

**Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board
Personnel and Education Committee
January 26, 2023
Minutes**

Date: January 26, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM CST

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: LeeAnne Briggs, Medical Technologist Educator, Chair
Jennifer Gidcomb, Medical Technologist General
James W. Vaughan, M.D., Pathologist-Educator
Jerry Barker, MT, Hospital/Lab Manager/Adm. Director
Andrew Stanton, S.A. Cytotechnologist
Chris Litle, M.T. Supervisor-General

Members Absent: Michael Johnson, Medical Technologist General

Staff Present: Sandra S. Bogard, Medical Technologist, Director
Nina V. Smith, Medical Technologist Consultant
Ronda Webb-Stewart, Office of General Counsel

Staff Absent:

Presiding Officer: The meeting was conducted by LeeAnne Briggs,
Chairperson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM CST

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. **Mary Kaood** Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-General
Mt. Juliet, TN
Medical Technologist Degree: Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, Ain Shams
University, Cairo, Egypt, 2002

Training: On the job training at the Aboseifin Laboratory, Cairo, Egypt, 2005-2011

U.S. Equivalence: Doctor of Medicine

Certification: International Medical Laboratory Scientist, ASCPi, 2022, Exp. August 31, 2025

Board Review: Trained outside United States. She has six years of work experience in Egypt.

File Status:

The transcript evaluation from WES indicates 12 semester hours of chemistry courses, including a Biochemistry course. It also indicates 48 semester hours of biology courses, including a Microbiology course. Ms. Kaood meets the requirements to be licensed as a Medical Technologist.

After interviewing Ms. Kaood and reviewing her international documents, a motion to approve her license as a Medical Laboratory Technologist-General was made by: Ms. Gidcomb

Second: Mr. Stanton
License Approved

2. **Alice Dahmer
Goncalves**
Chattanooga, TN
Medical Technologist

Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

Degree: B.S., Biomedical Sciences, Feevale University, Brazil, 2011
M.S., Biomedical Sciences, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil, 2018

Training: On the job training at the Clinical Hospital of Porto Alegre, Brazil, 2011-2019

U.S. Equivalence: Bachelor's and master's degrees in Biomedical Sciences

Certification: International Medical Laboratory Scientist, ASCPi, 2022, Exp. June 30, 2025

Board Review: Trained outside United States. She has eight years of work experience in Brazil.

File Status:

The transcript evaluation from FIS indicates 10 semester hours of chemistry courses, including a Biochemistry

course. It also indicates 27 semester hours of biology courses, including a Microbiology course. Ms. Dahmer Goncalves meets the requirements to be licensed as a Medical Technologist.

After interviewing Ms. Dahmer Goncalves and reviewing her international documents, a motion to approve her license as a Medical Laboratory Technologist-General was made by: Mr. Barker
Second: Ms. Litle
License Approved

3. **Johnny Miranda**
Spring Hill, TN
Medical Laboratory
Technician

Application: Medical Laboratory Technician

Degree: A.S., Biology, Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN, 2018
B.S., Microbiology, Middle TN State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 2020
A.A.S., Medical Laboratory Technology, Columbia State Community College, Columbia, TN, 2022

Training Program: Columbia State Community College MLT Training Program, Columbia, TN, 2022

Certification: AMT, Medical Laboratory Technician, 2022 (exp. 9/1/2023)

Appearance: Mr. Miranda 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.**

After interviewing Mr. Miranda and reviewing his court documents, a motion to approve his license as a Medical Laboratory Technician was made by:

Ms. Gidcomb
Second: Dr. Vaughan
License Approved

4. **Kyle Rohl**
Ashland City, TN
Special Analyst-
Molecular Diagnostics

Application: Special Analyst-Molecular Diagnostics

Degree: B.S., Chemistry, Austin Peay State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 2017

Training Program: On the job training at PathGroup, Nashville, TN, Nov. 2020- May 2022

Certification: ASCP, Technologist in Molecular Biology, 2022 (exp. 11/30/2025)

Appearance: Mr. Rohl 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.**

After interviewing Mr. Rohl and reviewing his court documents, a motion to approve his license as a Special Analyst-Molecular Diagnostics was made by:

