



Tennessee Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Committee

Monday, August 11, 2025

MINUTES

The Board meeting of the Tennessee Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Committee was called to order at 9:04 a.m. in the Poplar Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Candyce Wilson, Board Director on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Board members present: Catherine Terry, Consumer Member
Kari White, BCBA
Amanda Spiess, BCBA

Board member(s) absent: Timothy Cripps, BCBA
Jennifer Nesbitt- Decker, BCBA

Staff present: Candyce Wilson, Board Director
Katherine Trawick, JD, General Counsel
Regina Lewis, Board Administrator

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LEGISLATIVE OFFICE 2025 REPORT

PC 19 HB182 / SB171

As enacted, enacts "The Ink of Hope Act"; requires tattoo operators and tattoo artists to complete up to one hour of training on recognizing and reporting signs of human trafficking.

PC 22 HB229 / SB52

As enacted, extends the board of alcohol and drug abuse counselors to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 24.

PC 23 HB233 / SB55

As enacted, extends the board of osteopathic examination to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 9.

PC 24 HB234 / SB56

As enacted, extends the board of pharmacy to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 10.

PC 25 HB235 / SB57

As enacted, extends the board of physical therapy to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 13.

PC 28 HB247 / SB69

As enacted, extends the genetic advisory committee to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 5.

PC 29 HB257 / SB79

As enacted, extends the perinatal advisory committee to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 8.

PC 36 HB274 / SB96

As enacted, extends the Tennessee medical examiner advisory council to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 38, Chapter 7, Part 2.

PC 36 HB274 / SB96

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PC 41 HB281 / SB106

As enacted, extends the traumatic brain injury advisory council to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 55.

PC 42 HB404 / SB393

As enacted, extends the professional music therapy advisory committee of the board of examiners in psychology to June 30, 2027. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 11.

PC 43 HB232 / SB54

As enacted, extends the board of occupational therapy to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 63, Chapter 13.

PC 45 HB192 / SB282

As enacted, enacts the "Individualized Investigational Treatment Act." Outlines a patient's right to seek treatment with an individualized investigational treatment and that a healthcare provider is protected against disciplinary action taken by the licensing board based solely on the provider's recommendation regarding access or treatment with an individualized investigational treatment - Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 63. - Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 63.

*PC 46 HB111 / SB1283

As enacted, adds Hepatitis C to the list of serological tests run at the time of the first examination for pregnant women. Removes Hepatitis B and adds a second Syphilis screening for all pregnant women between the 28th and 32nd week of gestation. Also, adds a third Syphilis screening for all pregnant women at the time of delivery.

PC 48 HB227 / SB49

As enacted, extends the advisory committee for children's special services to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 12.

PC 50 HB255 / SB77

As enacted, extends the medical cannabis commission to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 7.

PC 53 HB271 / SB93

As enacted, extends the Tennessee emergency medical services board to June 30, 2029. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3.

PC 56 HB383 / SB 744

As enacted, directs the commissioner of health to, on or before July 1, 2025, add alpha-gal syndrome to the department of health's published list of reportable diseases and conditions, the occurrence of which must be reported to the department by a healthcare provider pursuant to existing administrative rule. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 59 HB186 / SB174

As enacted, requires the board of medical examiners to register an applicant as a registered surgical assistant if the applicant maintains current credentials as a surgical assistant issued by the American Board of Surgical Assistants and satisfies other necessary requirements; removes December 31, 2019, as the deadline by which an applicant for registration as a surgical assistant must register with the board in order to be registered on the basis of certain practical experience. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 6.

PC 65 HB584 / SB515

As enacted, extends by four years to June 30, 2029, the current 125-bed limitation on the number of new nursing home beds for which the health facilities commission may issue a certificate of need per fiscal year. - Amends TCA Section 68-11-1619.

PC 68 HB693 / SB569

As enacted, makes certain changes to the practice of pharmacy, including removing the present prohibition on requiring a patient to pay an administrative fee for pharmacist-provided hormonal contraceptives when the patient is insured or covered and receives a pharmacy benefit that covers the cost of the hormonal contraceptives. - Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 10; Title 56, Chapter 32 and Title 63, Chapter 10.

