

**TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: August 28, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM Central Time

Location: Office of Health Related Boards
Iris Conference Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Kimberly Christmon
Robert Farmer, Board Chair
Dr. Gary Keith Lovelady
Dr. Delmar Mack, Consumer Member
Craig Rooks

Member(s) Absent: Kira Anderson
Ray Davis, Board Secretary
Curtis Powell

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director
Melicent Smith, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant
Ashley Fine, Senior Associate Counsel

Guests Present: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am CST and chaired by Mr. Farmer. A roll call of Board Members was made, and a quorum was present at the Call to Order with Ms. Christmon, Mr. Farmer, Dr. Lovelady, Dr. Mack, and Mr. Rooks in attendance. Board administrative and legal staff were also introduced.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Legislation

The 2025 legislative summary was provided to the Board by legislative liaison, Ms. Olivia Johnson, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of Investigations

The Office of Investigations reports were presented by OIV representative, Ms. Barbara Granum,

a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation

There were no finance reports for the Board to review in this meeting.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Peer Assistance Program

The Administrative Office did not receive any reports or requests from the TN Medical Foundation for the Board's review in this meeting.

Dr. Baron was present and addressed the Board, stating that the TMF is currently monitoring five (5) licensees, four (4) are confidential, and one (1) is with the disciplinary coordinators.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of General Counsel

Ms. Fine presented the OGC report, inclusive of the Conflict of Interest Statement and Open Meeting Act statement, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Ms. Fine presented information to the Board about how screening panels may be established and utilized by Boards.

Chariman Farmer stated his agreement to holding screening panels of three members to hear contested cases pursuant to 2025 Public Chapter 127.

Presentation of Orders, Agreed Citations, and Other Disciplinary Items

Consent Orders

None

Agreed Orders

None

Orders of Compliance

None

Requests for Order Modification

None

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews/Waivers & Other Requests

Kaitlyn Harkness, CRT File #8069

The applicant was: ☒ Present in Person ☐ Present via Phone Call ☐ Not Present

The Board reviewed this application for a licensing decision.

The applicant answered "YES" to the application questions which asks, *"Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty pleas) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?"*

The applicant did provide the required supporting documentation at the time of application.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer

To approve the application for Kaitlyn Harkness, CRT File #8069 contingent upon the completion of a TMF evaluation and follow any recommendations of TMF including signing a monitoring agreement, if TMF deems applicable

With a second made by Ms. Christmon

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

- Christmon - AYE
- Rooks - NAY
- Farmer - AYE
- Lovelady - AYE
- Mack - AYE

The motion passed by majority roll call vote passed

Lorinda Dacus, CRT File #8077

The applicant was: ☐ Present in Person ☐ Present via Phone Call ☒ Not Present

The Board reviewed this application for a licensing decision.

The applicant stated she could be present via phone call, if need be, to discuss her application with the Board.

The file could not be administratively approved due to the applicant not properly disclosing a criminal conviction on her licensure application. Further, the applicant had one outstanding deficiency that the Board was asked to clarify to her.

The applicant responded “NO” to the application question which asks, “*Have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea or guilty plea) of a felony or misdemeanor (other than a minor traffic offense) whether or not sentence was imposed or suspended?*” Upon receipt of the applicant’s criminal background check results, the Administrative Office discovered that the applicant had, in fact, experienced a misdemeanor conviction occurring in 2009. It was only after the Administrative Office contacted the applicant that she submitted a revised application with a “YES” response to that application question and then provided a letter of explanation and court supporting documentation.

The Board attempted to place a call and she did not answer.

The Board took no action on the application and instructed the Administrative Office to send a certified mail deficiency letter re-explaining the deficiency.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of May 8, 2025, Respiratory Board Meeting Minutes
- Ratification of Licensure Files
- Approval of Agreed Citations
 - CE – Kayla Wilding, CRT #6355
- Departmental Reports
 - Administrative Office
- Notices – None

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks

To approve all items on the Consent Agenda, as presented.

With a second made by Ms. Christmon

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies

Review of Current Board Policies

In follow-up to the policy reviews conducted by the Board in prior meetings, the Board reviewed one policy in this meeting.

