

**Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board  
Personnel and Education Committee  
October 19, 2016  
Minutes**

**Date:** October 19, 2016

**Time:** 1:00 PM CDT

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

**Members Present:** Kathleen Kenwright, Medical Technologist Educator,  
Chairperson  
Cheryl Arnott, S.A. Cytotechnologist  
Tereyo M. Cox, Medical Technologist General  
Michael Johnson, Medical Technologist  
Stephanie Dolsen, Lab Supervisor  
Patti J. Walton, Hospital/Lab Manager/Adm. Director  
Mark Calarco, DO, Independent Laboratory Mgmt./Adm.

**Members Absent:** Royce Joyner, MD, Pathologist Educator

**Staff Present:** Lynda S. England, Medical Technologist Consultant,  
Director  
Nina V. Smith, Medical Technologist Consultant  
Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, Deputy General Counsel, Office  
of General Counsel

**Staff Absent:**

**Presiding Officer:** The meeting was conducted by Kathleen Kenwright,  
Chairperson

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM CDT

**Introductions:** The Board and staff made their introductions to the public  
in attendance.

**Proceedings and Actions Taken:**

**Review Correspondence: Personnel Issues:**

**Review Initial Applications and/or interview applicants to determine eligibility  
or remediation:**

- 1. Jessica Clowers  
Murfreesboro, TN  
37128**

**Application:** Special Analyst-Cytogenetics

**Degree:** Bachelor of Science, Middle TN State University, 2010, Murfreesboro, TN

**Training Program:** Genetics Associates Inc., Cytogenetics Training Program  
Nashville, TN, May 2016

**Certification:** ASCP, Technologist in Cytogenetics (exp. 05/31/2019)

**Appearance:** Ms. Clowers was asked to appear before the P&E Committee of the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board due to certain disclosures in the application process. See Court Records.

**File Status:** All qualifying documents are present in the file

**Motion to approve license:** Ms. Arnott  
**Second:** Mr. Calarco  
**License Approved.**
  
- 2. Rakesh M. Patel  
Johnson City, TN  
37074**

**Application:** Medical Laboratory Technologist-Microbiology

**Degree:** BS, Sardar Patel University-Gujarat, India 1993

**Training Program:** Pramukhswami Medical College-Gujarat, India 1994

**Equivalence:** Bachelor of Science/ Medical Technology

**Certification:** AAB, Medical Laboratory Technologist-Microbiology (exp. 12-31-2016)  
Canadian Society for Medical Laboratory Science (CSMLS)-General MT  
College of Medical Laboratory Technologist of Ontario

(CMLTO)-General MT

**Board Review:** Trained outside of United States, but has practiced as a Medical Technologist in Ontario, Canada for 10 years. Applying for MT-Microbiology only, so that he can have more time to complete the chemistry and math requirements for licensure as a MT Generalist in Tennessee

**File Status:** All other qualifying documents are present in the file

**Motion to approve license:** Ms. Walton

**Second:** Ms. Dolsen

**License Approved.**

3. Maribel J. Moralde  
Chattanooga, TN  
37405

**Application:** Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

**Degree:** B.S.M.T., Central Philippine University-Iloilo City, Philippines 1997

**Training Program:** Central Philippine University, Medical Technology Laboratory Science Department-Jaro, Iloilo City, Philippines 1997

**Equivalence:** Bachelor of Science/ Medical Technology

**Certification:** AMT (Exp. January 2017) Medical Laboratory Technologist

**Board Review:** Trained outside United States

**File Status:** All other qualifying documents are present in the file

**Motion to approve license:** Ms. Arnott

**Second:** Ms. Johnson

**License approved**

4. Amber Schaller  
Cookeville, TN  
38501

**Application:** Special Analyst-Molecular Diagnostics

**Degree:** BS, Shorter University, Rome, GA 2008  
MS, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

**Training Program:** University of Alabama-  
Birmingham-Cytotechnology, 2012  
No formal Molecular Biology Training

**Certification:** ASCP, Cytotechnologist, exp. 12-31-  
2018  
ASCP, Technologist in Molecular Biology, exp. 09-30-  
2019