PC 69 HB1226 / SB669

As enacted, deletes all references to the world health organization; requires a pandemic to be declared by the federal centers for disease and prevention control, rather than the world health organization, with a subsequent declaration of a state of emergency by the governor for the governor to have exclusive jurisdiction to issue executive orders and directives related to the pandemic until the pandemic ceases to exist. - Amends TCA Title 7 and Title 68.

PC 76 HB62 / SB224

As enacted, authorizes athletic trainers to use dry needling to carry out the practice of prevention, recognition, evaluation, management, disposition, treatment, or rehabilitation of athletic injuries; requires the board of athletic trainers to establish minimum competency requirements for an athletic trainer to demonstrate in order to practice dry needling. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 63

PC 79 HB102 / SB1267

As enacted, changes from 21 to 18 the age at which certain adoption records must be made available to certain adopted persons; makes various other changes regarding adoption records. - Amends TCA Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1.

PC 81 HB107 / SB1287

As enacted, removes the requirement that a parent or caretaker enter a personal responsibility plan that requires a child to attend school and receive immunizations and health checks; removes certain requirements for a parent or caretaker regarding personal responsibility plans; removes a 20 percent reduction in temporary assistance payments for failure to comply with certain personal responsibility plan requirements. - Amends TCA Title 71.

PC 94 HB321 / SB329

As enacted, requires each department, agency, office, commission, institution, or instrumentality of the executive branch to accept electronic transmissions; defines the meaning of electronic transmission as applicable to this state's code; removes the terms "fax" or "facsimile" in certain statutes and replaces the terms with electronic transmission.

PC 96 HB395 / SB318

As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Genomic Security and End Organ Harvesting Act." - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 68.

PC 99 HB572 / SB575

As enacted, requires all hospitals and birthing centers to provide information on post-birth warning signs, including symptoms and resources, to a mother and, if possible, to the mother's caregiver or at least one of the mother's family members prior to discharge following a birth; requires the department to provide all hospitals and birthing centers with information on post-birth warning signs, including symptoms and resources, and to have the information available on the department's website. - Amends TCA Title 68.

PC 100 HB657 / SB619

As enacted, allows a healthcare provider to petition a relevant board after completing a peer assistance or treatment program contract to remove information from the public-facing licensure verification website regarding the adverse action and the order by the relevant board after five years from the completion date of that program or contract indicated in such order; authorizes the division of health related boards to promulgate rules to effectuate such petition process. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 108 HB1157 / SB1031

As enacted, enacts the "Restore Trust in Public Health Messaging Act." prohibits the Department of Health, the commissioner of the Department of Health, any employee or agent of the Department or a local health department, and any member of the state executive branch from promoting, distributing or endorsing information that conflicts with or does not accurately reflect the federal

Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approved or FDA-authorized label for said drug product - Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 68.

PC 116 HB155 / SB668

As enacted, removes the limitation that a death must have been anticipated for a registered nurse to make the actual determination and pronouncement of death if a deceased was a patient or resident at a nursing home, hospital, or assisted-care living facility. - Amends TCA Title 68

PC118 HB821 / SB707

As enacted, specifies that a prospective purchaser of tobacco, smoking hemp, vapor products, or smokeless nicotine products must produce proof of age prior to the sale being made; increases from 30 to 50 years the apparent age above which a seller is not required to demand presentation of proof of age. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17 and Title 43, Chapter 27.

PC 125 HB1074 / SB1063

As enacted, removes the requirement that a provider notify a patient of communication between the provider and a health insurance entity or healthcare facility concerning additional information needed to process a prior authorization request for the patient; removes the requirement that an utilization review agent notify the enrollee and the provider or healthcare facility when additional information is needed from the enrollee, provider, or healthcare facility to make a determination on the request for prior authorization. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 63, Chapter 1.

