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O N Agenda Item: I. A.

**DATE:** July 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Institutional Reauthorization

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Commission, under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, has the "power and duty" to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed to determine whether all documentation was submitted in accordance with the Act and postsecondary rules. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on July 8, 2021 and endorsed staff recommendations for reauthorization as described below.

## Authorized Locations With Regular Authorization (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022) (42)

- 1. Accelerated College of the Bible International (Hendersonville, TN Code: 1865)
- 2. Austin's Beauty College (Clarksville, TN Code: 1842)
- 3. Bill Rice Bible Institute (Murfreesboro, TN Code: 1912)
- 4. Boilermaking and Welding Institute (Memphis, TN Code: 1930)
- 5. Catholic Charities of Tennessee, Inc. (Nashville, TN Code: 1964)
- 6. Certified Medical Academy LLC (Cordova, TN Code: 1938)
- 7. Comprehensive Health Academy of Tennessee, LLC (Memphis, TN Code: 1913)
- 8. Covenant Theological Seminary (Nashville, TN Code: 1771)
- 9. Cumberland Institute of Holistic Therapies, Inc. (Brentwood, TN Code: 1257)
- 10. Dental Assistant School of Memphis, LLC (Memphis, TN Code: 1839)
- 11. Dental Staff School of Tennessee (Franklin, TN Code: 1263)
- 12. Drive-Train (Jackson, TN Code: 1270)
- 13. Elite College of Cosmetology (Lexington, TN Code: 1851)
- 14. Excel Dental Training Institute (Hermitage, TN Code: 1690)
- 15. Faith is the Victory Life Christian Bible Institute (Nashville, TN Code: 1275)
- 16. Franklin Hair Academy School of Cosmetology (Franklin, TN Code: 1841)
- 17. Health Tech Institute of Memphis (Memphis, TN Code: 1288)
- 18. Massage Institute of Memphis, LLC (Memphis, TN Code: 1412)
- 19. Middle Tennessee Cardiovascular Institute (Nashville, TN Code: 1916)

- 20. Mister Wayne's School of Unisex Hair Design (Cookeville, TN Code: 1849)
- 21. Nashville School of Massage Therapy (Franklin, TN Code: 1736)
- 22. New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Nashville (Nashville, TN Code: 1444)
- 23. NHLA Inspector Training School (Memphis, TN Code: 1445)
- 24. North American Lineman Training Center, LLC (McEwen, TN Code: 1446)
- 25. North Central Institute (Clarksville, TN Code: 1447)
- 26. Paul Mitchell the School Knoxville (Knoxville, TN Code: 1848)
- 27. Paul Mitchell the School Murfreesboro (Murfreesboro, TN Code: 1852)
- 28. Richmont Graduate University (Chattanooga, TN Code: 1467)
- 29. Savvy Coders (Chattanooga, TN Code: 1958)
- 30. Shear Perfection Academy of Cosmetology (Nashville, TN Code: 1937)
- 31. Swift Driving Academy (Memphis, TN Code: 1495)
- 32. Tennessee School of Beauty of Knoxville, Inc. (Knoxville, TN Code: 1836)
- 33. Tennessee School of Massage (Memphis, TN Code: 1499)
- 34. The Blackbird Academy (Nashville, TN Code: 1703)
- 35. The Hair Academy (Fayetteville, TN Code: 1846)
- 36. The Healthcare Institute Inc. (Memphis, TN Code: 1765)
- 37. The Healthcare Readiness Institute (Memphis, TN Code: 1761)
- 38. TN Professional Training Institute (Murfreesboro, TN Code: 1681)
- 39. Truck Driver Institute, Inc. (Tupelo, MS Code: 1513)
- 40. Tulsa Welding School (Jacksonville, FL Code: 1515)
- 41. Vanderbilt University Medical Center (Nashville, TN Code: 1935)
- 42. Waterdogs SCUBA and Safety LLC (Clarksville, TN Code: 1919)

## Authorized Locations With Temporary Authorization (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022) (7)

- 1. A Better You Academe (Chattanooga, TN Code: 1990)
- 2. Competitive Edge Dental Assisting Academy, LLC (Kingston, TN Code: 1991)
- Cumberland Health Careers Institute, LLC (Clarksville, TN Code: 1984)
- 4. Elite Bartending School Nashville (Nashville, TN Code: 1992)
- 5. Future Truck Drivers of America LLC (Memphis, TN Code: 1976)
- 6. Integrity Healthcare Training Solutions (Tullahoma, TN Code: 1993)
- 7. Massage Institute of Cleveland (Cleveland, TN Code: 1411)

**Agenda Item:** I. B.

**DATE:** July 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Temporary Authorization of New Institutions

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Temporary Authorization

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Commission, under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, has the "power and duty" to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed, site visits have been performed, and staff has determined that all necessary documentation and bonds have been secured. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on July 8, 2021 and endorsed staff recommendations for Temporary Authorization of these institutions.