Dr. Vaughan

Second: Mr. Barker

License Approved

5. **Akosi Oguah**
Franklin, TN
Medical Technologist

Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

Degree: B.S., Medical Laboratory Sciences, Rivers State University, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, 2012
M.S., Biotechnology, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Harrisburg, PA, 2021

Training: Rivers State University MLS Training Program, Nigeria, 2012

U.S. Equivalence: Bachelor's degree in Medical Laboratory Science

Certification: International Medical Laboratory Scientist, ASCPi, 2022, (Exp. June 30, 2025)

Board Review: Trained outside United States. She has 3 years or work experience in Nigeria and 3 years in the U.S.

File Status:

The transcript evaluation from CAREE indicates 22.5 semester hours of chemistry courses, including an Organic chemistry course. It also indicates 33 semester hours of biology courses, including a Microbiology course. Ms. Oguah meets the requirements to be licensed as a Medical Technologist.

After interviewing Ms. Oguah and reviewing her international documents, a motion to approve her license as a Medical Laboratory Technologist-General was made

by: Dr. Vaughan

Second: Ms. Gidcomb

Abstain: Mr. Stanton

License Approved

6. **Atanu Khatua, Ph.D.**
Nashville, TN
Supervisor-Molecular
Diagnostics

Application: Supervisor-Molecular Diagnostics

Degree: B.S., Chemistry, University of Calcutta, India, 1988
M.S., Biochemistry, University of Kalyani, India, 1991
Ph.D., Biochemistry, University of Calcutta, 2002
M.P.H., Public Health, TN State University, 2020

Training: On the job training at Meharry Molecular
Diagnostic Laboratory, Nashville, TN, 2020- 2022

U.S. Equivalence: Ph.D. in Biochemistry

Certification: No National Certification

Rule 1200-06-01-.21 (1)

(a) The medical laboratory supervisor shall meet one of the following qualifications:

- (1) Subsequent to obtaining a doctoral degree, the applicant must have at least two (2) years of full-time clinical laboratory work experience as defined in Rule 1200-06-01-.22(1)(h) in the area they wish to supervise.

(b) Clinical laboratory work experience, as required in Rule 1200-06-01-.21(1)(a)2., 3., or 4, begins when the applicant either receives a national certification or state licensure at the technologist or special analyst level. This rule does not require national certification for the doctoral level of education (1).

Board Review: Educated outside United States. He has 2 years of clinical work experience and 14 years of research work experience in the U.S.

File Status:

The transcript evaluation from WES indicates 58 semester hours of chemistry courses, including an Organic chemistry course. It also indicates 20 semester hours of biology courses, including a Microbiology course. Mr. Khatua meets the requirements to be licensed as a Special Analyst Supervisor- Molecular Diagnostics.

After interviewing Dr. Khatua and reviewing his international documents, a motion to approve his license

as a Medical Laboratory Supervisor-Molecular Diagnostics was made by: Ms. Gidcomb
Second: Mr. Barker

License Approved

7. **Mariana Hanna**
La Vergne, TN
Medical Technologist

Application: Medical Laboratory Technologist-General

Degree: B.S., Chemistry and Microbiology, Sohag University, Sohag, Egypt, 2003

Training: On the job training at the El-Karoz Medical Laboratory, Egypt, 2013-2019

U.S. Equivalence: Bachelor of Science degree with majors in Chemistry and Microbiology

Certification: International Medical Laboratory Scientist, ASCPI, 2022, Exp. December 31, 2025

Board Review: Trained outside United States. She has six years of work experience in Egypt.

File Status:

The transcript evaluation from ECE indicates 33.75 semester hours of chemistry courses, including an Organic course. It also indicates 17 semester hours of biology courses, including a Microbiology course. Ms. Hanna meets the requirements to be licensed as a Medical Technologist.