*PC 127 HB1311 / SB1284

As enacted, removes requirement that a license issued by a health related board be signed by members of the board prior to such issuance; authorizes the presiding officer to divide the board into panels to conduct contested case hearings or disciplinary matters; includes patient billing records as part of the medical and practice records that providers must make available for inspection upon the department's request; clarifies that identifying information of certain parties to a contested case hearing involving disciplinary charges filed against a provider must only be produced by the provider in response to a subpoena from a law enforcement agency. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 63 and Title 68

PC 128 HB113 / SB1290

As enacted, makes permanent the exclusion of narcotic testing equipment used to determine whether a controlled substance contains a synthetic opioid, unless the narcotic testing equipment is possessed for purposes of the commission of a drug offense, from the definition of drug paraphernalia; removes the July 1, 2025, repeal date for that exclusion. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-402.

PC 139 HB363 / SB462

As enacted, designates the month of November as "Diabetes Awareness Month." - Amends TCA Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 1.

PC 144 HB498 / SB321

As enacted, creates the advisory task force on state reimbursement rates to make recommendations on annual adjustments to the reimbursement rates paid to agencies that perform healthcare functions and services, the purpose of which is to ensure such reimbursement rates are adequate. - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 62 and Title 63.

PC 147 HB702 / SB267

As enacted, clarifies that an additional license for a collection station is not required, without regard to where specimens are transported, as long as the medical laboratory owner of the licensed medical laboratory retains ownership of the medical laboratory and oversight of the collection station. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 29.

PC 172 HB515 / SB680

As enacted, requires an LEA and public charter school that provides parents or guardians of K-12 students with information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to include information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes published by the department of education; directs the department, in cooperation with the department of health, to publish and make available to LEAs and public charter schools for free on its website certain information about Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 68.

PC 196 HB843 / SB1198

As enacted, declares Perry County Community Hospital in Linden and Decatur County General Hospital in Parsons to be necessary providers for the purpose of critical access hospital designation eligibility in accordance with Section 1820 of the Social Security Act. - Amends TCA Title 68.

PC 204 HB959 / SB789

As enacted, changes the term "temporary license" to "associate license" for a marriage and family therapist who has completed the academic coursework and training required for the license and who has successfully passed the examination required by the board; redefines an approved supervisor for marital therapy and counseling services to no longer include a board-approved marriage and family supervisor; redefines the exemptions to current law for professional counselors and marital and family therapists. - Amends TCA Title 33 and Title 63.

PC 209 HB830 / SB299

As enacted, changes the qualifications for membership on the medical cannabis commission to include a patient caregiver and a subject matter expert with knowledge of how cannabis is cultivated, processed, shipped, distributed, or prescribed for medical use; specifies that the recommendations made by the commission to the general assembly may include policy recommendations. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 68, Chapter 7.

PC 212 HB373 / SB497

As enacted, requires a tattoo artist's signature on this state's tattoo apprenticeship completion application to signify that the apprentice artist under the tattoo artist's training has met the necessary requirements to become licensed in this state; permits tattoo artists who have been licensed in this state for fewer than three years but licensed in another state for 10 years or more to train an apprentice artist. - Amends TCA Title 62 and Title 68.

PC 213 HB510 / SB554

As enacted, enacts the "Tennessee Physician Workforce Information Act." Requires the Department of Health to contact qualified medical organizations in Tennessee and request information on challenges, opportunities, and solutions related to physician workforce sustainability, including burnout, policy needs, training, access to care, and national trends. Amends TCA Title 4; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 217 HB990 / SB1004

As enacted, creates definitions for "inevitable abortion" and "serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function" providing more clarity to physicians in determining when a condition could qualify for an abortion to be performed that is not considered criminal - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 9; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 53; Title 56; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

PC 222 HB203 / SB332

As enacted, requires the board of nursing to develop a survey to collect information regarding Nurse Practitioners including specialty, collaborating physician relationship, and practice site location. Creates an annual report of the aggregated, de-identified data collected from the survey. The report shall be submitted on or before December 31 to the chair of the health and welfare committee of the senate and the chair of the committee of the house of representatives with jurisdiction over health-related matters Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 14; Title 29; Title 33; Title 37; Title 39; Title 53; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

PC 228 HB896 / SB880

As enacted, prohibits a state agency from disseminating, proposing, or finalizing any regulatory action for a substance, mixture, or chemical related to drinking water, water pollution control, hazardous substances, contaminated site remediation, air quality, or solid or hazardous waste handling unless the regulatory action is based upon the best available peer-reviewed scientific and technical information. Clarifies this does not apply to any rule of the department of agriculture, the department of health, any rule required by federal law, or any rule that is the substantive equivalent to a federal regulation. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 5.

