

MEDICAL LABORATORY BOARD
PERSONNEL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: October 10, 2007

Time: 1:00 p.m., CDT

Location: Bureau of Health, Licensure, & Regulation
TN Dept. of Health
Heritage Place-Iris Room
227 French Landing, Ground Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Martha Duncan, MT, Committee Chairperson
Thomasa Cooper, MT
Norman Crowe, Independent Lab Management/Admin.
Yvonne Davis, MT
Alison McDonald-Spakes, CT
John C. Neff, M.D.
Trudy Papuchis, M.D.

Members Absent: Darius Wilson, MAT, Educator

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, MT, Director
Cheryl H. Thacker, MT, Consultant I, Administrator
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney

Staff Absent:

Presiding Officer: Martha Duncan, MT

New Board Member: There were no new board members.

Minutes: Minutes from the personnel and education committee meeting are presented to the entire board membership for approval.

Proceedings and Action Taken:

1. Call to order: With a quorum present, Ms. Duncan called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m., CDT.

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Ms. Armstrong reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the committee members.

2. Review Correspondence submitted to the administrative office concerning personnel and/or educational issues:

A. Revisit Temporary Licenses Rule 1200-6-1-.13

The latest rule change (May 2007) in the Rules 1200-6-1-.13(4) states the validity and duration of the temporary license shall be governed by Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) 68-29-117(d).

Ms. England expressed concern that although the length of the temporary licenses, (issued to those exam-in-waiting candidates) has been shortened to a six (6) month interval, employers are still unaware of the “process” for notifying the administrative office should a candidate fail an exam and be working in the laboratory.

Ms. England requested a paragraph be added to the temporary license stating the temporary license will become null and void should the candidate fail the scheduled examination. These temporary licenses are part of the laboratory employee’s file. The committee members agreed to this change in the document’s wording.

B. Clinical Rotation Site Approval

Ms. England informed the Committee the following certified training program(s) requested additional clinical training program rotation site approval:

1. MedVance Institute
Medical Laboratory Technician Training Program
1025 Hwy 111
Cookeville, TN 37247

Education Coordinator: Shirley Stark

a. The Medical Center of Franklin
1100 Brookhaven Road
Franklin, KY 42134

b. Monroe County Medical Center
529 Cap Harlan Road
Tompkinsville, KY 42167

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2. Austin Peay State University
Medical Laboratory Technologist Training Program
Clarksville, TN 37044

Jennie Stuart Medical Center
320 West 18th Street
Hopkinsville, TN, 42240

After discussion, the committee decided to table any action on these requests pending additional information from each program director. Committee members expressed concern with the volume of certain laboratory tests relative to student training. Staff was instructed to contact the program directors requesting this information and to ask for each director to appear at the January 2008 meeting.

Motion to Table: Mr. Crowe
Second: Dr. Papuchis
Approved.

3. Review files for eligibility.

The following files were presented to committee members for approval:

A. Kirstie Greenlee Brown-Greenville, TN 37445
Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

Ms. Brown is currently licensed as a medical laboratory technician. Ms. Brown is a 2007 graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a BS degree as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist. She is currently registered by ASCP as a medical laboratory technologist having successfully challenged this examination in August of this year. Ms. Brown completed the coursework required in a laboratory science education program (Rule 1200-6-1-22((1) (f)), previous to her BS degree from the University of Cincinnati.

After review of her file, it was determined that Ms. Brown had completed all the necessary requirements for an upgrade to an MT.

Motion: Dr. Neff
Second: Dr. Papuchis
Approved.

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B. Mi J. An-Chattanooga, TN 37416
Medical Laboratory Technologist

Ms. An's file was reviewed by the committee.
The administrative office referred Ms. An to TNPAP, however this agency determined it was not necessary for Ms. An to enter into a contract at this time.

The committee approved a temporary license until Ms. An could pass her national examination.

Motion: Dr. Neff
Second: Mr. Crowe
Approved.

Administrative staff then requested the authority to approve a "go to work" letter should Ms. An pass the examination.

Motion: Mr. Crowe
Second: Dr. Neff
Approved.

C. Christine A. Couch-Meridan, MS 39301
Medical Laboratory Technologist

Ms. Couch was educated and trained in the Philippines and possesses a BS degree, educational requirements, and training qualifications equivalent to those in the US.
She is registered with the AMT as a medical laboratory technologist. Staff recommended approval for licensure.