**Board Review:** Ms. Schaller was asked to appear  
before the Board to review her seven semester hours  
in Molecular Diagnostics during her Masters in Clinical  
Laboratory Science; to be used in lieu of the one year  
of formal on the job training required to obtain a  
Special Analyst license in Molecular Diagnostics  
§68-29-118 (b)

**File Status:** All other qualifying documents are  
present in the file

**Motion to approve license:** Mr. Calarco

**Second:** Ms. Arnott

**License approved**

For future reference, the following criteria must be  
met for a Cytotechnologist to obtain an additional  
Special Analyst license in Molecular Diagnostics:

1. Applicant must pass a national exam in  
Molecular Biology.
2. Applicant must be already licensed as a  
Special Analyst in Cytotechnology.
3. Applicant must have graduated from a  
NAACLS approved Cytotechnology program.
4. Applicant must have taken additional college  
courses in Molecular Biology.

**Reinstatement  
Applications:**

Nothing to present

**Reactivate Retired Applications:**

Nothing to present

**Review Consultant Approval and Ratification of Personnel Applications:\***

**New Licenses and Temporary Licenses (Attachments 1 & 2)**

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of initial and temporary licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

**Reinstatements (Attachment 3)**

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of reinstated licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

**Closed Files (Attachment 4)**

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of closed files from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

**Retired Files (Attachment 5)**

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of retired licenses from August 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

**Training Permits (Attachment 6)**

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of training permits from

\*All licenses ratified with one motion.

**Motion to ratify consultant approved new, temporary, reinstated, closed, retired licenses and training permits:**

Ms. Arnott

**Second:** Mr. Johnson

**Ratified: Initial Actions of Consultant**

**Review Correspondence: Personnel and Educational Issues:**

- Diana Riddle, MT Southhaven, MS** Ms. Riddle appeared before the Board to discuss bypassing Rule 1200-06-01-.21 (1) (b) 2, for Medical Laboratory Personnel that states that to qualify for a supervisor's

license, a medical technologist must have four years of full time clinical work experience subsequent to qualifying as a technologist. She was licensed in Tennessee in 2015, but had 13 years prior experience out of state as a Medical Laboratory Technician. During the discussion, she revealed that she had passed national certification as a MT in 2006. The Board said if she could prove her national certification from AMT in 2006 and submit a letter from a prior employer that attested to four years work experience as a MT, Ms. Riddle could apply for a Supervisor license in Tennessee.

**No motion was made.**

**2. Review documents submitted from ASCP BOC**

The Board was presented documents sent from Patricia A. Tanabe, MPA, MLS (ASCP) CM, Executive Director, ASCP Board of Certification. The BOC MLS (ASCP) and MLS (ASCPi) Exam Content Guideline & Outline demonstrated that the ASCP and the ASCPi were the same exam, beginning January 1, 2015.

**Motion to have counsel, Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs, write a policy that accepts ASCPi as equivalent to ASCP and accepts it as a valid pathway for applicants trained outside of the United States to obtain licensure in the State of Tennessee:** Ms. Walton

**Second:** Mr. Johnson

**Motion approved**

**Administrative Revocation of License:**

**Nothing Presented**

**Rulemaking Up-Date:**

**Nothing Presented**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Nothing Presented**

**Statement of Next Meeting:**

The next Personnel and Education Committee Meeting will be January 26, 2017 and will begin at 1 PM CST in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243

**Record of Adjournment:**

With no other business before the Personnel and Education Committee to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm CDT.

**Motion: Ms. Arnott**

**Second: Ms. Dolsen**

**Meeting Adjourned.**

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**Kathy Kenwright, MT**  
**Chair**  
**Personnel & Education**  
**Committee**