### A. Class A Driving Academy

Memphis, TN

3739 Hickory Ridge Mall, Memphis, Tennessee 38115

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: No

Class A Driving Academy is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Memphis, Tennessee.

1. Program: Truck Driver Training Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 160 Contact Hours

4 Weeks

License/Certification Required for Employment: CDL-A

Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security

#### B. Contemporary Music Center

Brentwood, TN

559 Church Street East, Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)

**Accreditation:** The Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

**Title IV Funding:** Yes

#### **Change of Ownership:**

Contemporary Music Center, formally owned by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, was purchased by Smart Experience Institutes LLC on January 13, 2021. The institution is a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and has been authorized by THEC since April 23, 2015.

Contemporary Music Center is seeking approval to revise one program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Brentwood, Tennessee.

1. Program: Entertainment Industry Studies (Revised)

Credential Awarded: Semester Credit Hours
Length of Program: 16 Semester Credit Hours

**3.75 Months** 

#### C. Progressive Resources LLC

Memphis, TN

6000 Poplar Avenue, Suite 250, Memphis, Tennessee 38119

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: None

Progressive Resources LLC is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a distance learning format. All instruction is provided on-line.

1. Program: IT Database Analyst

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 24 Contact Hours

1 Month

#### D. Ross College Sylvania, OH

5834 Monroe Street STE F-J, Sylvania, Ohio 43560

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

**Title IV Funding:** Yes

Ross College is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Sylvania, Ohio, as well as on-line. This institution is recruitment only.

1. Program: Pharmacy Technician

Credential Awarded: Diploma

Length of Program: 66.5 Quarter Credit Hours

9 Months

#### E. Ross Medical Education Center

Johnson City, TN

3021 East Oakland Avenue, Johnson City, Tennessee 37601

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

**Title IV Funding:** Yes

#### **Change of Ownership:**

Ross Medical Education Center was formally owned by Ross Education Holdings, LLC. On February 1, 2021, Ross Education Holdings, LLC converted to Ross Education Holdings, Inc. The institution is a not-for-profit corporation and has been authorized by THEC since July 25, 2013.

Ross Medical Education Center is seeking approval to revise one program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Johnson City, Tennessee.

1. Program: Medical Assistant (Revised)

Credential Awarded: Diploma

Length of Program: 44.5 Quarter Credit Hours

8.5 Months

#### F. Ross Medical Education Center

Knoxville, TN

206 N. Seven Oaks Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37922

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES)

Title IV Funding: Yes

#### **Change of Ownership:**

Ross Medical Education Center was formally owned by Ross Education Holdings, LLC. On February 1, 2021, Ross Education Holdings, LLC converted to Ross Education Holdings, Inc. The institution is a not-for-profit corporation and has been authorized by THEC since January 29, 2015.

Ross Medical Education Center is seeking approval to revise one program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Knoxville, Tennessee.

1. Program: Medical Assistant (Revised)

Credential Awarded: Diploma

Length of Program: 44.5 Quarter Credit Hours

8.5 Months

#### **G.** United Training Academy

Memphis, TN

5100 Poplar Ave, Suite 218, Memphis, Tennessee 38137

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: No

#### **Change of Ownership:**

United Training Academy was formally named New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Memphis and owned by 5P NH Company. The institution was purchased by James Cox, Jamie Fiely, Tiffany Wallace, and United Training Management LLC on December 6, 2020 and thereafter changed the institution's name to United Training Academy. The institution is a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and has been authorized by THEC since January 27, 2000.

United Training Academy is seeking approval to revise five programs. The programs will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Business Administration Associate (Revised)

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 216 Contact Hours

3 Months

2. Program: Business Administration Professional (Revised)

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 450 Contact Hours

6.25 Months

3. Program: Medical Office Administration (Revised)

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 180 Contact Hours

2.5 Months

4. Program: Network Systems Administrator Professional

(Revised)

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 648 Contact Hours

9 Months

5. Program: Security IT Associate (Revised)

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 216 Contact Hours

3 Months

Agenda Item: I. C.

**DATE:** July 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** New Programs

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Commission, under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, has the "power and duty" to act upon applications for authorization of educational programs in the state. Applications have been reviewed and staff has determined that all necessary documentation for new program applications is in accordance with the Act and postsecondary rules. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on July 8, 2021 and endorsed staff recommendations for approval.