Position Statement Concurrent Therapy

A motion was made by Mr. Rooks

To approve the revisions to the Board’s Position Statement on Concurrent Therapy, as presented

With a second made by Dr. Lovelady

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Kira Anderson	☐ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☒ ABSENT
Kimberly Christmon	☒ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☐ ABSENT
Ray Davis	☐ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☒ ABSENT
Robert Farmer	☒ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☐ ABSENT
Dr. Gary Keith Lovelady	☒ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☐ ABSENT
Dr. Delmar Mack	☒ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☐ ABSENT
Curtis Powell	☐ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☒ ABSENT
Craig Rooks	☒ AYE	☐ NAY	☐ ABSTAIN	☐ RECUSED	☐ ABSENT

The motion passed ☒ unanimously OR ☐ by majority
by roll call vote.

Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events Review

Ms. Christmon will present to the Board highlights of her attendance at the 2025 AARC Summer Forum conference at the next board meeting.

Discuss Old/New Board Business

The Administrative Office made note that effective immediately, walk-in's to meet with board administrative staff are not available; they will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made by emailing Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov or calling 615-532-5090 to schedule a time for staff to meet with an applicant or licensee. Individuals may still visit the Cash Office without an appointment to drop off documents or make payments, however, any in-person communications with an administrator must be made by appointment. Email and phone consultations remain available during regular business hours.

Review of Correspondence

There were no correspondence items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Public Comment

Ms. Wallace reviewed the Public Comment policy, wherein, any individual wishing to make a public comment at a board meeting must submit a request to do so in writing, it must include the specific topic from the published agenda/sunshine notice for the meeting for which the individual wishes to make comment and must be received by the Administrative Office at least ten (10) business days prior to the date of a meeting.

Should the agenda be amended after initial publication, the member of the public wishing to address the Board on an amended agenda item must give their written notice no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

The email address for submission of a request to make public comment for this Board is: Unit3HRB.Health@tn.gov.

No prior written requests for public comment were received by the Administrative Office for this meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to be heard, a motion was made by Dr. Mack to adjourn.

A second was made by Mr. Rooks

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04am CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on November 6, 2025.


Board Chair

11-6-25
Date

ATTACHMENTS TO BOARD MINUTES



2025 Board of Respiratory Care Legislative Wrap

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 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



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Parameters selected: Lic Type: 37 - RESPIRATORY CARE, 3747 - Lic Registered Respiratory Therapist, 3750 - Lic Certified Respiratory Therapist, 3751 - Lic Respiratory Care Assistant; Case Type: CMP - Complaint; Calendar year: 2025
License Type: 37 - RESPIRATORY CARE

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		1	6	3	2	1	2	2	0					17
Total Closed Complaints		3	1	4	0	0	2	0	4					14
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	4	0	0	1	0	1					7
9 - Complaint Closed		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0					3
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2					2
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1					2
Currently Open Complaints	7	5	10	9	11	12	12	14	10					

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
19-Substance Abuse	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0					4
23-Criminal Charges	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0					3
24-Malpractice/Negligence	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
26-Unprofessional Conduct	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					2
27-Violation of Order	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
36-Lapsed License	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0					3
38-Criminal Conviction	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					1



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License Type: 37 - RESPIRATORY CARE

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
45-CE Violation	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0					2
Total:	1	6	3	2	1	2	2	0					17

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					2
MIDDLE	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0					5
WEST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					1
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Unknown	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0					4
Total:	1	5	2	1	0	2	1	0					12



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License Type: 3747 - Lic Registered Respiratory Therapist

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		1	5	3	1	0	2	2	0					14
Total Closed Complaints		2	1	3	0	0	2	0	2					10
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	3	0	0	1	0	1					6
9 - Complaint Closed		0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0					2
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1					2
Currently Open Complaints	3	2	6	6	7	7	7	9	7					

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
19-Substance Abuse	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0					3
23-Criminal Charges	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0					3
24-Malpractice/Negligence	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
26-Unprofessional Conduct	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					2
27-Violation of Order	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
36-Lapsed License	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0					2
45-CE Violation	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0					2
Total:	1	5	3	1	0	2	2	0					14

