

**Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board**  
**April 28, 2023**  
**Full Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** April 28, 2023

**Time:** 9:02 am CDT

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

**Members Present:**

Jennifer Gidcomb, MT-Med. Technologist, Gen.-Chairman  
LeeAnne Briggs, MT- Med. Technologist, Educator  
Danielle Gibson, MD-Pathologist  
Matthew Hardison, Ph.D., Independent Lab Mgr/Adm.  
Chris Litle, MT-Medical Laboratory Supervisor  
Andrew Stanton, CT-Cytotechnologist  
James A. Vaughan, MD-Pathologist Educator

**Vacant Positions:** Citizen Representative  
Hospital Administrator  
Non-Pathologist Physician  
Pathologist

**Members Absent:** Jerry Barker, MT-Hospital Lab Mgr/Admin. Dir.  
Michael Johnson, MT-Medical Technologist-General

**Staff Present:** Sandra S. Bogard, MT Consultant, Director  
Nina V. Smith, MT Consultant Administrative Office  
Ronda Webb-Stewart, Senior General Counsel  
Mina Girgis, Board Administrator  
Debbie Haggard, MT Consultant/Supervisor WTRO  
Fowlen Anders, MT Consultant/Supervisor ETRO  
Lori Reynolds, MT Consultant/Surveyor ETRO  
Kim Shannon, MT Consultant/Surveyor MTRO

**Staff Absent:** Bobby Sommer, MT Consultant/Supervisor MTRO  
Misty Rector, MT Consultant/Surveyor WTRO

**CLIA Manager/Representative:** Tracy McLemore, MT CLIA Director

**Introduction of Board Members:** Board members and staff made their introductions to the audience.

**Quorum:**

Seven (7) board members were present, which constituted a quorum.

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am CDT by Jennifer Gidcomb, the Board Chairman.

**Presiding Officer:**

Ms. Gidcomb conducted the meeting.

**Approve Minutes:**

**P & E Committee Meeting**

A motion to approve January 26, 2023, Personnel & Education Committee minutes was made by Dr. Gibson.  
Second: Mr. Litle

The minutes were approved with the chairman voting.

**Full Board Meeting**

A motion to approve January 27, 2023, Full Board meeting minutes was made by Ms. Briggs.  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The Board minutes were approved with the chairman voting.

**Ratification of Initial Determinations  
P & E Committee Meeting:**

Ms. Briggs reported the actions of the Personnel & Education Committee meeting, April 27, 2023.

Motion to ratify Committee actions: Dr. Vaughan.  
Second: Dr. Gibson

The report was accepted as presented by Ms. Briggs, with the chairman voting.

**Consent, Agreed, Compliance Orders, and Letters of Reprimand:**

Nothing to present.

**Presentations to the Board:**

**Tennessee Professional Peer Assistance Program (TNPAP)**  
Teresa Phillips, Executive Director

The statistical report for January 1, 2023-March 31, 2023, was presented by Ms. Teresa Phillips, Executive Director.

Zero (0) individuals were monitored during this period with one (1) referral.

Motion to accept the TNPAP report: Mr. Litle.

Second: Mr. Stanton

The report was accepted as given with the chairman voting.

**Investigations Report**

Barbara Granum  
Disciplinary Intake Coordinator

Ms. Granum's investigative report included the following:

Monitored Practitioners (Personnel and Facilities):  
(January-April 2023)

Investigative Licensed Laboratory Personnel: (2023)

Zero (0) new complaints  
Zero (0) complaints closed  
Zero (0) currently open complaints

Investigative Licensed Laboratory Facilities: (2023)

One (1) new complaint:  
    One (1) unprofessional conduct  
Zero (0) closed complaints  
Zero (0) currently open complaints

Investigative Licensed Laboratory Schools: (2023)

Zero (0) new complaints  
Zero (0) complaints closed  
Zero (0) currently open complaints

Motion to accept the report: Mr. Stanton.

Second: Mr. Litle

The investigations report was accepted as given with the chairman voting.

**Financial Report**

Keeyona Love, MPS  
Fiscal Manager

Ms. Love gave the Mid-Year FY2023 Fiscal Report, which compared the actual revenue and expenditures for the past three (3) years (FY2021, FY2022, FY2023). The values were compared with little change from year to year. She also presented the direct expenditures from July 1 to December 31 for FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023. The results indicated minor variations between fiscal years. The revenue was presented for July 1 to December 31 for FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023 (to date). The FY2021 and FY2022 were very comparable, with little change.