Motion: Dr. Neff
Second: Ms. McDonald-Spakes
Approved.

D. Anna S. Holder-Lafayette, TN 37083
Medical Laboratory Technician-General

Ms. Holder's file was presented to the Committee for review. The committee determined that if this candidate could provide the appropriate documents showing dismissal of the court events, a license would be granted.
The committee members recommended a letter be sent to Ms. Holder, that if there is ever a conviction on these matters she is to notify the administrative office immediately.

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Motion: Mr. Crowe
Second: Dr. Neff
Approved.

4. Review and Ratification

A. New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachment 1)

After Committee review, Dr. Neff motioned to ratify the new licenses and temporary licenses from July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007.

Second: Ms. Cooper.
Approved.

B. Reinstatements (Attachment 2)

After Committee review, Dr. Neff motioned to ratify the licensure reinstatements from July 1, 2007-September 30, 2007.

Second: Ms. Cooper
Approved.

C. Closed Files (Attachment 3)

After review, Dr. Neff, motioned to ratify the closed files from July 1, 2007-September 30, 2007.

Second: Ms. Davis
Approved.

5. Insufficient Funds

There were no documents for insufficient funds for committee review.

6. Rulemaking Update/ Jerry Kosten

Mr. Kosten made no report to the committee.

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7. Other Business

Election of Chair: 2008 calendar year.

Dr. Neff nominated Ms. Wilson for the chair of the committee for 2008.
Dr. Papuchis seconded his nomination.
Ms. Wilson was elected by acclamation.

Other Business/Clarification for Staff:

The committee discussed the plausibility of a Ph.D., Director applicant working with a temporary license and actually assuming all the duties incorporated with that license.

Staff inquired as to whether the “director of record” could cease making once a month visits to the laboratory, Rule 1200-6-3-.14(6).

It was the consensus of the committee that the “director of record” whose name appears on the laboratory license, must continue to fulfill those requirements of a once a month visit. An individual must possess a current active license as a medical laboratory director to become the “director of record” on a facility license.

Statement of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on January 9, 2008 at 1 p.m., CST in the Bureau of Health, Licensure, & Regulation-Iris Room, Heritage Place, 227 French Landing, Ground Floor Nashville TN 37243.

Record of Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m., CDT.

Motion: Dr. Neff
Second: Ms. Cooper
Approved.

These minutes were approved by the Board during the January 10, 2008 meeting.

**ATTACHMENT 1 Initial Licenses
July 1, 2007- September 30, 2007**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
07/01/07				
22028	Heck	Lacosta	Middlesboro, KY	Technician
21945	Kleineick	Katie	Kingsport, TN	Technician
22078	Hopkins	Megan	Rosehill, VA	Technician
21810	Kenworthy	Lauren	Memphis, TN	Technician
22070	Tarter	Sharon	NewMarket, AL	Technician
22042	Lansdell	Alison	Jackson, TN	Technician
22057	Yeary	Joshua	Ewing, VA	Technician
2052	Bailey	Barbara	Spring Hill, TN	Technician
22063	Steinhaus	Erin	Murfreesboro, TN	Technician
22037	Gatewood	Leann	Middleton, TN	Technologist-General
21900	Hinsch	Krislyn	Aumsville, OR	Technologist-General
22076	Yuan	Hongping	Brentwood, TN	Technologist-General
22060	Smith	Jerri	Memphis, TN	Technologist-General
22049	Gray	Jordon	Savannah, TN	Technologist-General
22071	McGough	Sharee	Cordova, TN	Technologist-General
22059	Lorenzo	Arlene	Middlesboro, KY	Technologist-General
21862	King	Charles	Hernando, MS	Technologist-General
22072	Rocha	Lisa	Corpus Christi, TX	Technologist-General
22090	Crossno	Korrin	Chapel Hill, TN	Technologist-General
22040	Bradley	Debra	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-General
22092	Williams	Amber	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
22036	Robertson	Adawa	Memphis, TN	Technologist-General
5928	Boshers	Darlene	Columbia, TN	Technologist-General
14430	Patel	Chhaya	Bristol, TN	Technologist-General
5639	Dager	Kay	Loudon, TN	Technologist-General
22048	Maxwell	Lisa	Walls, MS	Technologist-General
22043	Meadows	Craig	Washburn, TN	Technologist-General
22038	Jackson	Kelli	Herndon, KY	Technologist-General
19556	King	Christi	Elmwood, TN	Technologist-General
20062	Fine	Yvonne	Chattanooga, TN	Technologist-General
17883	Alana	Ariel	Sevierville, TN	Supervisor-General
6395	Walker	Linda	Strawberry Plains	Supervisor-General
20593	Chan	Sinyee	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor-General
7431	Adkins	Joy	Dickson, TN	Supervisor-General
14466	Gehl	Ann	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor-General
13996	Zola	Arleen	Hendersonville, TN	Supervisor-General
18001	Honea	Sona	Germantown, TN	Supervisor-General
22089	Kendrick	Terra	Nashville, TN	S.A. Cytotechnology
22085	Ganti	Ramapriya	Memphis, TN	S.A. Molecular Diag.

