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TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH RELATED BOARDS

AMENDED MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 20, 2026

**To:** Dean Flener, Director of Communication and Media Relations

**From:** Shyamali Bhattacharya, Ph.D., MT (ASCP, AMT) <sup>cm</sup>  
Board Director

**Name of Board or Committee:** Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board

**Date of Meeting:** January 23, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. CDT  
**Place:** Health Related Boards  
665 Mainstream Drive, Iris Conference Room  
MetroCenter Complex  
Nashville, TN 37243

**The Full Board meeting is streamed live over the internet. All conversations not related to Board business should take place in designated break areas or outside the meeting room.**

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<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/c447d3cb2d9743e08abffbfa17c6e8b01d>

**Major Agenda Items:**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Introductions of Board Members and Staff**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Approve Minutes: P & E Committee-October 23, 2025
  - B. Approve Minutes: Full Board Meeting-October 24, 2025
4. **Ratification of Initial Determinations of the Personnel & Education Committee Meeting**
  - A. Verbal Report / Ratification of P & E Committee January 22, 2026  
LeeAnne Briggs, MT- P & E Committee Chair
5. **Conduct Contested Case(s)**

Nothing to present.
6. **Review Consent Order(s), Agreed Order(s), Order(s) Compliance**
7. **Presentations to the Board:**
  - A. **TN-PAP Report**  
Teresa Phillips-Executive Director
8. **BHLR Staff Reports:**

- A. Financial Report Discussion  
Matthew McSpadden -Fiscal Director  
Nothing to present.
  - B. Office of Investigations (OIV) Report  
Barbara Granum - Complaint Coordination
  - C. Legislative Update Report  
Holt Whitt-Assistant Commissioner Legislative  
Affairs  
Grayson Carter- Legislative Liaison  
Nothing to present.
  - D. Surveyor Update  
Tracy McLemore, MT-CLIA Director
9. **Review and Discuss Point of Care Exemption Requests:**
- A. **Ascension St. Thomas West Lawn**  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Kevin Adcock, operations manager
  - B. **Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford**  
Murfreesboro, TN  
Kevin Adcock, operations manager
  - C. **Bellevue Free standing ER**  
Nashville, TN  
Mollie Wynn, Point of Care Coordinator
  - D. **Ascension St. Thomas West**  
Nashville, TN  
Roxanne Willadsen, Point of Care Coordinator
  - E. **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**  
Memphis, TN  
Kelly Clark, Laboratory Services Coordinator
  - F. **Tristar Hendersonville Medical Center**  
Hendersonville, TN  
Jennifer Flippin, Lab Supervisor
  - G. **Tristar Hendersonville Medical Center, FSER**  
Portland, TN  
Jennifer Flippin, FSED Lab Supervisor
  - H. **The Jackson Clinic, PA**  
Jackson, TN  
Amy Barber, Point of care coordinator

10. **Direct More Than Three (3) Labs:**  
Dr. Alexander Thurman  
  
Dr. Theodore Tsaltas
11. **Discuss, Review, and Take Action, if Needed, Regarding but not Limited to the Following:**  
  
Clarification of the mobile Lab Policy
12. **Review, Discuss and Approve Licensure for Medical Laboratory Directors:**  
Lakshmi Sharma, Ph.D.  
Naperville, IL  
Director Andrology and Embryology  
  
I-Chung Chen, Ph.D.  
Morgantown, WV  
Director of Andrology and Embryology
13. **Receive Reports and/or Request from the Board Director**
- A. Board Director Quarterly Report
14. **Reinstatement of License:**
15. **Additions/Deletions to the Board's Health Screening Test List:**
- A. Robert Nelson, Program Director  
HIV Prevention testing,  
Tennessee Department of Health
16. **Receive Reports and/or Request from the Office of General Counsel**
- A. OGC Quarterly Report  
Medical Laboratory Board Disciplinary Report  
Kertyssa D. Smalls – Deputy General Counsel
17. **Receive Reports from the Regional Surveyors (East, Middle, West) Regarding Compliant investigations and Proficiency Testing**

- A. East TN Regional Office  
Fowlen Ivey
- B. Middle TN Regional Office  
Misty Rector
- C. West TN Regional Office  
Debbie Haggard

18. **Board Ratification of Laboratory Initial Licenses:**

- A. The Jackson Clinic, PA
- B. Nolensville Free Standing ER
- C. Perry County Community Hospital

19. **Other Business**

Nothing to present

20. **New Business**

21. **Public Comment**

22. **Adjourn**