Motion to accept the report: Dr. Gibson.

Second: Dr. Hardison

**Legislative Update**

Olivia Spears, Esq.  
Legislative Liaison

Surveyor Update  
Tracy McLemore, MT  
CLIA Director

The report was accepted as given with the chairman voting.

No report was given.

Mr. McLemore presented a verbal report to the Board regarding the surveyor workload and introduced the new Middle Tennessee surveyor, Kim Shannon. Misty Rector has moved to the West TN region. The survey team is now fully staffed.

**Point of Care Exemptions 1200-06-03-.16(1):**

- 1. Arlington Freestanding Emergency Department**  
Arlington, TN  
Karen S. Clark, BS, MT(ASCP)SH  
POCT Supervisor

The first request was to permit Registered Nurses to perform and report Vaginal pH in the Emergency Department utilizing the Nitrazine Amniotest Swabs (moderate complexity) instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

The second request was to permit Radiology Technologists to perform and report Creatinine (moderate complexity based on collection method) in the Emergency Department Radiology Imaging Department utilizing the Abbott i-STAT instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

The third request was to permit licensed Respiratory Therapists to perform and report pH, pCO<sub>2</sub>, pO<sub>2</sub>, tHb, O<sub>2</sub>Hb, COHB, MetHb, BE, and HCO<sub>3</sub> in the Emergency Department utilizing the Gem Premier 5000 instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Vaughan  
Second: Dr. Hardison

**2. Parkridge Medical Center Laboratory**

Chattanooga, TN  
Barbara Roberts, MT(ASCP)  
POC Coordinator

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

The request was to permit Licensed Nurses (LPN & RN) to perform and report Sodium, Potassium, Glucose, BUN, Creatinine, and Hematocrit in the Cardiac Recovery Unit (CRU) utilizing the EPOC Meter instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**3. Starr Regional Medical Center**

Athens, TN  
Lisa Coleman, MT  
Administrative Director Laboratory Services

The first request was to permit:

- Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRT) and Certified Respiratory Therapists (CRT) to perform and report Arterial Blood Gases (pH, PCO<sub>2</sub>, PO<sub>2</sub>, HCO<sub>3</sub>, BE, and sAO<sub>2</sub>) facility-wide utilizing the EPOC Meter instrument and methodology and
- Registered Nurses (RN) to perform and report Arterial Blood Gases (pH, PCO<sub>2</sub>, PO<sub>2</sub>, HCO<sub>3</sub>, BE, and sAO<sub>2</sub>) in the Cardiac Cath Lab utilizing the EPOC Meter instrument and methodology.

Motion: Mr. Litle  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

The second request was to permit Registered Nurses (RN) to perform and report ACT-LR (low range) in the Cardiac Cath Lab utilizing the Hemochron 100 meter instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Vaughan  
Second: Ms. Briggs

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**4. West TN Healthcare-Dyersburg Hospital**

Dyersburg, TN  
Shelia Boswell, MT-POC Coordinator

The request was to permit Registered Nurses, Registered Radiologic Technologists, and Registered Interventional Technologists to perform and report ACT testing in the Cardiac Cath Lab utilizing the Medtronic ACT Plus instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Dr. Hardison

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**5. Tenna Healthcare-Jefferson Memorial Hospital**

Jefferson City, TN  
Jessica Barnard, MS, MLS(ASCP)  
Administrative Director Lab Services

The request was to permit Licensed Nurses (RN) and Cardiac Cath Lab Techs to perform and report ACT testing in the Cath Lab Department utilizing the Hemochron 100 instrument and methodology.

Motion: Mr. Stanton  
Second: Mr. Litle

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**6. University Health Systems, Inc POCT**

Knoxville, TN  
Patricia Cole, MT(ASCP)  
POC Coordinator

The request was to permit Registered Nurses, Paramedics, ARRT Registered MRI and CT Technicians to perform and report  $\beta$ hCG in the Emergency Department, Surgical Care Areas, and Radiology Areas (MRI & CT) utilizing the Abbott i-STAT Meter instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Mr. Litle

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**7. TriStar Summit Medical Center**

Hermitage, TN  
Christi King, BSC, MT  
Administrative Lab Director

The request was to permit Registered Nurses, Certified Perfusionists, and Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists to perform and report Arterial Blood Gases (pH, PCO<sub>2</sub>, PO<sub>2</sub>, HCO<sub>3</sub>, BE, and O<sub>2</sub>sat.) in the Operating Rooms, Intensive Care Units, Post-Catheterization Areas, Cardiac Catheterization Lab, and Non-Invasive Cardiology Department utilizing the ABL 90 Flex Meter instrument and methodology.