PC 232 HB466 / SB1385

As enacted, requires a medical laboratory supervisor to be readily available for consultations during all hours when tests are performed; prohibits a medical laboratory supervisor from being required to be on laboratory premises. - Amends TCA Title 68.

PC 247 HB533 / SB449

As enacted, enacts the "Fertility Treatment and Contraceptive Protection Act." Outlines protections for fertility treatment and contraception - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 261 HB960 / SB849

As enacted, directs the department of health to collaborate with an organization in this state that is approved by the board of medical examiners and board of osteopathic examination, and the board of medical examiners, the board of examiners in psychology respectively and accredited as a sponsor of continuing education to create or identify a continuing education program for the purpose of providing healthcare professionals licensed pursuant to this chapter with information or training relative to maternal mental health.

PC 263 HB1141 / SB882

As enacted, adds that the governor's appointee for the health facilities commission who is a representative of the assisted-care living facility industry may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested groups, including the Tennessee Center for Assisted Living. - Amends TCA Title 68.

PC 266 HB1044 / SB955

As enacted, creates the "Medical Ethics Defense Act." Grants healthcare providers the legal right to decline to participate in or fund any healthcare procedure, treatment, or service that violates their conscience. - Amends TCA Title 63.

PC 272 HB1349 / SB1146

As enacted, requires the medical examiner's office to ascertain and document current drug use, including psychotropic drugs, by a deceased individual who committed a mass shooting; directs the University of Tennessee's health science center to study drug interactions between the psychotropic drugs and any other drugs present in the deceased individual's system; requires the department of health to disclose the psychotropic drug use of the individual to the public upon request. - Amends TCA Title 38; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 278 HB37 / SB428

As enacted, authorizes an insurer, for purposes of group insurance plans offered to state employees, to adopt or amend a state preferred drug list (PDL); requires the insurer to ensure that reimbursement is provided to a healthcare prescriber or hospital that provides a non-opioid treatment to a covered employee under the group insurance plan. - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

PC 286 HB731 / SB908

As enacted, specifies that the Tennessee One Health Committee is a governing body under the open meetings act; requires meetings of the committee to be open to the public. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 5; Title 8, Chapter 44; Title 43, Chapter 1; Title 58; Title 68, Chapter 1 and Title 70.

PC 294 HB1237 / SB1235

As enacted, prohibits the exclusion of persons from membership on state regulatory and health-related boards on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, and national origin; prohibits such boards from establishing or operating under race-based policies pertaining to their composition; creates a private cause of action against a board and its officers, employees, and agents for such practices; removes requirement that appointing authorities strive to ensure certain boards and commissions are represented by members of racial minorities. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 9; Title 62; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 295 HB1239 / SB421

As enacted, authorizes certain prescribing physician assistants and nurse practitioners to prescribe buprenorphine products for the treatment of opioid use disorder when the physician assistant or nurse practitioner is employed by or contracts with a state correctional facility or county or municipal jail, and certain other conditions are met. - Amends TCA Title 33; Title 41; Title 53 and Title 63.

PC 304 HB164 / SB128

As enacted, allows chiropractic physicians to engage in the practice of animal chiropractic and apply to the board for a certification to perform animal chiropractic if they meet certain requirements. It also allows the performance of animal chiropractic by a licensed veterinarian. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 63.

PC 317 HB1203 / SB359

As enacted, authorizes the board of medical examiners and board of osteopathic examination to issue a license subject to a private advocacy order which requires the applicant to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the board; designates private advocacy orders as confidential and not public records, as long as the provider does not fail to maintain participation in the peer assistance program and requires the initiation of disciplinary proceedings by the board. - Amends TCA Title 63.

PC 324 HB968 / SB763

As enacted, requires the department of revenue to maintain a directory on its website that lists all vapor products certified as authorized to be sold in this state; levies a privilege tax of seven cents per milliliter of consumable material contained in a closed-system vapor product; levies a privilege tax at the rate of 10 percent of the wholesale cost price on vapor products.