#### A. Academy of Allied Health Careers

Chattanooga, TN

5600 Brainerd Road, Suite C-3, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)

**Authorization Date:** November 14, 1997

**Accreditation:** Council on Occupational Education (COE)

Title IV Funding: No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Certificate

Academy of Allied Health Careers is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Academy of Allied Health Careers is also seeking approval to revise two programs. The programs will be offered in a distance learning format. All instruction is provided on-line.

1. Program: Medical Administrative Assistant/Electronic Health

**Records Specialist (Revised)** 

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 247 Contact Hours

2.25 Months Full-Time 4.25 Months Part-Time 2. Program: Nursing Assistant

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 144 Contact Hours

1.5 Months Full-Time 3 Months Part-Time

License/Certification Required for Employment: Certified Nurse Aide Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Health/Division of Healthcare Facilities

3. Program: Professional Coder Plus (PC+) (Revised)

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 612 Contact Hours

5 Months Full-Time 10 Months Part-Time

B. Cumberland Academy of Dental Assisting, PLLC Smyrna, TN

1540 Rock Springs Road, Smyrna, Tennessee 37167

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)

**Authorization Date:** November 6, 2020

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Certificate

Cumberland Academy of Dental Assisting, PLLC is seeking approval to revise one program. The program will be offered in a distance learning format. All instruction is provided online.

1. Program: Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide (Revised)

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 5 Contact Hours

1 Day

License/Certification Required for Employment: Nitrous Oxide Monitoring

Certification

**Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Board of Dentistry** 

#### C. Dark Horse Institute

Franklin, TN

230 Franklin Road, Building 14, Suite A, Franklin, Tennessee 37064

**Corporate Structure:** Limited Liability Company (LLC)

**Authorization Date:** April 28, 2011

Accreditation: None
Title IV Funding: No
Highest Credential Offered: Diploma

Dark Horse Institute is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Franklin, Tennessee.

1. Program: Composition and Songwriting

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 300 Contact Hours

3 Months

#### D. Delta Technical College

Horn Lake, MS

6530 Interstate Boulevard, Horn Lake, Mississippi 38637

**Corporate Structure:** Sole Proprietorship **Authorization Date:** April 28, 2011

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges

(ACCSC)

**Title IV Funding:** Yes **Highest Credential Offered:** Diploma

Delta Technical College is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a residential format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Horn Lake, Mississippi.

1. Program: CDL Refresher

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate

Length of Program: 40 Contact Hours

5 Days

License/Certification Required for Employment: CDL-A

Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security

#### E. Lab Four Professional Development Center

Memphis, TN

1255 Lynnfield Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38119

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Authorization Date:** April 24, 2008

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and

Training (ACCET)

Title IV Funding: No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Associate Degree

Lab Four Professional Development Center is seeking approval for three new programs. The programs will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Cisco Certified Expert: CCNP Enterprise

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 144 Contact Hours 2 Months Full-Time

4 Months Part-Time

2. Program: Cisco Certified Expert: Cisco Certified CyberOps

**Professional** 

**Credential Awarded:** Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 144 Contact Hours

2 Months Full-Time 4 Months Part-Time

3. Program: Microsoft Certified Expert: Microsoft Certified Azure

**Security Engineer Associate** 

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 72 Contact Hours

1 Month Full-Time 2 Months Part-Time

#### F. Lab Four Professional Development Center

Nashville, TN

44 Vantage Way, Suite 503, Nashville, Tennessee 37228

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Authorization Date:** January 26, 2012

**Accreditation:** Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and

Training (ACCET)

**Title IV Funding:** No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Associate Degree

Lab Four Professional Development Center is seeking approval for three new programs. The programs will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Nashville, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Cisco Certified Expert: CCNP Enterprise

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 144 Contact Hours
2 Months Full-Time
4 Months Part-Time

2. Program: Cisco Certified Expert: Cisco Certified CyberOps

**Professional** 

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 144 Contact Hours

2 Months Full-Time 4 Months Part-Time

3. Program: Microsoft Certified Expert: Microsoft Certified Azure

**Security Engineer Associate** 

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

Length of Program: 72 Contact Hours

1 Month Full-Time 2 Months Part-Time

G. Swift Driving Academy

Memphis, TN

1940 East Brooks Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38116

**Corporate Structure:** S-Corporation **Authorization Date:** August 18, 1995

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Certificate

Swift Driving Academy is seeking approval to revise one program. The program will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Truck Driving (Revised)
Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 150 Contact Hours

3 Weeks

License/Certification Required for Employment: CDL-A

Licensing Board/Agency: Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security

H. TECH901 Memphis, TN

1350 Concourse Avenue, Suite 375, Memphis, Tennessee 38104

**Corporate Structure:** Not-for-Profit Corporation

**Authorization Date:** November 7, 2019

Accreditation: None Title IV Funding: No

**Highest Credential Offered:** Certificate

TECH901 is seeking approval for one new program. The program will be offered in a blended format. Instruction will be provided by the faculty from their authorized location in Memphis, Tennessee, as well as on-line.