Motion: Dr. Vaughan  
Second: Ms. Briggs

The exemption request was approved with the chairman voting.

**Direct More Than Three (3) Labs 1200-06-03-.13(5):**

**Albert C. Domm, MD**  
Columbia, TN

Albert C. Domm, MD requested to direct four (4) laboratories.

The Board was unable to act on this request because one Board member had to recuse themselves, which resulted in the Board not having a quorum. The Board's Administrative Office will administratively review the request, and the final vote will be tabled until the July Board meeting.

**Evan Alston, MD**  
Murfreesboro, TN

Evan Alston, MD requested to direct four (4) laboratories.

Dr. Alston currently serves as a medical laboratory director for the following Tennessee-licensed laboratory facilities:

- Lab Plus, LLC-St. Thomas Dekalb-520 West Main Street, Smithville, TN 37166 (Lic. # 2028)
- Lab Plus, LLC-St. Thomas Highlands-401 Sewell Drive, Sparta, TN 38583 (Lic. # 2223)
- Lab Plus, LLC-St. Thomas Stones River-324 Doolittle Road, Woodbury, TN 37190 (Lic. # 2039)

He is requesting an exemption to add the following lab to his directorship:

- Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Westlawn-5127 Veterans Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN 37128 (Lic. # pending)-NEW

Motion: Mr. Litle  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The request for Dr. Alston to direct four (4) laboratories was approved.

**Charles Bramlett, MD**  
Columbia, TN

Charles Bramlett, MD requested to direct six (6) laboratories.

The Board was unable to act on this request because one Board member had to recuse himself, which resulted in the Board not having a quorum. The Board's Administrative Office will administratively review the request, and the final vote will be tabled until the July Board meeting.

**Elizabeth Culler, MD**  
Chattanooga, TN

Elizabeth Culler, MD requested to direct thirteen (13) laboratories.

Dr. Culler currently serves as a medical laboratory director for the following Tennessee-licensed laboratory facilities:

- Blood Assurance, Inc.-705 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403 (Lic. # 2274)-high complex testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-201 Keith Street, SW, Ste 19, Cleveland, TN 37312 (Lic. # 2159)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-1920 North Point Blvd, Ste A, Hixson, TN 37343 (Lic. # 3342)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-1748 Gunbarrel Rd, Ste 104, Chattanooga, TN 37421 (Lic. # 4017)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-155 W. Broad Street, Cookeville, TN 38501 (Lic. # 4070)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-604 N. Jackson Street, Tullahoma, TN 37388 (Lic. # 4093)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-1412 Trotman Ave., Suite 69, Columbia, TN 38401 (Lic. # 4339)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-1767 Wilma Rudolph Blvd., Clarksville, TN 37040 (Lic. # 4441)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-60 Parris Avenue, Nashville, TN 37403 (Lic. # 4432)-high complex testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-600A Frazier Drive, Suite 110, Franklin, TN 37067 (Lic. # 4454)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-4686 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage TN 37076 (Lic. # 4463)-waived testing
- Blood Assurance, Inc.-7112 Hwy 70 S, Suite D1, Nashville, TN 37221 (Lic. # 4465)-waived testing

She is requesting an exemption to add the following lab to her directorship:

- Blood Assurance, Inc.-West End dba OurCel Solutions-2817 West End Ave., Ste 200, Nashville, TN 37203 (Lic. # pending)-waived testing



Motion: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Mr. Litle

The request for Dr. Culler to direct thirteen (13) laboratories was approved.

**Discuss, Review, And Take Action, if Needed:**

American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)  
2023 Annual Conference

Updated information pertaining to the 2023 ASCP Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA was shared with the Board.

No vote was needed.

Discuss Remote Work Policy Statement

The minutes from the July 27, 2021 Task Force meeting on Remote Laboratory Work were presented to the Board as a Policy Statement document.