PC 339 HB495 / SB606

As enacted, rewrites the fee limits for a party requesting a patient's medical record in either paper or electronic format from a provider or the provider's third-party release of information provider. - Amends TCA Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 346 HB760 / SB817

As enacted, authorizes a healthcare practitioner to prescribe and a pharmacist to dispense a prescribed, bronchodilator rescue inhaler to an authorized entity to be administered to a person believed to be experiencing asthma symptoms or respiratory distress in an emergency situation, under a standing protocol from the healthcare practitioner; encourages schools in LEAs and public charter schools to keep bronchodilator rescue inhalers to be administered to students believed to be having asthma symptoms or in respiratory distress in an emergency situation. - Amends TCA Title 49; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 347 HB826 / SB895

As enacted, outlines parental consent regarding medical treatment and video or voice recording of children on school property, as well as absences from school due to religious holidays- Amends TCA Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 49; Title 63 and Title 68.

PC 360 HB885 / SB212

As enacted, expands the requirement that state and local governing bodies make an agenda available to the public prior to regular public meetings of the body to include the governing bodies of certain nonprofit organizations, including nonprofit community organizations that receive federal funding, nonprofit organizations that receive community grant funds from this state or certain funding from local governments, nonprofit organizations created for the benefit of local governments, and nonprofit organizations that provide the metropolitan government of Nashville/Davidson County with certain utility services; requires, rather than permits, such governing bodies that maintain a website to post the agenda to the website. - Amends TCA Section 8-44-110

PC 361 HB318 / SB263

As enacted, prohibits the enforcement and recognition of requirements or mandates issued by the World Health Organization, United Nations, or World Economic Forum in this state or its political subdivisions. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4.

PC 386 HB1180 / SB1005

As enacted, allows petitioners to include all children in one adoption or termination of parental rights petition if the petitioners are seeking to adopt more than one child at the same time and the children are siblings who share at least one biological parent, unless the court issues a written order finding that it is in the best interest of the children that separate petitions be filed; specifies that the clerk of court shall charge only one filing fee for such a petition. - Amends TCA Title 18; Title 36 and Title 37.

PC390 HB1355 / SB1052

As enacted, specifies that a biological father or alleged biological father who makes token financial support to or for the benefit of a child or the child's mother during the pregnancy or when the mother had physical custody of the child is not a putative father; makes various other changes regarding final orders of adoption. Adds to the list of persons a healthcare provider can get informed consent from before vaccinating a minor to include biological, legal, adoptive parent, potential adoptive parent or individual granted medical decision-making authority over a child under state law - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 63.

PC 392 HB1293 / SB1114

As enacted, deletes the automatic repeal on July 1, 2025, of a provision that authorizes records custodians to seek an injunction against a person who makes requests to view or copy public records with the intent to disrupt government operations. - Amends TCA Title 10, Chapter 7, Part 5.

PC 393 HB1356 / SB1116

As enacted, allows the Department of Children's Services to access sealed adoption records for the purposes of kinship foster placement. - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 68

PC 397 HB1357 / SB1239

As enacted, Creates the Tennessee task force to end childhood hunger with the purpose of developing an action plan for ending childhood hunger. The task force shall recommend a strategic action plan to guide the administration and general assembly. - Amends TCA Title 36 and Title 37.

*PC 400 HB1310 / SB1282

As enacted, deletes present laws pertaining to rented premises unfit for habitation and quick fast food establishment delivery vehicles; removes the statutorily set permit fees to operate food service establishments and requires such permit fees to be set by rule; makes other revisions to present laws pertaining to food service and safety. - Amends TCA Section 53-8-103; Title 68, Chapter 110; Title 68, Chapter 111; Title 68, Chapter 14 and Title 68, Chapter 15.

PC 404 HB1242 / SB1414

As enacted, expands provisions prohibiting discrimination against 340B entities that are covered entities participating in the federal 340B drug discount program under section 340B of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 256b. - Amends TCA Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 56

HJR120 Urges Department of Health to implement voluntary reporting system for Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease cases.

HB923 / SB1084

As enacted, enacts the "Dismantling DEI Departments Act." Prohibits a department, agency, or other unit of state government from use of a discriminatory preference in an effort to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion or establish or maintain an office, division, or department for such purposes. Sets exemptions for public health, medical research, or disease prevention programs - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 49, Chapter 7.

