1	FLORIDA   Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel
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3	DRAFT MINUTES
4	March 10, 2017
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6	Teleconference
7	Department of Health
8	4042 Bald Cypress Way
9	Tallahassee, FL 32399-3257
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Carleen P. Van Siclen, MS, MLS (ASCP) *Chair* 

Linda Valdes, MS, MT (ASCP) *Vice-Chair* 

Anthony B. Spivey, DBA *Executive Director* 

3 4 5 6	Way, Tallahassee, Florida, at meet me number (888) 670-3525, participant code 7342425515, to which all persons were invited to attend. Participants in this public meeting were made aware that these proceedings are being recorded and that an audio file of the meeting will be posted to the board's website.
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9	AGENDA
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11	I. CALL TO ORDER (Roll Call):
12	Roll was called by Gail Curry, Program Operations Administrator
13	BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
14	Carleen P. Van Siclen, MS, MLS (ASCP), Chair
15	Linda Valdes, MS, MT (ASCP), Vice-Chair
16	Michele Morgan, D.B.A.
17 18	Beatriz E. Montoya, MBA, BSMT, AMT Yvette McCarter, Ph.D.
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20	Board Staff Present:
21	Anthony Spivey, DBA, Executive Director
22	Gail Curry, Program Operations Administrator
23	Brandi May, Regulatory Supervisor
24	Kelly Woodard, Regulatory Specialist II
25	Nicole Wiley, Regulatory Specialist II
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27	Board Counsel:
28	Deborah Loucks, Assistant Attorney General
29	Office of Attorney General
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31	Court Reporter:
32	For the Record
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35 36	II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
37	a. December 2, 2016 – Teleconference Call
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40	Dr. Yvette McCarter will be taking over the Healthiest Weight Committee, not Dr. Morgan.

The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel held a meeting on Friday, March 10, 2017,

commencing at 9:04 a.m. This meeting was held at the Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress

The minutes throughout the script make mention of Ms. McCarter instead of Dr. McCarter.

Page 3 makes mention of 723 credit hours; should say 23 credit hours.

**Action:** Motion made to approve the December 2, 2016 minutes with corrections was made by Ms. Valdes and seconded by Dr. Yvette McCarter.

Vote: 5 yeas/0 opposed; motion carried

#### III. PETITIONS:

**Declaratory Statement** – Ms. Loucks advised the board that Mr. Peloquin's request for a Declaratory Statement is not valid since he is not requesting an interpretation of statutes or rules. Mr. Peloquin currently holds a restricted license as a Technologist. Ms. Loucks advises the board the more reasonable alternative would be to amend the conditions issued for Charles Peloquin's license than to define his request for Declaratory Statement.

**Action:** Ms. Van Siclen motions to deny Declaratory Statement because it does not apply to this issue. Dr. McCarter seconds.

Vote: 5 yeas/0 opposed; motion carries

**Charles Peloquin** – Dr. Peloquin is seeking information as to whether or not his current restricted licensure allows for usage of all forms of detectors used in HPLC Technology. Dr. McCarter agrees with Ms. Van Siclen that the restriction on Dr. Peloquin's license is still all encompassing of HPLC Technology. Dr. McCarter read aloud a statement made by Ms. May from the board office.

**Action:** Ms. Loucks advised Ms. Van Siclen the motion could also include Ms. May's statement along with the statement that currently Dr. Peloquin's restricted licensure does not need to be altered at this time.

Vote: 5 yeas/0 opposed; motion carries

#### **IV. PETITIONS WITH APPLICATIONS:**

# a. Etna Eyma

Present. Not represented by counsel.

Respondent holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration. Petitioner is requesting the Board waive the educational requirements. Discussion ensued.

**Action:** Motion to deny the petition due to not meeting the educational requirements was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter.

Vote: 5 yeas/ 0 opposed; Motion carries.

Ms. Van Siclen gave Ms. Eyma the opportunity to withdraw her application. Ms. Eyma did not withdraw her application. Ms. Eyma waived her 90 days and would like her application tabled

until a future meeting.

**Action:** Motion to deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements was made by Dr. McCarter. Second by Ms. Valdes.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

### a. Gregory Hendricks

Present. Not represented by counsel.