Motion: Dr. Vaughan  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The motion to accept the new policy statement was approved with the chairman voting.

Discuss the Survey Process for Unlicensed Personnel

The Board discussed the survey process in regard to laboratory facilities that utilized unlicensed laboratory testing personnel.

After discussion, the Board decided to have the laboratory surveyors verify the credentials of all unlicensed testing personnel to ensure they meet the minimum requirements under CLIA.

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Dr. Gibson

The motion was approved with the chairman voting.

Discuss the Revision of the Laboratory Personnel Form

The Board requested that the Laboratory Personnel Form be revised to assist the laboratory surveyors when assessing the educational requirements of the unlicensed testing personnel.

The specific changes that they requested included:

- Add moderate and high complexity
- Add the highest educational degree level

The motion was approved with the chairman voting.

Discuss the Need for a Collection Station  
License by Health Outlook

Health Outlook presented two scenarios to the Board to determine if they needed to obtain a collection station license.

**Scenario 1:**

Business line: life settlements/life insurance

Process:

- Internal client requests blood samples to be drawn from their customers for evaluation of GDF-15 biomarker.
- We partner with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to provide phlebotomy services. They send a phlebotomist to a customer's home to draw blood samples and ship them to the lab in Connecticut.
- Connecticut lab evaluates samples and reports findings to internal clients.

Use: Internal clients use reports to make life insurance purchasing decisions. The test is non-diagnostic.

**Scenario 2:**

Business line: Healthcare markets

Process:

- We partner with a healthcare provider to use our laboratory-developed tests to evaluate their patients.
- Healthcare providers will perform the blood draws and have samples shipped to the Connecticut lab.
- Our lab evaluates samples for GDF-15 and other biomarkers.

Use: We will provide a risk score to the providers that will provide them with an indicator if their patients need further evaluation for certain chronic conditions. The test is non-diagnostic.

After discussion, the Board decided that the facility did not need a collection station license in Tennessee.

Motion: Dr. Hardison

Second: Ms. Briggs

The motion was approved with the chairman voting.

**Review and Discuss the Licensure of Medical  
Laboratory Directors:**

1. Ted Schutzbank, Ph.D  
Bellbrook, OH 45305

Dr. Schutzbank received his B.A. degree in Biology from Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. in 1971.

Director- Microbiology & Molecular  
Diagnostics

He received his M.S. degree from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa in 1973.

Dr. Schutzbank received his Ph.D. in Microbiology from Columbia University in New York, NY in 1980.

He was certified by the American Board of Medical Microbiology (ABMM) in 1994, expiring on 12/31/2024.

Dr. Schutzbank received his post-doctoral fellowship training at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dept. of Microbiology, 1980-1982.

He is seeking licensure as a Director of Microbiology & Molecular Diagnostics.

Motion: Dr. Hardison

Second: Ms. Briggs

The license was approved with the chairman voting pending the receipt of a work experience letter in molecular diagnostics.

2. Jean Popwell, Ph.D  
San Francisco, CA 94132  
Director- Andrology

Dr. Popwell received her B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA in 1993.

She received her M.S. degree in Reproductive Physiology from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA in 1995.

Dr. Popwell received her Ph.D. in Reproductive Physiology from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC in 1999.

She was certified by the American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB) in the category of HCLD, including Andrology, Embryology, and General Knowledge, expiring on 12/31/2023.

She received his post-doctoral training at Pacific Fertility Center Andrology and IVF Laboratories in San Francisco, CA from 2000-2021.

Dr. Popwell is seeking licensure as a Director of Andrology & Embryology.

Motion: Dr. Hardison

Second: Mr. Stanton

3. Krishna Donkena, Ph.D  
Houston, TX 77047  
Director- Chemistry

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

Dr. Donkena received her B.S. degree in Biochemistry in 1983, her M.S. degree in 1985, and her Ph.D. in 1997 from Osmania University in Telangana, India.

She was certified as a Clinical Chemist by the National Registry of Certified Chemists (NRCC) on 6/15/22, expiring on 12/31/2025.

Dr. Donkena is also certified by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) as a Medical Laboratory Scientist On 9/30/22, expiring on 9/30/2025.

She received her post-doctoral fellowship training at Houston Methodist Hospital, Dept. of Pathology, Chemistry Laboratory in Houston, TX from 2018-2021.

