, 2020**

The Tennessee Highway Officials Certification Board met in Conference Room B, on the 3rd Floor of the William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower in Nashville on January 7, 2019 at 1:05 p.m. Central Time.

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

Manny Belen (participated by phone)  
Bryon Fortner  
Nicole Shaffer  
Jessica Lim

**Applicants Participating by Phone:**

Robert Eldon Binkley – Cheatham County  
Ronald Pittman – Claiborne County  
Jeffrey Scott Wagner – Johnson County  
Joyce Holt – Lewis County  
Frankie Womble – Polk County  
Dennis Ferguson – Roane County

**Non-Applicant Persons Participating by Phone**

NONE

**Applicants Participating in Person:**

NONE

**Others Participating in Person:**

Rodney Carmical – Tennessee Highway Officials Association  
Ava Korby – Tennessee Highway Officials Association

Chairman Lim called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Central Time.

A motion was made by Bryon Fortner, seconded by Nicole Shaffer, and unanimously approved to accept meeting minutes from January 7, 2020.

Chairman Lim 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**

**Campbell County – Ron Mack Dilbeck - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Cheatham County – James Richard Hedgepath - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Cheatham County – Robert Dale Hester - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Claiborne County – Ronald Pittman - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Humphreys County – Randell Mark Woods - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Johnson County – Jeffrey Scott Wagner - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Lewis County – Joyce Holt - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**  
**Roane County – Dennis Ferguson - Approval – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**Smith County – Steve Edward Coble – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**Trousdale County – Billy Dean Scruggs – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**Union County – Frank Edward Bailey – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**Union County – Willie David Cox, Jr. – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**Washington County – John B. Deakins, Jr. – (Belen/Shaffer)**

**New Applicants**

**Cheatham County – Robert Eldon Binkley – Denied – (Fortner/Shaffer)**

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

**Lewis County – Richie Lynn Carroll – Deferred – (Fortner/Belen)**

Based on the application submitted by Mr. Carroll, the board noted several overlapping dates and requested clarification of dates.

**Moore County – Shannon Ferrell Cauble – Approval – (Fortner/Shaffer)**

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

**Moore County – Donald Charles Preston – Approval – (Fortner/Belen)**

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


**Polk County – Frankie Layne Womble – Denied ( Fortner/ Belen)**

Mr. Womble, who attached a copy of a diploma from Cornerstone Christian Correspondence School, failed to demonstrate he had “obtained a high school diploma or its equivalent in educational training as recognized by the state board of education.” The Tennessee Department of Education does not recognize Cornerstone Christian Correspondence School as a high school or equivalent in educational training because it has not been accredited by at least one of six regional accrediting agencies accepted by the State.

The next meeting date was not set.

Because there was no other business before the board, Chairman Lim adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Central Time.

Submitted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

  
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Jessica Lim, Chairman