After interviewing Ms. Hanna and reviewing her international documents, a motion to approve her license as a Medical Laboratory Technologist-General was made by: Mr. Stanton
Second: Dr. Vaughan

License Approved

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 October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Reinstatements (Attachment 3)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of reinstated licenses from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Closed Files (Attachment 4)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of closed files from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Retired Files (Attachment 5)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of retired licenses from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Training Permits (Attachment 6)

The Committee reviewed the Consultant approved list of training permits from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

*All licenses ratified with one motion.

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

Ms. Gidcomb

Second: Mr. Stanton

Abstain: Mr. Barker

Ratified: Initial Actions of Consultant

Review Correspondence: Personnel and Educational Issues:

Request for Addition of Clinical Rotation Sites	Volunteer State Community College Gallatin, TN 37066 MLT Training Program Eileen Ricker, MBA, MLS(ASCP)
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Ms. Ricker requested approval to add the following rotation site to the Volunteer State Community College MLT Training Program:

The Medical Center at Bowling Green
Bowling Green, KY

After reviewing the Clinical Facility Fact Sheet and the Clinical Affiliation Agreement, the following motion was offered:

Motion to add The Medical Center at Bowling Green as a clinical rotation site for the Volunteer State Community College MLT Training Program: Dr. Vaughan
Second: Mr. Barker

Motion approved

Administrative **Nothing Presented**
Revocation of
License:

Rulemaking Up-Date: **Nothing Presented**

Reserved: **Nothing Presented**

Clarification staff correspondence/inquiries:

OTHER BUSINESS:

Statement of Next Meeting:

The next Personnel and Education Committee Meeting will be April 27, 2023 and will begin at 1 PM CDT 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 CST.

Motion: Mr. Barker

Second: Mr. Litle

Motion Approved

Meeting Adjourned

**ATTACHMENT 1: Initial Licenses
October 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
October 1, 2022				
26510	Beu	Jessica	Bell Buckle	Technician
26470	Blade	Janice	Somerville	Technician
26429	Davidson	Joy	Montevallo, AL	Technician
26482	Estep	Amber	Madison, WV	Technician
26534	Tolossa	Saron	Antioch, TN	Technician
26498	Griffin	Morgan	Nashville	Technologist
26506	Guest	Kylie	Checotah, OK	Technologist
26499	Parks	Jessica	Memphis	Technologist
26242	Sayles	Ester	Albany, OR	Technologist
26255	Sullivan	Jennifer	College Grove	Technologist
22494	Gaines	Mikela	Olive Branch, MS	MT Sup-General
25335	Tampubolon	Timothy	Nashville	MT Sup-General
19703	Wright	Pamela	Morristown	MT Sup-General
23671	Eichenberger	Shannon	Murfreesboro	Sup-Cytogenetics
26518	Garmon	Dominique	Medina	SA-Molecular Diagnostics
October 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 1: Initial Licenses
November 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
November 1, 2022				
26460	Aschbrenner	Christine	Cabot, AR	Technician
26555	Jones	Jessica	Chattanooga	Technician
26403	Klopfenstein	Abigail	Mckenzie	Technician
26554	Little	Christina	Manchester	Technician
26523	Tackett	Karen	Winchester	Technician
26536	Thomas	Meosha	Memphis	Technician
26529	Akel	Yazan	Collierville	Technologist
26264	Bau	Nina	Winamac, IN	Technologist
26547	Kelley	Mary	Clarksville	Technologist
26468	Lash	Calley	Westover, WV	Technologist
26486	Maye	Diamonte	Nashville	Technologist
26449	Mello	Jocelyn	Chapmansboro	Technologist
26519	Robles Macias	Jessica	Franklin	Technologist
26530	Snyder	Jacob	Knoxville	Technologist
26535	Taylor	Tabitha	Ponchatoula, LA	Technologist
25382	Williams	Wendy	Antioch	Technologist
24477	Abdouni	Fatima	Murfreesboro	MT Sup-General
23571	Acklen	Darren	Manchester	MT Sup-General
24917	Arcieri	Andrew	Memphis	MT Sup-General
23300	Edgington	Peggy	Sparta	MT Sup-General
21624	Johnson	Izetta	Dayton	MT Sup-General
24506	Russo	Carmella	Nashville	MT Sup-General
26479	Reeves	Cliff	Medina	MT Supervisor Immunohematology
24550	Benton	Alison	Mt. Juliet	MT Supervisor Mol. Diagnostics
25546	Boyce	Carolyn	Smyrna	MT Supervisor Mol. Diagnostics
26532	Richmond	Erin	Charleston, WV	SA Cytotechnology
November 30, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 1: Initial Licenses
December 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
December 1, 2022				
26567	Dinh	Danica	Cookeville	Technician
26508	Houghtaling	Britani	Woodlawn	Technician
26543	McCallum	Chelsea	Cass City, MI	Technician
26578	Toker	Danielle	Royal Palm Beach, FL	Technician
26585	Alcala	Eden	Morristown	Technologist
26457	Block	Kaitlyn	Nashville	Technologist
26511	Butler	Crystal	Whiteville, NC	Technologist
26558	Derby	Rebecca	Knoxville	Technologist
26522	Dismuke	Tanya	Lyons, GA	Technologist
26502	Diven	Kasey	Shelbyville, KY	Technologist
26492	Massolle	Kelly	Chicago, IL	Technologist
25236	Nguyen	Tram	Bartlett	Technologist
26571	Noll	Tyler	Knoxville	Technologist
24415	Bhattacharya	Shyamali	Brentwood	MT Supervisor-General
25020	Granderson	Sherita	Memphis	MT Supervisor-General
20840	Word	Sean	Jackson	MT Supervisor-General
26520	Tussey	Breanna	Antioch	SA-Molecular Diagnostics
26551	Davis-Edwards	Sarah	Nashville	SA-Toxicology
26552	Whigham	Kenneth	College Grove	Supervisor-Toxicology
December 31, 2022				