Dr. Donkena is seeking licensure as a Director of Clinical Chemistry.

Motion: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Dr. Vaughan

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

4. Andreea Popa, Ph.D  
Director Cytogenetics & Molecular  
Diagnostics

Dr. Popa received her M.D. degree from the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Iasi, Romania in 2022.

She received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington, KY in 2011.

Dr. Popa was certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) in the categories of Clinical Molecular Genetics in 2017 and Laboratory Genetics and Genomics in 2021.

She received her post-doctoral fellowship training as an ABMMG Fellow in Clinical Molecular Genetics at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA from 2014-2017.

Dr. Popa received her Clinical Laboratory Genetics and Genomics (LGG) training at Yale University School of Medicine Cytogenetics Laboratory at New Haven, CT from 2017-2021.

She is seeking licensure as a Director of Cytogenetics and Molecular Diagnostics.

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

## Reports/Requests:

### Board Director's Report

Sandra Bogard, MS, MT(ASCP) QLC<sup>cm</sup>

The report included statistical data concerning laboratory personnel, facilities, training programs licensure, and health fair/health screening events during the First Quarter of 2023.

The website continues to be updated daily/or as needed.

Staffing updates:

- Mistry Rector transferred to the West TN region as a laboratory surveyor.
- Kim Shannon is the new laboratory surveyor for the Middle TN region.

Board meeting dates for 2023, and 2024 were presented.

No new Board Members have been appointed.

Vacancies on the Board:

- Pathologist
- Non-Pathologist Physician
- Hospital Administrator
- Citizen Member

The Personnel, Laboratory Facility, and Training Program regulations are currently under review by a Task Force.

2023 State Licensure Surveyor Workload Targets:

West TN – 40 surveys

Middle TN – 35 surveys

East TN – 50 surveys

Each region will be incorporating the remote survey process along with onsite surveys.

The target survey workload is 2-3 state-licensed laboratory surveys per fully trained surveyor per month.

A copy of this report is kept on file in the administrative office.

Motion to approve the report as given: Dr. Vaughan.  
Second: Mr. Stanton  
Absent: Dr. Hardison

The report was accepted as given with the chairman voting.

**Board Attorney Report**

Ronda Webb-Stewart  
Senior Associate General Counsel

Senior Associate General Counsel Ronda Webb-Stewart gave her Office of General Counsel report for the First Quarter of 2023:

- The Conflict-of-Interest Policy was reviewed with the Board members.
- Two (2) open cases are currently in the Office of General Counsel.
- OCG is assisting the Task Force in completing the review and rewrite of the Medical Laboratory Board Rules.

**Disciplinary Report**

Ronda Webb-Stewart  
Senior Associate General Counsel

Senior Associate General Counsel Ronda Webb-Stewart gave the Disciplinary Report for the First Quarter of 2023:

- Seven (7) licensees are being monitored.
- Two (2) with terms of reprimand.
- Five (5) with terms of suspension.

Motion to accept the Office of General Counsel Report and the Disciplinary Report as given: Dr. Hardison.  
Second: Mr. Litle

The reports were accepted as given with the chairman voting.

**Regional Surveyor Reports:**

Complaint Investigations  
Proficiency Testing Events  
Regional Offices:  
East, Middle, and West TN

**ETRO Report: 1st Quarter**  
Fowlen Anders, MT

East Tennessee Regional Office –First Quarter 2023:

Consultant/Surveyor

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing: Zero (0)

- First Occurrence (two in a row or two out of three unsatisfactory scores: Zero (0))
- Second Occurrence (three in a row or three out of five unsatisfactory scores: Zero (0))

**MTRO Report: 1st Quarter**

Debbie Haggard, MT

Consultant/Surveyor

Middle Tennessee Regional Office—First Quarter 2023:

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing: One (1)

- First Occurrence (two in a row or two out of three unsatisfactory scores: One (1))
- Second Occurrence (three in a row or three out of five unsatisfactory scores: Zero (0))

**WTRO Report: 1st Quarter**

Debbie Haggard, MT

Consultant/Surveyor

West Tennessee Regional Office –First Quarter 2023:

Complaint Investigations: Zero (0)

Unsuccessful Proficiency Testing: Two (2)

- First Occurrence (two in a row or two out of three unsatisfactory scores: Two (2))
- Second Occurrence (three in a row or three out of five unsatisfactory scores: Zero (0))

Motion to accept the reports as given: Dr. Vaughan.  
Second: Mr. Stanton

Reports were accepted as given with the chairman voting.