1. Program: Data Analytics

Credential Awarded: Certificate of Completion

**Length of Program:** 69 Contact Hours

3.5 Months

**Agenda Item:** I. D.

**DATE:** July 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Optional Expedited Authorization

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Commission, under the Tennessee Higher Education Authorization Act of 2016, has the "power and duty" to act upon applications for authorization to operate an educational institution in the state. For the institutions listed below, applications have been reviewed and staff has determined that all necessary documentation has been submitted. The Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions met on July 8, 2021 and endorsed staff recommendations for Optional Expedited Authorization of these institutions.

#### **Optional Expedited Authorized Locations (15)**

1.	Bellevue University	Knoxville, TN
2.	Bellevue University - Online	Bellevue, NE
3.	Bellevue University- Chattanooga State Community College	Chattanooga, TN
4.	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Fort Campbell	Fort Campbell, KY
5.	Galen College of Nursing	Nashville, TN
6.	Lindsey Wilson College	Oak Ridge, TN
7.	Ross College	Hopkinsville, KY
8.	SAE Institute of Technology	Nashville, TN
9.	Troy University - eTroy	Troy, AL
10.	University of St Augustine for Health Sciences	Austin, TX
11.	University of St Augustine for Health Sciences	Coral Gables, FL
12.	University of St Augustine for Health Sciences	San Marcos, CA
13.	University of St Augustine for Health Sciences	St. Augustine, FL
14.	University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences	Irving, TX
15.	Webster University	Millington, TN

Agenda Item: I. E.

**DATE:** July 22, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Recommendations for Appointments to the Committee on

Postsecondary Educational Institutions

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:** Approval

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-7-207 creates under the auspices of the Commission a Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions, which shall have responsibility for oversight and regulation of institutions pursuant to part 20 of title 49, chapter 7.

The committee shall be composed of the executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, who shall serve as chair, and twelve (12) persons appointed by the Commission. Persons appointed by the Commission shall be broadly representative of the geographical characteristics of the state. Six (6) members of the committee shall be employed by, hold an ownership interest in, or otherwise be affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the committee's supervision and oversight. Four (4) members shall be representative of the public interest and shall have no association or relationship with the institutions. Two (2) members shall be representative of community based organizations that have an interest in postsecondary occupational education.

Commission staff is recommending the reappointment of three (3) current committee members to the Committee on Postsecondary Educational Institutions for a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

## 1. Reappointment: Mr. Bill Faour, Director/Owner, Chattanooga College Medical, Dental and Technical Careers

Serves as one employed by, holding ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight. Represents East TN

# 2. Reappointment: Mr. Ron Gillihan, Director/Owner, Master's Barber & Styling College

Serves as one employed by, holding ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight. Represents Middle TN

### 3. Reappointment: Mr. John Keys, Former Commissioner, Veteran Affairs for the State of Tennessee

His membership represents the public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents Middle TN

Other members of the Committee are:

**Dr. Emily House, Executive Director, TN Higher Education Commission** Chairperson, serves by virtue of position as Executive Director of THEC/TSAC

**Ms. Vicki Burch, Retired President/Owner, West Tennessee Business College** Serves as representative of the public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents West TN

#### Mr. Larry Griffin, President, Mid-South Christian College

Serves as one employed by, holding an ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight. Represents West TN

**Mr. Gaylon Hall, Director Emeritus, William R. Moore College of Technology**Serves as representative of community based organization that has an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Represents West TN

#### Dr. Keith Lindsey, Professor, Knoxville College

Serves as one employed by, holding an ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight.

Represents East TN

Reappointment: Mrs. Lethia Mann, Community Development Manager, Regions Bank Serves as representative of the public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents Middle TN

**Mr. Andy McComas, Director/Owner, North American Lineman Training Center, LLC** Serves as one employed by, holding an ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight. Represents Middle TN

## Mrs. Morlunda Lattimore, Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA) Southeast Zone Director, YMCA of Middle Tennessee

Serves as a representative of a community based organization that has an interest in postsecondary occupational education. Represents Middle TN

### Mr. Steve South, President/Owner, South College

Serves as one employed by, holding an ownership in, or otherwise affiliated with an institution or other entity subject to the Committee's supervision and oversight. Represents East TN

# Dr. Earlie Steele, Former Assistant Professor and Supervisor of Special Education for Student Teachers, Fisk University

Serves as representative of the public interest having no association with such institutions. Represents Middle TN