HB622 / SB1083F

As enacted, enacts the "Dismantle DEI Act," which prohibits local governments and public institutions of higher education from basing hiring decisions on any metrics that consider an applicant's race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or hiring a particular candidate to achieve any goals to increase diversity, equity, or inclusion in the workplace. - Amends TCA Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 49.

HB1330 / SB1316

As introduced, enacts the "Less is More Act of 2025." - Amends TCA Title 4; Title 8; Title 20; Title 33; Title 38; Title 40; Title 52; Title 55; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68; Title 70 and Title 76.

HB132 / SB396

As enacted, limits the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor to 30 days; authorizes the general assembly to terminate, extend, or renew a state of emergency by joint resolution; establishes an ad hoc legislative council to extend a state of emergency during the interim between legislative sessions. - Amends TCA Section 58-2-107.

HB865 / SB644

As enacted, requires the board of nursing to change certain minimum curricula standards for schools of nursing related to program course access and enrollment; requires the board of nursing to permit practical nursing program students to sit for the national council licensure exam upon completion of the program, as long as the exam's minimum age requirements are met. - Amends TCA Title 49 and Title 63.

HB310/ SB289

As enacted, creates a presumption that the diagnosis of a law enforcement officer or emergency medical responder with post-traumatic stress disorder as the result of responding to certain incidents was incurred in the line of duty for purposes of workers' compensation coverage. – Amends TCA Title 7, Chapter 51 and Title 50, Chapter 6.

HB869 / SB890

As enacted, deletes the 72 hour pause on certain lab results, requiring labs to fully comply with federal information blocking requirements. Also outlines requirements for insurance entities to establish and maintain certain application programming interfaces as described in federal code for the benefit of insureds - Amends TCA Title 8; Title 47; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68.

HB1192 / SB871

As enacted, directs TACIR to conduct a study and prepare a report on recommendations on the continuum of care in this state and how the continuum of care can be improved; requires the study and report to survey the continuum of care in other states and compare such care to the continuum of care in this state; requires TACIR to submit the report on or before January 1, 2026, to each member of the general assembly and the legislative librarian; permits the report to be submitted electronically. – Amends TCA Title 4; Title 33; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

HB979 / SB764

As enacted, establishes rules around which types of physicians can be employed by hospitals in different counties, with specific restrictions for specialties like radiologists, anesthesiologists, pathologists, and emergency physicians. It also defines conditions under which these physicians can be employed, including ensuring medical decision-making is not interfered with by the employing hospital. Establishes a licensing system for anesthesiologist assistants in Tennessee, setting requirements for education, certification, and supervision, and outlining their scope of practice under the direct oversight of a licensed anesthesiologist. - Amends TCA Title 47; Title 63 and Title 68.

HB717 / SB654

As enacted, enacts the "Caring for Caregivers Act," which requires the department to create and administer a three-year family caregiver grant pilot program to provide grants to caregivers of family members diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia to offset expenditures incurred by the caregivers. - Amends TCA Title 9; Title 33; Title 52; Title 67 and Title 68.

HB979 / SB476

As enacted, requires LEAs and public charter schools to prohibit food or beverage items that contain Red 40 to be sold, offered for sale, or provided to students on school property unless the food or beverage item is sold to the student as part of a school fundraising event. - Amends TCA Title 49

ANNUAL OFFICER ELECTION

Kari White nominated Amanda Spiess as Committee Board Chair pending her position on the committee is reappointed for another term, Catherine Terry seconded the motion, and it passed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY REVIEW

Ms. Katherine Trawick reviewed the Committee’s conflict of interest policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. White motioned to approve the May 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Ms. Terry seconded the motion, and it passed.

REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Ms. Katy Turum presented the current complaints report for the Committee.

FISCAL REPORT

There is no financial report for today’s meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT

Ms. Candyce Wilson presented the current administrative office report.