22086	Morgan	Jennifer	White House, TN	S.A. Cytogenetics
08/01/07				
21984	Sonley	Ca'Stanica	Clarksdale, MS	Technician
22064	Escalona	Maria	Seymour, TN	Technician
22020	Thomas	Jennifer	Springfield, TN	Technician
22032	Wiggington	Tiffany	Cordova, TN	Technician
21902	McFadden	Sara	Tazewell, TN	Technician
22100	Brown	Lacey	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-General
22104	Patu	Xin	Dover, TN	Technologist-General
22051	Grace	Catherine	Lauderhill, FL	Technologist-General
22081	Umphrey	Kimberly	Cordova, TN	S.A. Cytogenetics
13576	McCaskey	Gretchen	Bartlett, TN	Supervisor-Micro.
21951	Zinkovich	Lisa	Carmel, IN	Supervisor-Micro.
18136	Burke	Denise	Hixson, TN	Supervisor-General
22107	Washington	Edwin	Florence, AL	S.S. Cytotechnologist
09/01/07				
22093	Burns	Amy	Watertown, TN	Technician
22095	Cantrell	Mary	Portland, TN	Technician
22088	Chu	Amy	Cordova, TN	Technician
22082	Echols	Krista	Cookeville, TN	Technician
22083	Clark	Lisa	Memphis, TN	Technician
22109	Clinton	Robert	Barnardsville, NC	Technician
22068	Huddleston	Amber	Memphis, TN	Technician
21854	Newberry	Holly	Lafayette, TN	Technician
22021	Dyer	Misty	Algood, TN	Technician
21939	James	Karen	Gate City, VA	Technician
22106	Carter	Travis	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
22108	Gebhardt	Michael	Memphis, TN	Technologist-General
19641	Gittermann	Robin	Humboldt, TN	Technologist-General
21823	Hernandez	Julia	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-General
22084	King	Emily	Nashville, TN	Technologist-General
22001	Lynch	Candace	Montgomery, AL	Technologist-General
21276	McCool	Steven	Jackson, TN	Technologist-General
22114	Parker	Thresa	Germantown, TN	Technologist-General
21172	Suniti	Sinha	Germantown, TN	Technologist-General
22041	Sudlow	Fara	Collierville, TN	Technologist-General
19831	Timmons	Ronald	Woodbury, TN	Technologist-General
22105	Young	Elizabeth	Fishers, IN	Technologist-General
14941	Cobble	Amy	Newport, TN	Technologist-General
20914	Long	N. Gabriel	New Market, TN	Supervisor-General
7448	Hausler	Wilma	Chapmansboro, TN	Supervisor-General
5161	Hale	Jacque	Smithville, TN	Supervisor-General
19990	Graves	DeWayne	Speedwell, TN	Supervisor-General
20746	Fitzgerald	Peter	Knoxville, TN	Supervisor-General

**Attachment 2/Temporary Licenses
July 1, 2007 – September 30, 2007**

File Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
07/01/07				
22045	McCollum	Emily	Chick., GA	Technician
22069	Emamali	Timothy	Smyrna, TN	Technician
22077	Wissel	Gwendolyn	Antioch, TN	Technologist-General
08/01/07				
22117	Lawson	Patricia	Oak Grove, KY	Technologist-General

