

IN THE TENNESSEE BOARD OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT

IN RE: JUDGE MARK PATEY
GENERAL SESSIONS COURT,
MADISON COUNTY

File No. BJC-2026-03-45

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

This matter is before the Board of Judicial Conduct (“Board”) upon an investigation of Judge Mark Patey, General Sessions Court Judge for Madison County. At all times relevant herein, Judge Patey was subject to the provisions of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 10, the Code of Judicial Conduct. As such, Judge Patey is subject to judicial discipline by the Board pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated section 17-5-102(a)(1).

The Board has received information that Judge Patey is suffering from mental health issues that substantially interfere with the prompt, orderly, and efficient performance of Judge Patey’s duties. Therefore, the Board has determined that the public interest and proper administration of justice warrants suspending Judge Patey’s judicial authority, effective immediately, until further orders of the Board. *See* Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-302(a) (the board is authorized, on its own motion, to take appropriate action “in any case in which an active judge is suffering from a temporary or permanent disability, physical or mental, that would substantially interfere with the prompt, orderly, and efficient performance of the judge’s duties”); Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-103 (“This chapter must be liberally construed to accomplish the declared purposes and intents set forth in this chapter.”); and Tenn. Code Ann. § 17-5-301(b) (“The board is specifically authorized . . . to use, exercise, and enjoy any of the powers normally exercised by courts of record in this state.”).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Judge Patey is suspended effective immediately upon the filing of this order. During this term of suspension, Judge Patey is prohibited from exercising any judicial power or authority, including, but not limited to, holding court, issuing subpoenas, setting or resetting cases, issuing warrants, setting or changing bonds, administering oaths, or issuing oral or written rulings in any matter. This suspension shall remain effective until further orders of the Board. This order does not preclude, conclude, nor resolve any pending or impending matter other than the specific issue addressed in this order.

ENTERED this 15th day of April 2026.


Chancellor Jeffrey M. Atherton
Board Chair

FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE PANEL:

John Whitworth with permission MLD 4.14.26

Judge John Whitworth Date

Kimberly Black with permission MLD 4.14.26

Kimberly Black Date

Rodney Brown with permission MLD 4.14.26

Rodney Brown Date

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Marshall Davidson 4.14.26

Marshall L. Davidson, III Date

Disciplinary Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order has been mailed to the following:

Greg Mangrum
Attorney for Judge Mark Patey
1025 Oakhaven Rd
Memphis, TN 38119
on this day of April 2026.

by:

Kim Meador

MaryBeth Lindsey
Chief Deputy Clerk