As of August 10, 2025:

LBA	LABA
Active Licensees – 1,489	Active Licensees – 36

LICENSING STATUS SINCE LAST MEETING

LBA		LABA	
Applications Received	40	Applications Received	1
Applications in Process	87	Applications in Process	1
New Licensed	87	New Licensed	6
Renew	130	Renew	1
Online	124	Online	1
Retired	3	Retired	0
Expired	22	Expired	0

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Katherine Trawick presented the report from the Office of General Counsel which included the following updates:

1. Currently there are one open complaints against their licensees. There are two (2) Behavior Analyst licensees currently being monitored. There is one (1) licensee on probation with terms. There is one (1) licensee revoked with terms.
2. The Committee fee decrease packet went into effect in July 2025.
3. The pending rule changes and retrospective rule review changes are currently in the internal review process.

4. Hearing Panels will now only require 3 members be present for contested hearing case meetings due to it being a smaller Board with a generally low number of hearings. A motion was made to allow this Committee to adopt and approve the proposition to conduct hearing panels with this new requirement. Ms. Terry made a motion to approve the hearing panels. Ms. White seconded the motion, and it passed.

Ratification of New Licensees

The Committee reviewed the list of newly licensed individuals since the last meeting. Ms. Catherine Terry motioned to ratify all names on the list. Ms. Kari White seconded the motion, and it passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence on the agenda for this meeting.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTERPRETATION OF TCA 63-11-312 ADMINISTRATION OF BEHAVIORIAL SCALED BY LBA

Ms. Kari White explained the ongoing questions that consistently get raised in professional settings regarding this topic. It has previously been raised with the Psychology Board but has been addressed to them recently for clarification. Katherine Trawick regarding clarification on what the scope of an LBA can provide in reference to treatment plans and diagnosing. Ms. White emphasized that there is a difference between LBA behavioral scales verses psychological assessments which LBA do not perform.

Ms. Trawick introduced the possibility of a rule change that will provide more definition and clarity regarding what is defined as a behavioral scale. Due to the Committee knowing the duties they perform, and resources they use on a day it was encouraged that the Committee draft the rule change, to ultimately be approved by the Psychology Board. The draft would include an update to the scope of practice of an LBA.

Ms. Terry inquired the best way to introduce the new update regarding these changes for LBAs to find possibly on our website. Ms. Trawick explained the Committee creating a policy that can be published to the Committee's website for LBA's to access for clarity regarding these changes and topic.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER USE OF MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

The Committee was introduced the option to meet virtually for quarterly meetings via Webex. Candyce Wilson explained these potential meetings for the members in more detail. Only 1 quarterly meeting will be required to meet in person in which the Committee can choose collectively ahead of time.

The Committee agreed the next scheduled meeting on November 3, 2025 be a virtual meeting, and the February 23, 2026 meeting be held in person.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROCESS OF REVIEWING APPLICATION FILES REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INDICATIONS

Ms. Wilson explained the previous process of the administrative office reviewing indications which has now been replaced with the requirement that all applications that have criminal background check indications being sent directly to the Board Chair for approval. Ms. Wilson stated that the Committee can create a policy in which the Committee can approve the administrative office processing applications with

indications the way they were reviewed previously versus going directly to the Board Chair for approval. Ms. Trawick requested Amanda Spiess create drafted language to implement a new policy regarding this topic for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING RULEMAKING, HEARINGS, RULE AMENDMENTS, AND POLICIES.

There was no discussion regarding this topic.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR ATTENDANCE AT ANY UPCOMING CONFERENCE(S).

Ms. White mentioned an upcoming conference in the spring next year in March, which is the APBA Convention with the Association of Behavioral Analysts in New Orleans. The Autism Law Conference is also coming up October 22nd and 23rd.

Ms. Terry made a motion that 1 Board member, 1 Board administrator, and a Board attorney be able to attend the APBA Meeting coming March 12-14 next year. Ms. White seconded the motion and it passed.

DISCUSS LEGISLATION AND TAKE ACTION AS NEED

No action needed.

PRESENTATION OF DISCIPLINARY ORDERS

There was an agreed citation presented for Elizabeth Mathis. Ms. White made a motion approve the agreed citation, Ms. Terry seconded the motion, and it passed.

There was an agreed citation presented for Rebecca Burton. Ms. White made a motion to approve the agreed citation. Ms. Terry seconded the motion and it passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.