**ATTACHMENT 1: Initial Licenses  
August 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
August 1, 2016				
24445	Beavers	Mitzi	Chatsworth, GA	Technician
24468	Brown	Patty	Springfield, TN	Technician
24520	Davis	Vanessa	Dayton, TN	Technician
24516	Ethridge	Pamela	Copperhill, TN	Technician
24180	Graham	Walter	Bluefield, VA	Technician
24528	Gurley	Heather	Florence, AL	Technician
24510	Hargrave	Branden	Ardmore, AL	Technician
24464	Jackson	Terri	LaFayette, GA	Technician
24503	Littlejohn	Bryan	Guys, TN	Technician
24427	Spoon	Janine	Burnsville, MS	Technician
24482	Taylor	Joshua	Rossville, GA	Technician
24477	Abdouni	Fatima	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist
24489	Clark	Christina	Hixon, TN	Technologist
24377	Cody	Mark	Robbinsville, TN	Technologist
24026	Diallo	Fatoumata	Memphis, TN	Technologist
24422	Deng	Nan	Memphis, TN	Technologist
24469	Dotson	Julie	Ringgold, GA	Technologist
24501	Gard	Rikki	Memphis, TN	Technologist
24367	Guerrero	Carmen	Jamestown, TN	Technologist
20625	Holt	Shanna	Sparta, TN	Technologist
24472	Jones	Daniel	White Bluff, TN	Technologist
24463	Laratta	Margen	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24498	Lee	Jessica	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist
24496	MacFarlane	Kathryn	Brentwood, TN	Technologist
24508	Moore	Alisha	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24432	Pepper	Jason	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24518	Poindexter	Kayla	Murfreesboro, TN	Technologist
24506	Russo	Carmella	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24499	Shelby	Taylor	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24375	Simpson	Justin	Clarksville, TN	Technologist
24473	Underwood	Bonita	Morrison, TN	Technologist
24490	Walle	Demeke	Antioch, TN	Technologist
24475	Wei	Mei	Nashville, TN	Technologist
24436	Williams	Bryan	Clarksville, TN	Technologist
24476	Wilson	Diamondie	Shelbyville, TN	Technologist



<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
24512	Doan	Tri	Knoxville, TN	S.A. Cytogenetics
24497	Idoye	Maureen	Nashville, TN	S.A. Cytogenetics
24505	Teece	Lisa	Beaverton, OR	S.A. Cytogenetics
24413	Star	Mayra	Germantown, TN	S.A. Cytology
24492	Rantus	Joseph	Germantown, TN	S.A. Molecular Diagnostics
23255	Martinez	Blanca	Pleasant View, TN	MT Sup-General
23236	Newton	Kara	Nashville, TN	MT Sup-General
21301	Sanchez	Kristi	Knoxville, TN	MT Sup-General
20805	Tunstall	Ernest	Osceola, AR	MT Sup-General
23271	Morris	Randall	Nashville, TN	MT Sup-Micro
23309	Fores- Montero	Evelyn	Germantown, TN	S.A. Supervisor- Cytogenetics
August 31, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 1: Initial Licenses  
September 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
September 1, 2016				
24484	Burkhart	Douglass	Charlotte, NC	Technician
24511	Carrier	Susanna	Dalton, GA	Technician
24513	Huffman	Jeremy	Chattanooga, TN	Technician
24206	Nelson	William	McCaysville, GA	Technician
24532	Ross	Rebecca	Berea, KY	Technician
24525	Shirley	Emily	Tompkinsville, KY	Technician
24533	Tucker	Tabatha	Celina, TN	Technician
24539	Yarbrough	Sydney	Senatobia, MS	Technician
24408	Zellmer	Dolores	Orangeburg, SC	Technician
24507	Baker	Michael	Columbia, TN	Technologist
24527	Becton	Jasmine	Memphis, TN	Technologist
23032	Hager	Crystal	Gainesboro, TN	Technologist
24531	Halbur	Monica	Clarksville, TN	Technologist
24534	Henry	Kim	Antioch, TN	Technologist
24417	Mastio	Casey-Lynn	Olive Branch, TN	Technologist
24541	Rabaa	Jessica	Memphis, TN	Technologist
18693	Richmond	Stephanie	Memphis, TN	Technologist
24517	Saito	Holly	Knoxville, TN	Technologist
24521	Turner	Tiffany	Burkesville, KY	Technologist
24526	Van Fossen	Chrystal	Chattanooga, TN	Technologist
21097	Wittenberg	Jennifer	Baxter, TN	Technologist
24441	Blanco	Antolin	Cordova, TN	S.A. Cytology
24340	Moultrie	Isa	N. Charleston, SC	S.A. Cytology
24374	Murray	Mary K.	Franklin, TN	S.A. Toxicology
23240	McMann	Kayla	Maynardville, TN	MT Sup-General
18900	Philippe	Tracey	Springfield, TN	MT Sup-General
20491	Pope	Jamie	Hernando, MS	MT Sup-General
13478	Sharp	David	Bartlett, TN	MT Sup-General
23732	Towner	Sandra	Mount Juliet, TN	MT Sup-General
22758	Viruez	Julie	Clarksville, TN	MT Sup-General
September 30, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 2: Temporary Licenses  
August 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category/Train Program</b>
August 1, 2016				
24374	Murray	Mary-Kaitlyn	Brentwood, TN	S.A.-Toxicology
24524	Vega	Miriam	Dalton, GA	ML Technician
August 31, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 2: Temporary Licenses  
September 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category/Train Program</b>
September 1, 2016				
24523	Callahan	Rachel	Ringgold, GA	MLT
September 30, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 3: Reinstatements  
August 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
August 1, 2016				
7102	Johnson	Marguerite	Holly Springs, MS	Technician
11171	Amat	Debra	Alpharetta, GA	Technologist
22978	Legg	Amy	Denver, CO	Technologist
2813	Martello	Toni	Memphis, TN	MT Sup-General
13577	Vora	Manisha	Ringgold, GA	Technician MT Sup-Micro
August 31, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 3: Reinstatements  
September 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
September 1, 2016				
22958	Davis	Shaun	Arden, NC	MLT
September 30, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 4: Administratively Closed Files  
August 2016**