Petitioner is asking the board to reconsider previous decision. Petitioner is seeking specialty qualification for Molecular Pathology at a Supervisor level. Petitioner has not taken the required exam. Ms. Valdes informed Mr. Hendricks that his current Generalist license already encompasses molecular techniques. Ms. Van Siclen offers Mr. Hendricks the ability to take the Molecular Exam.

Action: Dr. McCarter denies reconsideration. Ms. Valdes second.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

**Action:** Motion to deny the application was previously ruled on.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

#### b. Yasmina Salchert

Present. Not represented by counsel.

Petitioner is asking the board to consider issuing a license in the specialty of Histocompatibility at a Supervisor Level. The Board advised Ms. Salchert needs to seek the national exam in Histocompatibility.

Action: Motion to deny the petition by Ms. Van Siclen. Dr. McCarter second.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

**Action:** Ms. Salchert will apply in June after the national examination is taken.

### c. Debbie Jenkins

Not Present. Not represented by counsel.

Petitioner is applying as a technologist in the generalist categories. Previously, she took the Health and Services Examination but does not meet the current criteria. She would like to request the national exams currently required be waived.

**Action:** Motion to deny the petition by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Linda Valdes.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

Action: The application is hereby denied. Petitioner is offered the opportunity to withdraw her

application within two weeks of the order.

**Action:** Motion to deny the application by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Linda Valdes.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

#### V. CLARIFICATION ON QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

#### a. Debra Crain

Ms. Crain did not make her appearance known.

 Erwin Technical College is an accredited institution. Ms. Van Siclen asks if the board wants to clarify Option 2 which reads the 90-college credit hours and specifically add 6 hours of Biology, 6 hours of Chemistry, and an additional 12 hours of Biology, Chemistry or Medical Laboratory Sciences. Discussion is tabled because it is already under Rules towards the end of the Agenda.

Action: No action is taken.

15-minute break. Resume at 10:50 a.m.

Roll was called. All members are present.

#### VI. APPLICANTS PRESENTED FOR BOARD REVIEW:

### a. Bryan Windhorst - Supervisor

Present, Not represented by counsel.

Mr. Windhorst is seeking to upgrade his Technologist License to a Supervisor Generalist in Blood Banking. Mr. Windhorst is lacking academic science hours.

Ms. Van Siclen agrees with Dr. Morgan that the transcripts do not meet the 8 hours of Biology, 8 hours of chemistry, and a total of 24 hours of academic science. Mr. Windhorst cited his military training program. Mr. Windhorst was advised to submit a variance and waiver for the future. If the applicant can demonstrate he took the academic science classes in the military, the board would reconsider.

**Action:** Motion to accept the withdrawal of Mr. Windhorst's application was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

### b. Sajani Mamallapalli - Supervisor

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**Discussion:** Ms. Mamallapalli submitted an application to upgrade from a Technologist to a Supervisor in the Specialty areas of Clinical Chemistry, Serology, and Hematology. Ms. Mamallapalli submitted two different educational evaluations. The last evaluation states she holds the equivalent of a Bachelor's degree. Ms. Van Siclen believes Ms. Mamallapalli qualifies for Chemistry and Serology. Ms. Van Siclen has questions regarding Hematology. Ms. Loucks verifies the Hematology Specialty as a Technologist.

**Action:** Motion to approve the application for Supervisor was made by Dr. McCarter. Second by Ms. Van Siclen. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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### c. Gina Boudreaux – Supervisor

Present. Not represented by counsel.

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Ms. Boudreaux is seeking an upgrade of her license from a Technologist to a Supervisor. Ms. Boudreaux is missing academic science credits in chemistry. After reviewing the transcripts, Ms. Van Siclen and Dr. Morgan concur Ms. Boudreaux is still missing the 8 hours of required chemistry. Applicant was asked if she would like to withdraw her application.

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- Action: Motion to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Boudreaux's application was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. Morgan.
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### d. Qin Xu – Supervisor

Not present. Not represented by counsel.

