

**NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
STATE BOARD FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY**

**Meeting Minutes  
Friday October 27, 2023  
11:00am- 1:00 pm**

**80 Wolf Road,  
3rd Floor, Rooms A and B,  
Albany, NY  
And  
Via WebEx**

**Members present** Nader Okby, Chair; Kathleen M. Crowley, Vice Chair; Mary Ellen Clerkin; Kelly Cwikla; Alyson L. Rutigliano; Angela Miczek; Maria Friedlander; Jeninne Wright

**Members excused** Adam N. Tegnander

**Extended members present** Angela Tomei-Robinson

**Board Office Staff present** Suzanne Sullivan, RN, Executive Secretary; Eileen Avery, RN, Associate in Nursing Education; Stephanie Maes; Sara Fernandez

**Guest Observers** Dr. Eloise Aita, President of the NYS Clinical Laboratory Association; Caitlin Anderson, Harter, Secrest, and Emery Law for NYS Clinical Laboratory Association.

**Call to Order and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. The minutes of the Clinical Laboratory Technology Board Meetings on April 28, 2023, and September 1, 2023 were approved.

**Proposed Amendments to Professional Education Regulations for Clinical laboratory technologists, Clinical Laboratory Technicians, Histotechnicians and Cytotechnologists**

Ms. Sullivan provided an overview of NYSED's ongoing efforts, with guidance from the Clinical Laboratory Technology Board, to amend regulations to streamline professional education requirements for clinical laboratory technology practitioner licensure. Board Members considered a written proposal to amend regulations that affect professional education of clinical laboratory technology practitioners. The proposal eliminated or revised outdated regulatory requirements and changed other regulatory requirements to conform them more closely with national standards for clinical laboratory professional education programs. Ms. Sullivan suggested that the proposed regulations, if adopted, would give NYSED additional flexibility to license additional qualified persons as clinical laboratory practitioners and allow NYSED to review license applications more efficiently and expeditiously. Ms. Sullivan acknowledged that although the written proposal did not include language that would allow non-degree granting institutions to register professional education programs for clinical laboratory technology practitioners, NYSED continues to work on this option. There has not been a consensus on how to move forward with this yet.

Board Members engaged in a discussion of the merits of proposed regulatory changes. Ms. Sullivan noted that many of the proposed regulatory changes were based on regulatory changes that the Clinical Laboratory Technology Board had previously recommended to NYSED in 2022. Board Members indicated that the benefits of the proposed

changes to ethics coursework requirements outweighed negative factors. Ms. Sullivan noted that currently, national organizations for clinical laboratory technology practitioner education programs do not require ethics coursework and many out-of-state clinical laboratory professional education programs do not offer a specific course in ethics. Board Members did not object to the changes in the minimum hours of clinical education that must be offered by registered clinical laboratory technology practitioner education programs, since they were based on the Clinical Laboratory Technology Board's prior recommendations to NYSED. Board Members recognized the need to revise the "laboratory" requirement for specific science courses to enable NYSED to qualify additional applicants for licensure. Board Members made several improvements the draft regulations, including adding organic chemistry as a course requirement for registered histotechnologist education programs. Ms. Sullivan agreed to solicit input from Adam Tegnander on the proposed regulations.

### **Proposed Histotechnologist Regulations**

Ms. Sullivan sought input from Board Members on proposed written regulations that establish licensure and professional education requirement for the histotechnologist professions. Board Members provided input on, including on supervision requirements for histotechnologists practicing under a limited permit.

### **Guidance for Molecular Testing Training Programs**

Ms. Sullivan shared with Board Members finalized document entitled "New York State Clinical Laboratory Technology Board Guidance for Molecular Testing Training Programs." Board Members did not object to recent changes to the guidance document.

### **New Business**

Ms. Sullivan solicited input from Board Members on additional goals and projects that the Clinical Laboratory Technology Board should undertake in 2024. Board Members recommended that NYSED recruit additional Members to the State Board for Clinical Laboratory Technology. In addition, Board Members expressed interest in making take additional efforts to educate the public and promote clinical laboratory technology practitioner careers. These additional efforts could be targeted at High School guidance counselors and teachers and students enrolled in middle school, high school, and college. Some Board Member also recommended promoting Clinical Laboratory Technology practitioner professions at job fairs. Ms. Sullivan agreed to arrange for a presentation on how NYSED promotes Clinical Laboratory Technology professions.

Alyson will send her presentation that she gives to HS students about the profession.

Ms. Sullivan agreed to schedule the next meeting next year and will reach out to Board Members at a later date before scheduling the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20PM.