<b>File #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
August 1, 2016				
No Closed Files				
August 31, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 4: Administratively Closed Files  
September 2016**

<b>File #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
September 1, 2016				
NO CLOSED FILES				
September 30, 2016				



**ATTACHMENT 5: Retired Licenses  
August 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
August 1, 2016				
22890	Cavallo	Jennifer	Fort Sill, OK	Technician
10146	Ciaramitaro	Linda	Hernando, MS	Technician
2612	Fraley	Donna	Lenoir City, TN	Technician
18322	Lemay	Teri	Summertown, TN	Technician
177	Norris	Genea	Memphis, TN	Technician
11199	Keith	Paula	Cleveland, TN	Technologist
23634	Smith	Robin	Clarksville, TN	Technologist
2152	Cunningham	Lela	Collierville, TN	Technologist/ MT Supervisor Immunohematology
5528	Jones	Evelyn	Hendersonville, TN	MT Sup-General
5604	Meredith	Ramona	Hohenwald, TN	MT Sup-General
4068	Monk	Patsy	Knoxville, TN	MT Sup-General
4231	Wright	Mamie	Gulfport, MS	MT Sup-General
5612	Young	Ginabeth	Brentwood, TN	MT Sup-General
August 31, 2016				

\*Retired Under Audit

**ATTACHMENT 5: Retired Licenses  
September 2016**

<b>License #</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
September 1, 2016				
23024	Besher	Hiwot	Henrico, VA	MLT
1940	Edmond	Barbara	Memphis, TN	MLT
19737	Gaston	Lisa	Knoxville, TN	MLT
3736	Smith	Michael	Celina, TN	MLT
6619	Jenkins	Carol	Kingsport, TN	MT-Micro
12795	Yeh	Anne	Germantown, TN	MT Sup-Chemistry
2077	Keim	Benjamin	Chattanooga, TN	MT Sup-General
10702	Won	Wonyou	Franklin, TN	MT Sup-General
September 30, 2016				

\*Retired Under Audit

**ATTACHMENT 6: Training Permits**

No license # is issued for a training permit, thus the column for license # becomes school name  
**August 2016**