ATTACHMENT 2: Temporary Licenses October 2022				
License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category/Train Program
October 1, 2022				
NO	TEMPORARY	LICENSES		
October 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 2: Temporary Licenses
November 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category/Train Program
November 1, 2022				
NO	TEMPORARY	LICENSES		
November 30, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 2: Temporary Licenses
December 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category/Train Program
December 1, 2022				
NO	TEMPORARY	LICENSES		
December 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 3: Reinstatements
October 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
October 1, 2022				
11794	Mayborn	Kimberly	Cleveland	Technologist
October 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 3: Reinstatements
November 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
November 1, 2022				
22438	Malkes	Lynn	Knoxville	Technician
November 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 3: Reinstatements
December 2022**

License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
December 1, 2022				
6725	Brown	Janet	Nashville	Technician
13326	George	Gina	McMinntville	Technician
22205	Thomas	Annie	Southaven, MS	Technician
6399	Wright	Diane	Memphis	Technician
21558	Jator	Eleanor	Clarksville	Technologist
22680	Bolden	James	Oxford, MS	MT Supervisor General
21786	Stowe	Christine	Lebanon	SA- Cytogenetics
December 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 4: Administratively Closed Files
October 2022**

File #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
October 1, 2022				
NO	CLOSED	FILES		
October 31, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 4: Administratively Closed Files
November 2022**

File #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
November 1, 2022				
NO	CLOSED	FILES		
November 30, 2022				

**ATTACHMENT 4: Administratively Closed Files
December 2022**

File #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
December 1, 2022				
NO	CLOSED	FILES		
December 31, 2022				

ATTACHMENT 5: Retired Licenses				
October 2022				
License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
October 1, 2022				
13086	Lee	Cathy	Lexington	Technician
5440	Thompson	Linda	Memphis	Technician
21128	Wilson	Dovey	Memphis	Technician
25909	Grissett	Beth	Clarksville	Technologist
15036	Rowe	Linda	Lavergne	Technologist
18720	Taylor	Karli	Memphis	Technologist
21128	Walker	Donna	Gallatin	Technologist
October 31, 2022				