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
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License Type: 3747 - Lic Registered Respiratory Therapist

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0					2
MIDDLE	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0					4
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Unknown	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0					4
Total:	1	4	2	0	0	2	1	0					10



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 3750 - Lic Certified Respiratory Therapist

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0					3
Total Closed Complaints		1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2					4
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0					1
9 - Complaint Closed		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2					2
Currently Open Complaints	4	3	4	3	4	5	5	5	3					

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
19-Substance Abuse	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0					1
36-Lapsed License	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
38-Criminal Conviction	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					1
Total:	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0					3

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
MIDDLE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
WEST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0					1
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 3750 - Lic Certified Respiratory Therapist

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total:	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0					2



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 3751 - Lic Respiratory Care Assistant

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Currently Open Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0



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JOHN R. DUNN, DVM, PhD, EME
COMMISSIONER

To: Board of Respiratory Care

From: Ashley L. Fine
Senior Associate General Counsel

Date: August 12, 2025

Re: Office of General Counsel's Report for the August 28, 2025 Board Meeting

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Board business may only be discussed by Board members during the meeting. Members should not discuss the Board's business at any time other than during the open Board meeting. This prohibition applies to phone calls, emails, and text messages. Board members should also ensure that all comments during the meeting are stated for all to hear; private conversations between or among members during the meeting are inappropriate.

RULES

On November 16, 2023, the Board voted to amend Rule 1330-01-.07(7) regarding notification of incomplete application files. This rule was recently approved by the Attorney General's office and will be filed with the Secretary of State.

At the May 9, 2024 meeting, the Board voted to amend various rules as a result of the review conducted pursuant to 2021 Public Chapter 328. A rulemaking hearing on this matter is scheduled for the Board's November 6, 2025 meeting.

LITIGATION

APPEALS

None.

CIVIL SUITS

None.

PENDING CASES

There is currently one (1) case open in the Office of General Counsel against a respiratory therapist.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

The Disciplinary Coordinator for the Board of Respiratory Care is currently monitoring:

- Eleven (11) licensees for a reprimand;
- Two (2) licensees for suspension; and
- Six (6) licensees for revocation/surrender.

Ratification List

April 30, 2025 - August 11, 2025

RRT Closed Applications

Aaron-Neu Lyndsey
Cole Ashtyn
Eaddy Lisa Christine Mrs.
Jones Ranquez
Monroe Traven Mr
Muldoon Carlos
Orozco Adrian
Rayfield Erica
Walker Lajashia Ms
Wood Victoria

RRT Newly Licensed

9441 Abel Anna Marie
9350 Ahlers Olivia Skye
9409 Alqahmi Ghadir
9406 Ambrose Chad Ruben Mr.
9471 Bailey Tori Elizabeth
9439 Baker Gwyneth Ella Nicole
9419 Bocka David
9378 Carter Kristen June
9424 Cole Ashtyn
9416 Cox Jozett
9417 Cushing Kendall Blair Moret
9429 Dent Jaccob Bradley
9459 Donato Deborah
9468 Duch Raezzelle
9476 Dunigan Terika Evon
9473 Elliott Mahalia Gabrielle
9346 Farnum John
9415 Fulton Donna
9461 Gibson Deanna
9445 Graham Alexis
9348 Greer Endia
9425 Grindstaff Allie Meshell
9485 Guhlke Kaitlyn Cora
9460 Haggins Kirsten-Marie Formentera