**Addition/Deletions to the Board’s Health Screening Test List:**

Nothing to present.

**Board Ratifications Initial Facility Applications:**

1. **Premier Internal Medicine-Pulaski**  
Pulaski, TN

Specialties: Collection Station

Laboratory Director: Clement Aluyi, MD

Surveyor: Bobby Sommer, MT Consultant II/MTRO

Motion: Mr. Litle  
Second: Dr. Vaughan

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

**2. Premier Internal Medicine-Shelbyville**  
Shelbyville, TN

Specialties: Collection Station

Laboratory Director: Clement Aluyi, MD

Surveyor: Bobby Sommer, MT Consultant II/MTRO

Motion: Ms. Briggs  
Second: Dr. Gibson

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

**3. Limitless Medical Laboratories**  
Franklin, TN

Specialties: Routine Chemistry  
Toxicology

Laboratory Director: Mary Mayo, PhD

Surveyor: Debbie Haggard, MT Consultant II/WTRO

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

**4. ImmunoTek Bio Centers, LLC**

Specialties: Plasma Donor Center  
Spun Hematocrit  
Total Serum Protein

Laboratory Director: Mark Dao, MD

Surveyor: Fowlen Anders, MT Consultant II/ETRO

Motion: Mr. Litle  
Second: Mr. Stanton

The license was approved with the chairman voting.

**Other Business/Discussion:**

Task Force Report

Ms. Gidcomb presented a verbal report summarizing the proposed regulation changes of the February 15, 2023 and April 27, 2023, Task Force meetings. The Board agreed to have the Task Force discuss the possibility of licensing out-of-state laboratories. The Task Force will



meet again before the next meeting of the Medical Laboratory Board.

Motion to accept the report as given: Mr. Stanton  
Second: Dr. Gibson

The report was accepted as presented with the chairman voting.

#### Policy Statement Regarding Coursework

The Board reviewed the Policy Statement Regarding Coursework.

Motion to retire the policy: Dr. Gibson  
Second: Mr. Litle

The policy was retired with the chairman voting.

#### Policy Statement American Society for Clinical Pathology International Examination (ASCPi)

The Board reviewed the American Society for Clinical Pathology International Examination (ASCPi) Policy Statement.

Motion to retire the policy: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Dr. Vaughan

The policy was retired with the chairman voting.

#### Initial Laboratory License Requests

The Board requested that the Administrative Office provide a listing of all laboratories applying for an initial facility license with no deficiencies cited during their inspection.

Motion: Dr. Hardison  
Second: Dr. Gibson

The request was approved with the chairman voting.

#### Clarification of Remote Survey Process

The Board provided the following clarification regarding the remote survey process:

##### **Short Review Process:**

- No Remote Survey form is sent to the lab.
- The surveyor reviews the accrediting organization survey findings.
- This survey process can be used to survey the following types of accredited laboratories: initial

(moderate or waived complexity only), addition of specialty, and biennial. Non-accredited labs (hold CLIA certificate of registration or waiver) with a small test menu, i.e., plasma donor centers, can use this survey process.

- Based on the review of the accrediting organization findings, the lab surveyor can determine if an extensive review or an onsite survey needs to be performed.

**Extensive Review Process:**

- The Remote Survey form is sent to the lab by the lab surveyor.
- The surveyor reviews the accrediting organization's survey findings.
- This process can be used to survey the following types of accredited laboratories: initial and addition of specialty.
- Based on the review of the accrediting organization findings, the lab surveyor can determine if an onsite survey needs to be performed.

No motion was needed for the clarification.

**Administrative Approval of Laboratory Director Applicants**

The Board discussed permitting the Administrative Office to approve Laboratory Director applications, except when the Board Consultant has a question concerning the director's credentials, then it will be presented to the Board for review.

Motion to authorize the administrative staff to approve laboratory director licenses: Ms. Briggs

Second: Mr. Litle

The motion was approved with the chairman voting.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm CST.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Litle.

Second: Mr. Stanton

The meeting was adjourned with the chairman voting.