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In order to participate in the period of public comment before a Governing Body, a member of the public must notify the Governing Body **ten business** days prior to a scheduled meeting that the individual desires to address the Governing Body. The individual must also notify the Governing Body of the topic from the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting on which the individual wishes to speak. This notice by the member of the public to the Governing Body shall be directed to the email given in the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting. Nursing.Health@tn.gov

If the Governing Body amends the published agenda or sunshine notice within ten business days prior to the meeting, any member of the public desirous of addressing the Governing Body must give notice that they desire to speak on the added agenda topics **no later than twenty-four hours** prior to the Governing Body's meeting. All reasonable attempts are made to include all items submitted up to one day prior to the meeting. Please note that items submitted within one day of the meeting are not guaranteed to have been timely reviewed and may not be able to be included.

A detailed meeting agenda will be available online when finalized at <https://www.tn.gov/health/calendar.html>. A copy may also be requested by calling the board office at 615-741-3807.

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH RELATED BOARDS
MEMORANDUM
AMENDED**

Date: February 23, 2026 (amended)
To: Dean Flener, Director of Communications and Media Relations
From: Sherry Richardson, Executive Director
Name of Board: Tennessee Board of Nursing
Date of Meeting: February 25-26, 2026
Time: 8:30 a.m. Central Time
Place: Iris, Poplar, Dogwood Conference Rooms
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Links to Live Video Stream:

Iris Room February 25, 2026:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/06d2bd5ec59247e4b0a79aa6d151fd471d>

Poplar Room February 25, 2026:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/8b0d5c649e724863a8304c28c62302731d>

Iris Room February 26, 2026:

<https://tdh.streamingvideo.tn.gov/Mediasite/Play/21480765343c466ab14998562e1f417a1d>

AGENDA

**Tennessee Board of Nursing
February 25-26, 2026
Iris, Poplar, and Dogwood Rooms**

**THIS BOARD MEETING IS BEING LIVE STREAMED OVER THE INTERNET.
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE MICROPHONES ARE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE.
ALL CONVERSATIONS UNRELATED TO BOARD BUSINESS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN DESIGNATED
BREAK AREAS OR OUTSIDE.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHEN
THE BOARD IS IN SESSION.**

Goal For Meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Make policy decisions in alignment with Strategic Initiatives.2. Take disciplinary actions as necessary to protect the public from unsafe nurses.3. Make decisions on nursing programs appropriate to enforce standards.4. Spend 90% of Board Member time discussing the most critical issues.5. Enhance regulation through technology.
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1.	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Call to Order Board Meeting—Dr. Harris, Chairb. Roll Callc. Welcome and Introduction of Guests—Dr. Harrisd. Introduction of Staff—Richardson and Waterse. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 19-20, 2025f. Assign Panels/Panel Chairs—Dr. Harrisg. Call the Docket—Waters	1,2,3,4,5
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2.		<p>Conduct Disciplinary Business—Panel 1, Iris Room; Panel 2, Poplar Room; Panel 3, Dogwood Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Panel Chairs Call Panels to Order b. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum c. Conduct Disciplinary Hearings d. Adopt Agreed and Consent Orders e. Conduct Summary Action Hearings 	1,2,4,5
3.	To follow as time permits	<p>Adopt Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. School Announcements b. Education Consent Agenda c. OGC Report d. Investigations Report e. TNPAP Report f. Board Meeting Debrief Survey November 2025 g. E.D. Quarterly Report 	1,3,4,5
4.	To follow as time permits	<p>Discuss/Approve Travel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. FARB 2026 Summit on Regulatory Excellence, July 23-25, 2026—Minneapolis, MN b. NCSBN IT/Operations Virtual Conference—May 20, 2026 c. NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference—May 27-28, 2026—Rosemont, IL d. Executive Officer Summit—June 9-10, 2026—Nashville, TN e. Medication Aide Item Writing Workshop—June 25-26, 2026—Helena, MT f. NCSBN Scientific Symposium Virtual Conference—July 15, 2026 g. NCSBN Model Act and Rules Committee Meetings—TBA h. Other 	1,4,5
	5:00 p.m.	Recess	
5.	<p>Thursday, February 26, 2026 8:50 a.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Reconvene—Dr. Harris b. Roll Call c. Welcome and Introduction of Guests—Dr. Harris d. Introduction of Staff—Richardson and Waters 	1,2,3,4,5
6.	9:00	Consider Vote to Approve E.D. Application Review Committee Recommendations—Hardcastle, PHNC2, Richardson, ED	2,4,5
7.	9:30	Consider and Vote on Petitions for Order of Compliance and Modification— Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel	2,4,5
8.	9:45	School Hearings—Vote to determine approval status of programs—Cooper, PHNC2	1,3,4
	10:15	Break	
9.	10:30	Review Annual Reports and Motion to Accept Recommendations for	3,4,5

		Annual Approval of Practical and Professional Nursing Programs and Medication Aide Programs—Dr. Cooper	
10.	11:00	Presentation: Update—Nurse Practitioner Survey—Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Deputy Director, TN Dept. of Health, Health Licensure and Regulation	1,4,5
11.	11:30	Presentation: Update—Midyear Fiscal Report—Matthew McSpadden, Fiscal Director, TN Dept. of Health, Health Licensure and Regulation	1,4,5
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
12.	1:00	Consider and Vote on Change of Rule to the LPN Scope of Practice—Jennifer Hitt, Executive Director, Tennessee Center for Nursing Advancement	1,2,3,4,5
13.	2:00 p.m.	Presentation: E.D. Annual Report—Richardson, Executive Director	1,2,3,4,5
	3:00	Break	
14.	3:15	Public Comments	1,2,4,5
15.	3:30	Conduct Summary Action Hearing(s)	2,4
16.	4:30	Debrief/Open Discussion/Other Business—Dr. Harris <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What went especially well? • What didn't go so well? • What did we learn as a board? What did you learn as an individual?	1,2,3,4,5
17.	4:45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourn 	

Note: Any business not completed on February 25, 2026, may be continued to February 26, 2026. If time permits, any business scheduled for February 26, 2026, may be heard on February 25, 2026.

This memo shall be forwarded from individual programs to the Public Information Office on the 15th day of the preceding month. The Public Information Office will prepare the monthly list of meetings within the Department and have ready for distribution to state media the 28th of the preceding month.

References

Board of Nursing Rules

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1000/1000.htm>

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