School	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
August 1, 2016				
*Accupath Diagnostic Laboratory	dba	Integrated Oncology	Brentwood, TN	Cytogenetics Training Program
*Accupath	Amer	Grace	Nashville, TN	SA-Cytogenetics
**CONCORDE	CAREER	COLLEGES	Memphis, TN	MLT Training Program
**Concorde	Hotchkiss	Amanda	Lakeland, TN	MLT
**Concorde	Jones	Jesse	Millington, TN	MLT
**Concorde	Jones	Rochelle	Tutwiler, MS	MLT
***FORTIS	INSTITUTE		Nashville, TN	MLT Training Program
***Fortis-Nash	Childress	Gregory	Nashville, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Costello	Tyler	Spring Hill, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Guye	Hawi	Antioch, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Nelson	Qwenshawn	Murfreesboro, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Rio-Goldman	Mia	Murfreesboro, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Woods	Tyra	Antioch, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Yirdaw	Frey	Antioch, TN	MLT
***Fortis-Nash	Yirga	Sara	Antioch, TN	MLT
****LINCOLN	MEM UNIV	MLS PROG	HARROGATE, TN	MT Training Program
LMU****	Compton	Lindsey	Kodak, TN	MT
LMU****	Hammontree	Andrea	Loudon, TN	MT
LMU****	Hopkins	Alyssa	Sneedville, TN	MT
LMU****	Money	Tonya	Cumberland Gap	MT
LMU****	Rogers	Joshua	Morristown, TN	MT
LMU****	Smith	Maxwell	Greeneville, TN	MT
*****UT	Health Science	Center	Memphis , TN	MT Training Program
UTHSC*****	Cail	Deana	Memphis, TN	MT
UTHSC*****	Hunt	Dana	Bartlett, TN	MT

<b>School</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Category</b>
UTHSC*****	McClendon	Dominic	Memphis, TN	MT
UTHSC*****	McDaniel	Angela	Bartlett, TN	MT
UTHSC*****	Sere	Jennifer	Memphis, TN	MT
UTHSC*****	Washington	DeNisha	Byhalia, MS	MT
August 31, 2016				

**ATTACHMENT 6: Training Permits**

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**September 2016**

School	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
September 1, 2016				
FORTIS	INSTITUTE		COOKEVILLE, TN	MLT Training Program
FORTIS-COOK	Alred	Cydney	Cookeville, TN	MLT
FORTIS-COOK	Graham	Andrew	Rock Island, TN	MLT
*UT	Health Science	Center	Memphis , TN	Cytotechnology Training Program
*UTHSC	Chornes	Irise	Memphis, TN	CT
*UTHSC	Lawal	Rashid	Memphis, TN	CT
*UTHSC	McClung	Alexander	Jonesboro, AR	CT
*UTHSC	Paladino	Meagan	Memphis, TN	CT
*UTHSC	Waller	Cradale	Cordova, TN	CT
**UT	Health Science	Center	Memphis , TN	MT Training Program
**UTHSC	Anderson	Leshon	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Burney	Keaton	Selmer, TN	MT
**UTHSC	Casey	Laura	Cordova, TN	MT
**UTHSC	Hammock	Emily	Cordova, TN	MT
**UTHSC	Hightower	Korron	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Honey	Matthew	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Leigh	Lakeva	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Marienga	Elvis	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Matteson	Kara	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Miles	Elisha	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Mullikin	Alexandria	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Ochenge	Geofrey	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Owens	Deonna	Collierville, TN	MT
**UTHSC	Richards	Loessa	Cordova, TN	MT
**UTHSC	Shipp	Barbara	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Windham	Hannah	Memphis , TN	MT
**UTHSC	Yu	Angela	Bartlett, TN	MT
***Volunteer	State	Cnty College	Gallatin, TN	MLT Training Program
***VSCC	Kullman	Shannon	Charlotte, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Cox-Burgess	Jarvis	Murfreesboro, TN	MLT

***VSCC	Fowler	Richard	Chapmansboro, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Hannan	Md. Abdul	Nashville, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Henderson	Remi	Smyrna, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Hudson	Kayla	Lebanon	MLT
***VSCC	Madson	Julie	Cookeville, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Pritchett	Bethany	Lebanon, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Stover	Ira	Madison, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Wallace	Tanesha	Antioch, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Weaver	Miranda	Old Hickory, TN	MLT
***VSCC	Winn	Emilee	Sparta, TN	MLT
****Weber	State	University	Ogden, UT	MLS Online Training Program
****WSU	Johnson	Brittany	Byhalia, MS	MLT
September 30, 2016				