9446 Hale Hannah Elizabeth
9370 Hardin A'Kilah Dyshae
9462 Hatcher Rachel Elizabeth
9352 Heaton Nicole Lynn
9448 Henson Thomas Christopher
9401 Hiles Keauna Semaj Ms.
9360 Hill Susan Joann Ms
9458 Hutchins Katie
9444 Johnson Breann Elise
9477 Jones Tracia
9423 Lo Zachary Thomas
9475 Lumley Kelsey
9412 Maben Tyronicia
9440 Maczko Brian Mr
9427 Masten Kimberly
9486 Maxwell Tia Shermaine
9428 Maynard Briana
9197 Myers Megan Christine
9369 Navarro Amanda
9457 Oh Francis Jordan
9467 Oh Su RRT
9466 Phelps Abby Joy
9410 Pickard Sierra Jane
9335 Randle Princess Shevonne
9383 Rayfield Erica
9426 Rizk Abram Reda
9449 Royston Makenzie Olivia
9382 Ryan Gary James CRT
9442 Sanderson Autumn
9318 Schreffler Stacy Rogers
9354 Sewell Pamela Martin
9435 Smith Autumn Lashea
9480 Smith Courtnee Ko
9371 Spicer Jason Daniel
9447 Stacy Kevin Michael Mr
9374 Sullivan Ava Raye
9373 Tillery Toby Jacob
9438 Trevino Savannah
9465 Valero Aaron
9456 Virula Bryan Israel
9397 Ward Britny
9437 Watson Tammy Michelle Ms.
9453 Weber Abigail Alyssa

9436 Wescott Aubrey Gayle
9451 Willis Nina
9407 Wilson Summer
9336 Woodruff Holly Annette
9443 Zachary Benjamin
7766 Shehata Sandy S
9298 Staple Keith Mr
8111 Elezeb Haneen f
9144 Seever Chloe'
9364 Arnold Raegan Nicole
9380 Bane Sarah Grace
9390 Barmettler Adam
9387 Blair Hayden Forester
9391 Brockman Bobbie Jo
9356 Chavarria Jennifer Elizabeth
9411 Christensen Sydney
9358 Davis Charles Lee Barrett
9377 Furst Angel
9403 Hunrath Amy Lee Mrs.
9388 Jarnagin Kaylee Grace
9375 Mathis April-Marie Hope
9362 Parker Taylor Charmaine
9386 Powroznik Regan April
9393 Saffie Valerie Ann
9349 Sills Susan
9359 Toth Chastity
9353 Willis Kelli Nicole

RRT Reinstated

5751 Bowles Michele Lynn Mrs
4471 Clark Deanna Estella
6449 Hopson Kristi Nicole
6597 Nutt Ryan Nicholas
8492 Olivo Nancy Therese
5843 Smith Lisa Annette
6941 Busby Brooke Mrs.
3258 Priddy Elizabeth Ann

RRT Temporary Permits

Alley Cheyenne Rachael
Angel Abigail
Blackwell Laila Vanea Lee
Boles Raelei Faith
Bracey Makayla
Calvert Gracy
Deal Whitney Grace
Dunlap Dannesha
Fulp Ashton
Garcia Michelle
Garner Megan
Gazaway Chloe
Honeycutt Tobi-Louise
Hughett Gwendolyn
Jones Haven
Moneghan Kristen Gabrielle
Payne Madison Shiane
Ratchford Tabitha
Robinson Amani
Sparks Taylor Alana-Marie
Thomas Mason Ryan
West Krista
White Erin Maye

CRT Closed Applications

Davis Victoria
Johnson Summer Franklin
Reed Jamie
Royston Makenzie Olivia
Valero Aaron

CRT Newly Licensed

8076 Byears Cyara Devon
8095 Eson Asha Fayola
8044 Follansbee Stephen
8071 Grindstaff Allie Meshell
8072 Hudspeth Baylee
8073 Hunter Jasmine Rae
8084 James Janelle
8080 Jenkins Frederick Jr
8081 Lane Kristen Ashley
8051 McClain Shelby
8058 Mitchell Rachel
8070 Scott Caleb Drake
8079 Seder Khaled
8090 Smith Courtnee Ko
8083 Spears Brittney Dawn
7968 Harley N. Tucker
8094 Tyson Jordan Rose
8078 Wood Victoria
1978 Jenkins Diane
8061 Merritt Hannah Sierra
8057 Smith Autumn Lashea
8060 Snyder David Keaton

CRT Reinstated

6216 Dear Debbie Denise
3384 Hull Patsy Ann
1143 Taylor Rhonda F
5568 Viox Audra Michelle

CRT Temporary Permits

Ali Edil Abdirahman
Forney Cydney Olivia
Henderson Sara
Jimenez Isabella Lorraine

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

August 11, 2025

This is an Administrative Report from Melicent Smith, Board Administrator. The information contained in this report will keep the board aware of all essential activities pertaining to licensure for Respiratory Care Practitioners.

