MEMORANDUM

To: Jon Pennell, Chairperson
State Board of Health

From: Andrea Rivers, Secretary
State Board of Health

Re: Recommended Appointment to Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee

RE: NRS 652.170(1) Appointment, terms, and qualifications of members: compensation of Members and Employees."

Staff Review

On October 1, 2026, a Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) meeting was held by teleconference. One of the action agenda items to consider was to designate one individual who meet the requirement of Nevada Revised Statutes 652.170(4)(b), which is to have one Bio analyst as part of the composition of the MLAC. There is currently one such vacant MLAC member position.

There were several qualified people who completed and submitted informational documents to indicate an interest in becoming a member of the MLAC. A quorum of the MLAC members reviewed the submitted documents and voted for the applicant whom the members determined would be the best candidate to fill the one Bio analyst vacancy.

With a unanimous vote from a quorum of the members, the one applicant chosen to fill the Bio analyst vacancy is Christopher Laverdure, MBA, MLS(ASCP).

In accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes 652.1701(1), it is the responsibility of the State Board of Health to appoint the seven members of the MLAC. Statutorily, the members of the MLAC are allowed to serve two consecutive three-year terms. If approved by the Nevada Board of Health as an MLAC member, Christopher Laverdure, MBA, MLS(ASCP) would be allowed to begin his first three-year term on the MLAC.

Public Comment

There was no public comment received.

Staff Recommendation

The staff recommendation concurs with the quorum of the MLAC members to appoint Christopher Laverdure, MBA, MLS(ASCP) to the vacant position of Bio analyst for a three-year term to run from 10/1/2026 – 10/1/2029.

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