**REINSTATEMENTS
ATTACHMENT 3
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License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
0701//07				
19471	Morris	Regina	Horn Lake, MS	Technician
13325	Strickland	Kimberley	Corinth, MS	Technician
1967	Singleton	Sandra	Afton, TN	Technician
21235	Dicesare	Justin	Baxter, TN	Technician
18551	Downing	Nina	Hickory, NC	Technician
20028	Whitworth	April	Chattanooga, TN	Technician
5928	Boshers	Darlene	Columbia, TN	Technologist-General
14430	Patel	Chhaya	Bristol, TN	Technologist-General
5639	Dager	Kay	Loudon, TN	Technologist-General
13645	Cook-Pryor	Karen	Memphis, TN	Technologist.-Sup.Gen.
19989	Moliassa	Lindy	Knoxville, TN	Technologist.-Sup. Gen.
08/07				
18614	Carter	Joseph	Memphis, TN	Technician
5037	Mazeall	Sherry	Franklin, TN	Technician
19842	Griswald	Robin	Bristol, VA	Technician
21426	Harriman	Amanda	Watertown, TN	Technician
18229	Ashburn	Marsha	Crossville, TN	Technician
18884	Bilbrey	Jeremy	Murfreesboro, TN	Technician
10378	Ensminger	Laura	Kingston Springs, TN	Technologist-General
3962	Tyree	James	Winchester, TN	Technologist-General
19539	Taylor	Debra	Mount Juliet, TN	Technologist-General
9396	Meranda	Connie	Franklin, TN	Technologist-General
11506	Sherrill	Mitzi	Jackson, TN	Technologist-Sup.Gen
3448	Bennett	Billy	Columbia, TN	Technologist.-Sup. Gen
19204	Ethridge	Roy	Atoka, TN	Cytology-Supervisor
09/07				
18030	Barnes	Cynthia	Smyrna, TN	Technician
8234	Howell	Edwina	Memphis, TN	Technician
17832	Brooks	Julie	Tallahassee, FL	Technologist-General
7261	Caruthers	Jena	Tulahoma, TN	Technologist-General
6650	Chapman	Brenda	Eads, TN	Technologist-General
3407	Ware	Jerry	Tazewell, TN	Technologist-General
11173	Davis	Alison	Nashville, TN	Technologist-Sup. Gen

RETIRED LICENSES**ATTACHMENT 4****JULY 1, 2007-SEPTEMBER 30, 2007**

License Number	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
07/01/07				
13555	Walker	Melissa	Puryear, TN Friendsville, TN	Technician
21488	Toncray	Maria	Memphis, TN	Technician
77	Cammack	Betty	Jackson, TN	Technologist-General
1472	Johnson	Freeda	Elizabethton, TN	Technologist-General
2547	Church	Joyce	Clarksville, TN	Technologist-General
20505	Banasiak	Rhonda	Fredericksburg, VA	Sup.-General
11811	Sitzlar	Tammy	Arlington, TN	Sup.-Chemistry
5300	Gabrielson	Dale	Parsons, TN	Sup.-General
5125	Nichols	Joe		
08/01/07				
87	Binge	Herman	London, Ky	Sup.-Chemistry
9177	Richardson	Stacey	Memphis, TN	Sup.-General
17968	Taylor	Lisa	Southaven, MS	Technologist-General
1718	Kemp	Phillip	Carthage, TN	Sup.-General
4399	Heath	Linda	Elizabethton, TN	Sup.-General
21669	Franklin	Melanie	Jonesborough, TN	Technician
8304	Dyer	Deborah	Duluth, GA	Sup.-General
6029	Price	Deborah	Martin, TN	Technologist-General
19469	Thomas	Christopher	Ringgold, GA	Technician
13047	Bowen	Lana	Ooltewah, TN	Technician
09/01/07				
11271	Long	David	Crossville, TN	Technician
3204	Catfish	Karen	Kennett Sq., PA	Technician
4470	Coates	Frances	Nun Nelly, TN	Technician
18984	Jackson	Karma	Olive Branch, MS	Technologist-General
7083	Pressley	Doris	Southaven, MS	Supervisor-General
18790	Harvey	Sharon	Holcomb, MS	Supervisor-General