STATISTICAL REPORT

The following are the total active licensees as of 8/11/2025:

RRT	CRT	RCA
Active Licensees – 4131	Active Licensees – 1073	Active Licensees – 1

Licensing activities from April 30, 2025 through August 11, 2025

RRT	CRT
New applications received – 108	New applications received – 44
New licenses issued – 94	New licenses issued – 21
Reinstated – 8	Reinstated - 4
Registered Poly Endorsement(s) - 1	Certified Poly Endorsement(s) – 0
Number of renewals – paper – 41	Number of renewals paper – 17
Number of renewals online – 526	Number of renewals online – 120
Number of licensees who retired – 11	Number of licensees who retired – 3
Number of licenses that expired – 82	Number of Licenses that expired – 21
Closed Files - 10	Closed Files – 5
NA	Upgrades from CRT to RRT- 13
RRT Limited Permit to Full License – 23	CRT Limited Permit to Full License - 4

For RRTs, the number of renewals online during this period constituted a usage rate of 93%. For CRTs the number of online renewals constituted a usage rate of 88%.

2025/2026 Meeting Dates:

- November 6, 2025, February 12, 2026, May 7, 2026, August 27, 2026, November 19, 2026

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are interested in attending a conference for your profession, you must contact the Board office no less than 12 weeks prior to the conference so that the Administrator will have enough time to process the request and submit all necessary information for approval. The Board must also pre-approve sponsorship for the event at a regularly scheduled meeting.

**TN BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT OF LICENSEE TOTALS**

DATE	RRT	CRT	RCA	TOTAL	Increase (Decrease) From Last Meeting	Increase (Decrease) YoY By Month	Increase (Decrease) YoY By Year
3/8/2018	3,608	1,307	8	4,923			
5/24/2018	3,603	1,293	7	4,903	(20)		
8/16/2018	3,641	1,284	7	4,932	29		
11/15/2018	3,633	1,301	7	4,941	9		
2/21/2019	3,671	1,256	7	4,934	(7)	11	11
5/16/2019	3,672	1,252	6	4,930	(4)	27	
8/5/2019	3,690	1,246	5	4,941	11	9	
11/14/2019	3,725	1,250	5	4,980	39	39	39
2/20/2020	3,740	1,229	4	4,973	(7)	39	
5/14/2020	3,758	1,233	4	4,995	22	65	
8/20/2020	3,758	1,233	4	4,995	0	54	
11/12/2020	3,828	1,195	4	5,027	32	47	47
2/18/2021	3,850	1,195	3	5,048	21	75	
5/13/2021	3,869	1,185	2	5,056	8	61	
8/19/2021	3,927	1,217	2	5,146	90	151	
11/10/2021	3,953	1,205	2	5,160	14	133	133
2/24/2022	3,979	1,213	2	5,194	34	146	
5/26/2022	4,018	1,212	2	5,232	38	176	
8/18/2022	4,062	1,225	2	5,289	57	143	
10/31/2022	4,131	1,244	1	5,376	87	216	216
2/16/2023	4,099	1,225	1	5,325	(51)	131	
6/26/2023	4,121	1,209	1	5,331	6	99	
8/17/2023	4,134	1,205	1	5,340	9	51	
11/16/2023	4,146	1,197	1	5,344	4	(32)	(32)
2/15/2024	4,107	1,175	1	5,283	(61)	(42)	
5/9/2024	4,126	1,160	1	5,287	4	(44)	
8/29/2024	4151	1150	1	5,302	15	(38)	
11/7/2024	4147	1149	1	5,297	(5)	(47)	(47)
2/13/2025	4145	1097	1	5,243	(54)	(40)	
5/8/2025	4123	1081	1	5,205	(38)	(82)	
8/28/2025	4131	1073	1	5,205	0	(97)	