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Ms. Xu has applied to upgrade her Technologist License to a Supervisor's License in the areas of Generalist. Ms. Xu has a master's degree in Pharmacological Science. The educational credential evaluation states Ms. Xu's bachelor's degree is equivalent to a bachelor's of science degree in Medical Laboratory Science. Applicant needs additional experience to qualify under a bachelor's degree. The masters of Pharmacy degree is considered an applied science.

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**Action:** Motion to deny the application for Supervisor's License with the chance to withdraw the application within 14 days of the order per Ms. Loucks was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Ms. Valdes. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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### e. Julie Finch - Technologist

Present. Not represented by counsel.

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Ms. Finch was awarded a certificate as a medical laboratory technician. Ms. Finch wants to use experience to substitute for the required education. Ms. Finch currently is licensed in Florida as a Technician. The State of Louisiana did not require Ms. Finch to hold a license until 1995 and she was grandfathered in as a Technologist. Ms. Finch needs to take a national exam in order to qualify as a Technologist in Florida. She also needs a minimum of an associate's degree.

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Action: Motion to accept the withdrawal of Ms. Finch's application was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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### f. Ranjini Valiathan - Technologist

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Ms. Valiathan is applying for a license as a Technologist in Serology and Hematology. Discussion ensues regarding Ms. Valiathan's laboratory experience. Ms. Loucks discusses with the board the previous cases similar to this one in the past have been approved from The University of Miami.

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Action: Motion to accept the application for Technologist License in Serology and Immunology

made by Dr. McCarter. Second by Ms. Valdes. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

### g. Danny Lambert – Technologist

Present. Not represented by counsel.

Mr. Lambert is currently applying as a Technologist in the generalist categories. Mr. Lambert attended at The Atlantic College of Medical and Dental Careers. This school issued a certificate and does not list a degree conferred. Ms. Van Siclen states this does not meet Florida's associate degree requirement.

**Action:** Motion to accept the withdrawal of Mr. Lambert's application was made by Dr. Morgan. Second by Dr. McCarter. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

## h. University of Miami – Clinical Chemistry Technologist Training Program

Dr. Huong is not present from the University of Miami.

 The board has concerns about the lack of information in how the training would be provided in the chemistry and molecular area. The admission procedures are not clear. There is no indication if an associates or a bachelor's degree is required for admission. Question 2 on the information for self-study does not meet the Board Rule 64B3-3.001(c). This program does not meet the Florida Department of Education Commission on Independent Education Standards as listed in the Florida Administrative Code 6E-2.004.

**Action:** Motion to deny application was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

## i. Lisa M. Bochenek - Technologist (from August 26, 2016 agenda)

Present. Not represented by counsel.

Applicant was required to make an appearance before the board due to a positive answer on health history questions. Ms. Van Siclen requests Ms. Bochenek to request a letter from her treating physician as to her ability to perform her job duties. Ms. Loucks informed the board to have Ms. Bochenek's letter from her treating physician sent to the board staff instead of requiring a reappearance within one year.

**Action:** Motion to approve Ms. Bochenek's application with the condition of satisfactory documentation by the treating physician stating she is safe to practice within one year and approved by board staff was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Ms. Montoya.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

### j. Albert Fisher – Technologist

Not Present. Not represented by counsel.

Mr. Fisher is applying for a Technologist License in the Specialty Area of Immunohematology. Mr. Fisher meets the qualifications for licensure just outside of the way the current Matrix reads.

1 Action: Motion to approve application for licensure made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr.

2 McCarter. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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### k. Jeffrey Shelquist - Technician

Present. Not represented by counsel.

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Applying as a Public Health Technologist in the area of Microbiology. This specialty automatically requires a degree in either biological science or chemical science as set forth in statute 483.812 F.S. Mr. Shelquist has a bachelor's degree in Sports and Exercise Science. This degree does not appear to meet the requirements of a Florida Statute. Applicant is offered the chance to withdraw his application. Dr. McCarter suggests receiving clarification from The University of Central Florida if this degree is compatible to the biological sciences. Applicant waives the 90-day requirement

13 and requests a continuance.

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Action: Motion to accept to waive the 90-day requirement in order for the applicant to obtain information from UCF was made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Ms. Montoya.

