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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE
BOARD OF CLINICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL**

**MINUTES
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
By Telephone Conference**

**4042 Bald Cypress Way
Tallahassee, FL**

July 31, 2012

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Van Der Heyden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brenda Van Der Heyden, Chair
Roger Bertholf, Ph.D.
Michele Morgan, Ph.D.

MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Judy Norcia, Vice-Chair (excused)
Nilia Madan (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Bruce Deterding, Board Executive Director
Sharon Guilford, Program Operations Administrator
Jose Montalvan, Regulatory Consultant/Supervisor
Jutika Maharaj, Regulatory Specialist II
Samantha Thompson, Regulatory Specialist II

BOARD COUNSEL:

Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General
Office of Attorney General

PETITION FOR VARIANCE/WAIVER and APPLICANTS PRESENTED FOR BOARD REVIEW:

Marilyn L. Horton – Certification

Ms. Horton was present but was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Loucks provided an overview of the Petition for Variance/Waiver of the Rule 64B3-6.001, F.A.C. Ms. Horton was asking the board to accept the National Registry of Certified Microbiologists (NRCM) certification in lieu of the state approved examination for licensure as a Technologist (Microbiology).

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2 Discussion ensued.

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4 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the Petition for Variance/Waiver of Rule 64B3-6.001,**
5 **F.A.C., and accept NRCM certification in lieu of the state approved examination for**
6 **licensure as a Technologist (Microbiology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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8 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve Ms. Horton's application for licensure as a Technologist**
9 **(Microbiology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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11 **APPLICANTS PRESENTED FOR BOARD REVIEW:**

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13 **Meghan Lee – Technologist**

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15 Ms. Lee was present but was not represented by counsel.

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17 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
18 whether the applicant's work experience meets the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.003, F.A.C.

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20 Ms. Lee addressed the board. She stated that she will be taking the national examination in
21 hematology and molecular diagnostic but was concerned about retaining her current job in the
22 meantime.

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24 Discussion ensued.

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26 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve a temporary license, according to Section 483.813, F.S., to be**
27 **granted for an additional one-year as a public health technician until August 31, 2013. The**
28 **motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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30 Ms. Guilford requested clarification on the experience gained as a public health technician and
31 whether that would be acceptable as approved experience in applying outside the public health
32 area.

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34 Ms. Loucks stated that an applicant can use their public health experience towards other licensure
35 categories according to the board's interpretation.

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37 The board concurred.

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39 Based on the board's discussion, Ms. Lee withdrew her application for licensure as a
40 Technologist (Serology/Immunology).

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42 **Dr. Bertholf moved to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Lee's application as a Technologist**
43 **(Serology/Immunology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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45 **Deling Li – Supervisor**

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47 Ms. Li was neither present nor represented by counsel.

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49 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
50 whether the applicant's work experience meets the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.002, F.A.C.

1 Discussion ensued.

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3 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure as a Supervisor (Serology). The**
4 **motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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6 **Amy Logan – Supervisor**

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8 Ms. Logan was present but was not represented by counsel.

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10 Dr. Bertholf provided an overview of the application. He indicated that he questioned whether
11 the applicant's education met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.002, F.A.C.

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13 Discussion ensued.

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15 Based on the board's discussion, Ms. Logan withdrew her application for licensure as a
16 Supervisor (Serology, Clinical Chemistry and Hematology).

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18 **Dr. Morgan moved to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Logan's application for licensure as a**
19 **Supervisor (Serology, Clinical Chemistry and Hematology). The motion was seconded and**
20 **carried 3/0.**

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22 **Myriam M. Lopez – Technologist**

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24 Ms. Van Der Heyden stated the application had been pulled from the agenda.

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26 **Sajani Mamallapalli – Technologist**

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28 Ms. Mamallapalli was present but was not represented by counsel.

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30 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
31 whether the applicant's education met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.003, F.A.C.

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33 Discussion ensued.

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35 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure as a Technologist (Serology and**
36 **Hematology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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38 **Sara Martinez – Technologist**

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40 Ms. Martinez was present but was not represented by counsel.

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42 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
43 whether the applicant's education/training met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.003, F.A.C.

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45 Discussion ensued.

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47 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure as a Technologist (Histology).**
48 **The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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50 **Eva Mathis – Supervisor**

1 Ms. Mathis was present but was not represented by counsel.

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3 Dr. Bertholf provided an overview of the application. He indicated that he questioned whether
4 the applicant's education met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.002, F.A.C.

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6 Discussion ensued.