*Retired Under Audit

ATTACHMENT 5: Retired Licenses November 2022				
License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
November 1, 2022				
14263	McGhee	Rosetta	Memphis	Technician
20117	Curran	Amy	Oak Ridge	Technologist
11816	Suggs	Cathy	Nesbitt, MS	Technologist
14926	Giannini	Mary	Germantown	MT Sup-General
9810	Shaw	Deborah	Harriman	MT Sup-General
November 31, 2022				

*Retired Under Audit

ATTACHMENT 5: Retired Licenses				
December 2022				
License #	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
December 1, 2022				
20778	Arias	Deisy	Memphis	Technologist
14974	Benedett	Coleen	N. Myrtle Beach, SC	Technologist
5933	Mitchell	Marcia	Cookeville	Technologist
5871	Snyder	Susan	Powell	Technologist
17994	Beaton	Cynthia	Burns	MT Supervisor- General
8531	Gray-Sweatt	Jolene	Pikeville	MT Supervisor- General
5831	Loden	Cynthia	Southaven, MS	MT Supervisor- General
6910	Wright	Lonnie	Rockwood	MT Supervisor- General
December 31, 2022				

*Retired Under Audit

ATTACHMENT 6: Training Permits

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

OCTOBER 2022

School	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
OCTOBER 1, 2022				
BAPTIST	HEALTH SCIENCES	UNIIVERSITY	Memphis	MT PROGRAM
B.H.S.U	Artis	Jasmonee	Southaven, MS	MT
B.H.S.U	Edwards	Cali	Aberdeen, MS	MT
B.H.S.U	Ammons	Charsity	Terry, MS	MT
B.H.S.U	Benson	Sydney	Summertown	MT
B.H.S.U	Love	Amaya	Memphis	MT
FORTIS	INSTITUTE		COOKEVILLE	MLT PROGRAM
FORTIS	Pedroza	Shauna	Cookeville	MLT
VOLUNTEER	STATE	COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Gallatin	MLT PROGRAM
V.S.C.C	Donegan	Teresa	Lebanon	MLT
V.S.C.C	Gardner	Kaela	Goodspring	MLT
V.S.C.C	Gregory	Jacob	Pleasant Shade	MLT
V.S.C.C	Harman	Alexis	Cookeville	MLT
V.S.C.C	Martinez	Kayla	Cookeville	MLT
V.S.C.C	Omosigho	Vanessa	Greenbrier	MLT
V.S.C.C	Perry	Seyan	Franklin, KY	MLT
V.S.C.C	Phy	Jada	McEwen	MLT
V.S.C.C	Ratliff-Shaw	Lynley	Goodlettsville	MLT
V.S.C.C	Webster	Clay	Gallatin	MLT
V.S.C.C	Woodard	Justin	Lafayette	MLT
OCTOBER 31, 2022				

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November 2022

School	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
November 1, 2022				
UT	HEALTH	SCIENCE CENTER	MEMPHIS	MT PROGRAM
UTHSC	Brown	Dylan	Memphis	MT
UTHSC	Bryson	Morgan	Bartlett	MT
UTHSC	Clanton	Samantha	Memphis	MT
UTHSC	Harrison	Lauryn	Memphis	MT
UTHSC	Pisahl	Audrey	Memphis	MT
UTHSC	Scifres	Lauren	Germantown	MT
UTHSC	Scoggins	Titus	Memphis	MT
UTHSC	Shepard	Shcorey	Stanton	MT
November 30, 2022				

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December 2022

School	Last Name	First Name	City	Category
December 1, 2022				
AUSTIN PEAY	STATE	UNIVERSITY	CLARKSVILLE	MLS PROGRAM
APSU	Banico	Laurenjoy	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Carroll	Anna	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Morillo	Milena	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Curtiss	Soni	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Hampel	Laurel	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Herzer	Gregory	Mt. Juliet	MLS
APSU	Owens	Katherine	Hendersonville	MLS
APSU	Paeth	Izabella	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Parmeter	Jaheita	Clarksville	MLS
APSU	Roberts	Jodi	Gallatin	MLS
APSU	Salgado	Eduardo	Gallatin	MLS
APSU	Smith	Sara	Fort Campbell, KY	MLS
APSU	West	Jordon	Nashville	MLS
December 31, 2022				