**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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## I. Esther Rayl (Thompson) - Trainee

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Applicant has applied for a Trainee License in the area of Histology. Applicant has a positive criminal history question.

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**Action:** Motion to approve Trainee Registration made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter.**Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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15-minute break. Resumed at 12:50 p.m.

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Roll is called by Dr. Spivey. All members are present.

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# VII. RATIFICATION:

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### a. Licensure –

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### i. Clinical Laboratory Personnel

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Action: Motion to ratify the licensees 48717 thru 48913 made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr.

39 McCarter.

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## ii. Clinical Laboratory Personnel Trainees

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44 Action: Motion to ratify the list of 11408 thru 11500 made by Dr. Morgan. Second by Ms.

45 Montoya.

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1 2	iii. Clinical Laboratory Personnel Training Program
2 3 4	<b>Action:</b> Motion to ratify the University of Cincinnati Medical Laboratory Science Program as a Florida approved training program made by Ms. Van Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter.
5 6	Vote: 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.
7 8	a. Continuing Education
9 10	b. CE Providers and Courses Approved by CE Committee Chair
11 12	<b>Action:</b> Motion to approve all C.E. providers and courses made by Ms. Valdes. Second by Ms Montoya.
13 14	Vote: 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.
15 16	VIII. PROSECUTION REPORT:
17 18	There is no prosecution report at this time.
19	IX. BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:
20 21	a. Rules Report – January 2017
22 23 24	Ms. Loucks made some changes to the rules that previously the board voted on at the December 2, 2016 meeting.
25 26	b. 64B3-5.002 Supervisor
27 28 29 30	For the bachelor's degree requirement, Ms. Loucks added some changes to Option 3a, thereby removing the 8 hours of biology, the 8 hours of chemistry and the 24 hours of academic science because the board has plans to add the degrees themselves. This rule will be published for public comment.
31 32 33 34	<b>Action:</b> Motion to approve Ms. Loucks to do the Notice of Rule Development made by Ms. Var Siclen. Second by Dr. McCarter. <b>Vote:</b> 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.
35	Will the proposed Rule amendment have an adverse impact on the small business or be likely to
36	directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost to any industry including Government in excess of
37	\$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year of after the implementation of the rule?
38 39 40	<b>Action:</b> Motion to move that the approved revisions to the rules would not require preparation of a SERC by Ms. Van Siclen. <b>Vote:</b> 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.
41 42	c. 64B3-5.003 Technologist

References Rule 64B3-5.003 (3)(a), Option 2, to include 24 hours of academic science including 6

hours of biological science and 6 hours of chemical science.

The Sheridan Program needs clarification. The board considers adding the CLIA requirements to the 90 semester hours of college credit to the matrix which would include 6 hours of biology, 6 hours of chemistry, plus an additional 12 hours of academic science. For an MLT program, it has been difficult for an applicant to upgrade to a Technologist because the transcripts were not showing the academic science requirement. The individuals applying through Option 2 tend to be applicants that lack an associate's degree.

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- **Action:** Motion to start rule-making and to publish the qualifications as amended made by Ms.
- 9 Van Siclen. Second by Ms. Montoya.
- 10 **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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- Will the proposed Rule amendment have an adverse impact on the small business or be likely to
- directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost to any industry including Government in excess of
- \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year of after the implementation of the rule?
- Action: Motion to move that the approved revisions to the rules would not require preparation
- of a SERC by Ms. Van Siclen.
- 17 **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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### d. 64B3-5.007 Director, Limitations and Qualifications

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Dr. McCarter discussed the changes that need to go in 64B3-5.007(h) Clinical Chemistry. The rule should read Certification in Clinical Chemistry by ABCC, HCLD, and ABB with certification in chemistry or clinical chemist or toxological chemist certification by NRCC or F-ABFT Certification in forensic toxicology.

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**Action:** Motion to begin rule-making for 64B3-5.007 made by Dr. McCarter. Second by Ms. Van Siclen. **Vote:** 5 yeas / 0 opposed; motion carries.