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8 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure as a Supervisor (Microbiology,**
9 **Serology, Clinical Chemistry and Hematology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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11 **Jameika D. Oldham-Wray – Technologist**

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13 Ms. Guilford stated that Ms. Oldham-Wray had asked to withdraw her application.

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15 **Dr. Bertholf moved to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Oldham-Wray's application as a**
16 **Technologist (Hematology). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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18 **Richard Oost – Technician**

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20 Mr. Oost was present but was not represented by counsel.

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22 Ms. Van Der Heyden stated that she had recused herself in participating on a previous application
23 that was presented before the board. Therefore, she recused herself from the participation of this
24 application as well.

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26 Ms. Loucks stated that due to a quorum issue the board could not act on the application but will
27 need to postpone the discussion until the next scheduled meeting. She also asked if Mr. Oost
28 would waive his 90 day statutory requirement. Mr. Oost demurred to answer that request.

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30 The board asked staff to arrange a telephone conference call on August 28th to take the necessary
31 actions on Mr. Oost's application.

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33 **Alejandro Oporta – Technologist**

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35 Ms. Van Der Heyden stated that Mr. Oporta had withdrawn his application.

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37 **Dr. Bertholf moved to accept the withdrawal of Mr. Oporta's application for Technologist**
38 **(Blood Banking). The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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40 **Samil Ortiz – Technologist**

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42 Ms. Ortiz was neither present nor represented by counsel.

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44 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
45 whether the applicant's education met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.003, F.A.C.

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47 Discussion ensued.

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49 **Dr. Bertholf moved to deny the application for licensure as a Technologist (Serology,**
50 **Hematology, Immunohematology and Blood Banking), for failure to meet the educational**
51 **requirements in Rule 64B3-5.003(2), F.A.C. The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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2 **Donovan Titus – Technologist**

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4 Mr. Titus was present but was not represented by counsel.

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6 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that she questioned
7 whether the applicant's education met the qualifications in Rule 64B3-5.003, F.A.C.

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9 Discussion ensued.

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11 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure for Technologist (Hematology).**
12 **The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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14 **Godsaid White-Burgos – Trainee**

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16 Ms. White-Burgos was present but was not represented by counsel.

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18 Ms. Van Der Heyden provided an overview of the application. She indicated that Ms. White-
19 Burgos had responded "Yes" to question 10.

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21 Ms. Loucks stated that the criminal history information provided would not disqualify ms. White-
22 Burgos from licensure according to Chapter 456, F.S.

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24 Discussion ensued.

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26 **Dr. Bertholf moved to approve the application for licensure as a Trainee (Histology). The**
27 **motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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29 **DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES**

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31 Ms. Van Der Heyden asked the board to consider tabling the discussion until the next board
32 meeting on September 7, 2012.

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34 The board suggested sending recommendations to the Executive Director and Board Counsel in
35 response to the questions requested from board staff on page 490. (see Attachment)

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37 Ms. Van Der Heyden requested staff to forward this information to Ms. Madan and Ms. Norcia
38 for their response and recommendations as well.

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40 **APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS AND RULES:**

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42 **64B3-4.001, F.A.C. – Trainee Registration**

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44 **Dr. Morgan moved to approve the applications, proposed rule changes and Notice for Rule**
45 **Development to 64B3-4.001, F.A.C. The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.**

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47 **64B3-6.001, F.A.C. – Manner of Application**

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49 **Dr. Morgan moved to approve the applications, proposed rule changes and Notice for Rule**
50 **Development to 64B3-6.001, F.A.C., with the noted changes. The motion was seconded and**
51 **carried 3/0.**

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64B3-5.008, F.A.C. – Public Health Laboratory Personnel

Ms. Loucks provided an overview of the above rules and applications.

Ms. Guilford requested the board to consider adding back the two forms to the application regarding the U.S. Bachelors Degree Equivalency Evaluation. Several applicants could have used the form which would have eliminated a review by the Credentials Committee.

The board agreed to examine that question from Ms. Guilford at a later date but would vote on the rule change as prepared.

Dr. Morgan moved to approve the applications and proposed rule changes and Notice for Rule Development to 64B3-5.008, F.A.C. The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.

Dr. Bertholf moved that the above proposed rules would not have any adverse impacts on small businesses and would not be likely to directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity (including government) in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within one (1) year after the implementation of the rule. The motion was seconded and carried 3/0.

Richard Oost – Technician (continued)

Mr. Deterding stated that the next telephone conference call will be held on Tuesday, August 28th.

NEXT MEETING DATE – September 7th – Orlando (The Florida Hotel and Conference Center)

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.