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BOARD MEETINGS FOR 2015

The 2015 Board Meetings will be held at
665 Mainstream Drive, Metro Center,
Nashville, TN, 37243, in the Iris Conference Room

Personnel and Education Committee Meetings

Personnel and Education Committee meetings will
convene at 1:00P.M. CST/CDT on the following dates in
2015:

January 14, 2015
April 15, 2015
July 15, 2015
October 15, 2015

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Meetings

Full Board meetings will convene at 9:00A.M. CST/CDT on
the following dates in 2014:

January 15, 2015
April 16, 2015
July 16, 2015
October 16, 2015

BOARD MEMBER ACTIVITY

A Farewell and Thanks to Former Board Members

Annie Washington, MT Pamela Bullock, M.D. Regina L. Bartlett, RN Gloria Jenkins	Memphis Knoxville Hendersonville Brentwood	MT General Pathologist, Non-Ed Hospital Administrator Citizen Representative
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Welcome These Board Appointees

J. Scott Nolan, M.D. Terryo M. Cox, MT Marc A. Calarco, DO Royce E. Joyner, MD Carla M. Davis, MD	Cookeville Murfreesboro Brentwood Memphis Nashville	Pathologist, Non-Ed MT General Ind. Lab Mgr/Adm Path. Ed. Reappointed Pathologist
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OUR MOVE IS COMPLETE

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Has Moved.

The Department of Health's Division of Health Licensure and Regulation, Office of Health Related Boards transitioned from leased space at Heritage Place Metro Center to a newly renovated state-owned space. Our new address is 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243. Our move was completed in the last months of 2013.

All individual employee phone numbers and e-mail addresses remained the same. You are encouraged to stay in contact with our office by using existing phones numbers and email addresses. However, if you plan to write or visit the Health Related Boards, remember, we now have a new address:

**Tennessee Department of Health
Division of Health, Licensure and Regulation
Office of Health Related Boards
ATTN: Medical Laboratory Board
665 Mainstream Drive, MetroCenter
Nashville, Tenn. 37243**

While the department prepared diligently to minimize downtime, maintain accessibility and sustain productivity throughout our relatively complex move, we do appreciate your understanding and patience as personnel continue to learn how to effectively work in our new space. We have been relocated for just shy of a year and we continue to learn new policy and procedure each and every day. We look forward to working with you and providing outstanding customer service from our new location.

Medical Laboratory Board Legislative Update - 2014

Public Chapter 949

This act allows for initial licensure applications to be accepted online. Currently, renewing licenses is already available online. This also makes available to the public annual inspections of health care facilities and pharmacies, similar to how nursing home inspections are already available.

Public Chapter 1007

This bill subjects out-of-state labs providing services to patients in TN, to the same provisions as labs located in this state. Specifically, this bill makes out-of-state labs subject to the prohibition on offering rebates that in-state labs are subject to. This removes a loophole that out-of-state labs were able to use to gain a competitive advantage over in-state labs.

Policy Revision Coursework for Licensure

The Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board accepts coursework required to become licensed to be presented in traditional lecture and classroom formats, as well as coursework presented in multimedia and/or electronic formats.

This Policy Statement was adopted by the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board on the 16th day of January, 2014.



The Tennessee Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly in 1974 requires that meetings of state, city and county government bodies be open to the public and that any such governmental body give adequate notice of such meeting. Open meeting notices can also be accessed at

<http://health.state.tn.us/boards/calendar.htm>



ACCESSING THE BOARD'S WEB SITE

- Log on to <http://tn.gov/health>
- In the title bar: Click on For Health Care Professionals
- Under Health Related Boards: Click on Medical Laboratory

There are many resources on our web site including, but not limited to, the rules, statutes, applications, policy statements and a list of approved educational schools/programs and licensed facilities. License renewal and licensure verification may also be utilized on this web site. This is a valuable resource. Please use it. You will find it to be very friendly.

BOARD DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Tennessee Department of Health issues a monthly media release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. All action taken by the Medical Laboratory Board is viewable online at:

<http://health.state.tn.us/Boards/disciplinary.htm>

INVOICES FOR LICENSE RENEWAL

On January 1, 2013, a new law, became effective requiring your licensing board to provide electronic notices to you. The law gives you the **option** of being notified electronically of the following: (1) Renewals of license, certification or registration; (2) Any fee increases; (3) Any changes in state law that impact the license holder; and (4) Any board meeting where changes in rules or fees are on the agenda. If you "opt in", the Department of Health will also be able to alert you of critical public health matters impacting the State of Tennessee.

If you should not get a renewal notice, written or email, please maintain your vigilance in reviewing your expiry date and be aware that it is your responsibility to renew your license before it expires, with or without a renewal invoice. Your expiration date is on your license and you can renew on-line following this link:

<https://apps.tn.gov/hlrs/begin.jsp>

Tennessee Medical Laboratory Board Members

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Brentwood, TN
Independent Laboratory
Management/Administration

VACANT

Hospital Administrator

VACANT

Citizen Representative

VACANT

Medical Technologist - Generalist

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