

**Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board
Personnel and Education Committee
October 19, 2016
Minutes**

Date: October 19, 2016

Time: 1:00 PM CDT

Location: Department of Health Licensure and Regulation
TN Department of Health
Metro Center Complex, Iris Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Drive,
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Kathleen Kenwright, Medical Technologist Educator,
Chairperson
Cheryl Arnott, S.A. Cytotechnologist
Tereyo M. Cox, Medical Technologist General
Michael Johnson, Medical Technologist
Stephanie Dolsen, Lab Supervisor
Patti J. Walton, Hospital/Lab Manager/Adm. Director
Mark Calarco, DO, Independent Laboratory Mgmt./Adm.

Members Absent: Royce Joyner, MD, Pathologist Educator

Staff Present: Lynda S. England, Medical Technologist Consultant,
Director
Nina V. Smith, Medical Technologist Consultant
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Deputy General Counsel, Office
of General Counsel

Staff Absent:

Presiding Officer: The meeting was conducted by Kathleen Kenwright,
Chairperson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM CDT

Introductions: The Board and staff made their introductions to the public
in attendance.

Proceedings and Actions Taken:

Review Correspondence: Personnel Issues:

**Review Initial Applications and/or interview applicants to determine eligibility
or remediation:**

1. **Jessica Clowers**
Murfreesboro, TN
37128

Application: Special Analyst-Cytogenetics

Degree: Bachelor of Science, Middle TN State University, 2010, Murfreesboro, TN

Training Program: Genetics Associates Inc., Cytogenetics Training Program
Nashville, TN, May 2016

Certification: ASCP, Technologist in Cytogenetics (exp. 05/31/2019)

Appearance: Ms. Clowers was asked to appear before the P&E Committee of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board due to certain disclosures in the application process. See Court Records.

File Status: All qualifying documents are present in the file

Motion to approve license: Ms. Arnott
Second: Mr. Calarco
License Approved.

2. **Rakesh M. Patel**
Johnson City, TN
37074

Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-Microbiology

Degree: BS, Sardar Patel University-Gujarat, India 1993

Training Program: Pramukhswami Medical College-Gujarat, India 1994

Equivalence: Bachelor of Science/ Medical Technology

Certification: AAB, Medical Laboratory Technologist-Microbiology (exp. 12-31-2016)
Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS)-General MT
College of Medical Laboratory Technologist of Ontario

(CMLTO)-General MT

Board Review: Trained outside of United States, but has practiced as a Medical Technologist in Ontario, Canada for 10 years. Applying for MT-Microbiology only, so that he can have more time to complete the chemistry and math requirements for licensure as a MT Generalist in Tennessee

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Motion to approve license: Ms. Walton

Second: Ms. Dolsen

License Approved.

3. Maribel J. Moralde
Chattanooga, TN
37405

Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

Degree: B.S.M.T., Central Philippine University-Iloilo City, Philippines 1997

Training Program: Central Philippine University, Medical Technology Laboratory Science Department-Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines 1997

Equivalence: Bachelor of Science/ Medical Technology

Certification: AMT (Exp. January 2017) Medical Laboratory Technologist

Board Review: Trained outside United States

File Status: All other qualifying documents are present in the file

Motion to approve license: Ms. Arnott

Second: Ms. Johnson

License approved

4. Amber Schaller
Cookeville, TN
38501

Application: Special Analyst-Molecular Diagnostics

Degree: BS, Shorter University, Rome, GA 2008
MS, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

Training Program: University of Alabama-
Birmingham-Cytotechnology, 2012
No formal Molecular Biology Training

Certification: ASCP, Cytotechnologist, exp. 12-31-
2018
ASCP, Technologist in Molecular Biology, exp. 09-30-
2019

Board Review: Ms. Schaller was asked to appear
before the Board to review her seven semester hours
in Molecular Diagnostics during her Masters in Clinical
Laboratory Science; to be used in lieu of the one year
of formal on the job training required to obtain a
Special Analyst license in Molecular Diagnostics
§68-29-118 (b)

File Status: All other qualifying documents are
present in the file

Motion to approve license: Mr. Calarco

Second: Ms. Arnott

License approved

**For future reference, the following criteria must be
met for a Cytotechnologist to obtain an additional
Special Analyst license in Molecular Diagnostics:**

- 1. Applicant must pass a national exam in
Molecular Biology.**
- 2. Applicant must be already licensed as a
Special Analyst in Cytotechnology.**
- 3. Applicant must have graduated from a
NAACLS approved Cytotechnology program.**
- 4. Applicant must have taken additional college
courses in Molecular Biology.**

**Reinstatement
Applications:**

Nothing to present

Reactivate Retired Applications:

Nothing to present

Review Consultant Approval and Ratification of Personnel Applications:*

New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachments 1 & 2)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of initial and temporary licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Reinstatements (Attachment 3)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of reinstated licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Closed Files (Attachment 4)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of closed files from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Retired Files (Attachment 5)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of retired licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Training Permits (Attachment 6)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of training permits from

*All licenses ratified with one motion.

Motion to ratify consultant approved new, temporary, reinstated, closed, retired licenses and training permits:

Ms. Arnott

Second: Mr. Johnson

Ratified: Initial Actions of Consultant

Review Correspondence: Personnel and Educational Issues:

- 1. Diana Riddle, MT
Southhaven, MS** Ms. Riddle appeared before the Board to discuss bypassing Rule 1200-06-01-.21 (1) (b) 2, for Medical Laboratory Personnel that states that to qualify for a supervisor's

license, a medical technologist must have four years of full time clinical work experience subsequent to qualifying as a technologist. She was licensed in Tennessee in 2015, but had 13 years prior experience out of state as a Medical Laboratory Technician. During the discussion, she revealed that she had passed national certification as a MT in 2006. The Board said if she could prove her national certification from AMT in 2006 and submit a letter from a prior employer that attested to four years work experience as a MT, Ms. Riddle could apply for a Supervisor license in Tennessee.

No motion was made.

2. Review documents submitted from ASCP BOC

The Board was presented documents sent from Patricia A. Tanabe, MPA, MLS (ASCP) CM, Executive Director, ASCP Board of Certification. The BOC MLS (ASCP) and MLS (ASCPi) Exam Content Guideline & Outline demonstrated that the ASCP and the ASCPi were the same exam, beginning January 1, 2015.

Motion to have counsel, Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, write a policy that accepts ASCPi as equivalent to ASCP and accepts it as a valid pathway for applicants trained outside of the United States to obtain licensure in the State of Tennessee: Ms. Walton

Second: Mr. Johnson

Motion approved

Administrative Revocation of License:

Nothing Presented

Rulemaking Up-Date:

Nothing Presented

OTHER BUSINESS:

Nothing Presented

Statement of Next Meeting:

The next Personnel and Education Committee Meeting will be January 26, 2017 and will begin at 1 PM CST in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243

Record of Adjournment:

With no other business before the Personnel and Education Committee to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm CDT.

Motion: Ms. Arnott
Second: Ms. Walton
Meeting Adjourned.