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- 29 Will the proposed Rule amendment have an adverse impact on the small business or be likely to
- 30 directly or indirectly increase regulatory cost to any industry including Government in excess of
- 31 \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year of after the implementation of the rule?
- Action: Board Members agree that the approved revisions to the rules would not require preparation of a SERC.

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- e. 64B3-3.001 General Requirements of Clinical Laboratory Training Programs
- **f. 64B3-3.002 Personnel of Clinical Laboratory Training Programs** 
  - g. 64B3-3.003 Curriculum Requirements of Clinical Laboratory Programs

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There will be a Rules Committee that will draft language for the next meeting to be held next month. Ms. Van Siclen and Dr. McCarter will prepare the report along with Ms. Loucks at a publicly noticed meeting.

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43 Ms. Van Siclen opened up the floor for public comment. No comments were made.

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# X. CHAIR/VICE CHAIR REPORT:

No report at this time.

### **XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Steve Shelfer resigned effective January 5, 2017. Dr. Spivey states if anyone is interested in wanting to become a board member, the application can be obtained from the governor's website. There will be an upcoming rule reduction exercise.

The travel reimbursement policy has changed and now calls for an original signature on reimbursement forms. If a board member lives within 50 miles of the meeting location, they will not be reimbursed the hotel cost unless there are extenuation circumstances to stay at the hotel.

On the anti-trust issue, The Board of Podiatry lost three members due to believing they were not protected as board members if there was an anti-trust issue but under section 456.008 the Department is obligated to provide protection.

House Bill 1195 removes Clinical Laboratory Personnel from under the auspices of The Agency for Healthcare and places it at federal guidelines. The attempt was to remove Part I and Part III but Part III should not be removed. The Department is currently working with the Legislature after much concern.

Ms. Van Siclen questions statute 483.201 (a) The Grounds for Discipline against Clinical Laboratory and there is question how it affects the boards rule regarding pertinent laboratory experience. Ms. Loucks explained the board's rules would have to be looked at in the future if Part I passes.

### **XII. OLD BUSINESS:**

# a. Clinical Laboratory Training Program

## **NAACLS Approved Programs vs. Board Approved Programs**

Training Program approvals are set out in statute 483.811. Ms. May reported to the board there are currently 52 Florida approved training programs and out of those, 29 are NAACLS approved and the rest are board approved. Ms. Van Siclen explained the objective should be for the board members to review the rules and current application. This will be discussed at the meeting in April.

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Montoya discussed incorrect information being shared about the hotel. Dr. Morgan discussed Mr. Lambert's application pending for one year. Ms. Loucks explained the 90-day waiver does not start until all of the documents have been received by the board office and Mr. Lamberts' application is not late. Ms. Van Siclen started a discussion on issuing certificates of completion for continuing education courses and even though it is in the rule, CE providers are required to enter the information within 30 days of completion. Self-reporting is allowed in CE Broker. This rule discussion is tabled until the next board meeting in April.

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2	XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
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4	a. Budget – Dr. Morgan
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6	b. Continuing Education – Ms. Valdes c. Credentials – Ms. Van Siclen
7	Nothing to report at this time.
8	c. Disciplinary Compliance – Ms. Montoya
9	Nothing to report at this time.
10	d. Examination – Ms. Montoya
11	Nothing to report at this time.
12	e. Healthiest Weight – Dr. McCarter
13	Nothing to report at this time.
14	f. Legislation – Dr. McCarter
15	Only the discussion on House Bill 1195. Nothing else to report.
16	g. Probable Cause – Dr. Morgan
17	Nothing at this time.
18	h. Professional Association – Ms. Valdes
19	i. Rules – Ms. Van Siclen
20	j.Training Program – Dr. McCarter
21	k. Unlicensed Activity – Ms. Valdes
22	No report at this time.
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24	XV.NEXT MEETING DATE:
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26	June 2, 2017
27	XVI. 2018 PROPOSED MEETING DATES:
28	MARCH 23, 2018
29	JUNE 15, 2018
30	SEPTEMBER 7, 2018
31	DECEMBER 7, 2018
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33	Dr. Morgan may have a conflict with the December Meeting. Ms. Loucks stated the March date
34	may be tentative but will update the board staff. The board staff needs an alternate date fo
35	December 7, 2018.
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