Maryland State Veterinary Board
Veterinary Technician Committee Meeting
May 14th, 2026

Attendance: Jessica Lorey, RVT, Committee Chair; Ashley Bourgeois, RVT; Erin Butler, RVT; Reggie Cox, DVM; Carianne Edmondson, RVT;
Staff: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General

Call Meeting to Order:
Jessica Lorey called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Approval of the Minutes:
In a motion by Dr. Cox, and seconded by Erin Butler, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2026 meeting.

Applications for Review:

- **VTNE Applications:**

In a motion by Ashley Bourgeois, and seconded by Erin Butler, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following applicants to take the VTNE:

  - Nichole Ward
  - Tiffany Butcher

- **Veterinary Technician Applications:**
  - New Applications:
    - In a motion by Dr. Cox, and seconded by Ashley Bourgeois, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the application of Aimee Tatom through the standard endorsement pathway.

    - The application for Emilee St. Landau was tabled.
      - Maryland license expired in 2015, because more than 10 years ago not eligible for reinstatement.
      - Graduated from an AVMA accredited school. Is not currently licensed in another jurisdiction (Pennsylvania expired 2 years ago). Can not be considered under the endorsement pathway.
      - Would need to be considered under the standard examination pathway. Will need recent NAVLE scores.
      - Committee would like more information about her business. Provide information regarding practice in Maryland and limitations to her current business model.

  - **Tabled Applications:**

- Michelle Markward
    - Application remains tabled pending Additional letters.
    - Still waiting on the employment letters. Have received some information but doesn't appear to be all of the information.

- Larraine Lage
    - Application remains tabled from last month.
    - Has not responded to the questions that were sent on April 20th, 2026.
        - As about the gap in the work history and the status of the Veterinary Technician Specialty.
    - Currently credentialed in New York but has not worked in New York. Has been in Maryland for 2 years working without a registration. Will likely be considered under the standard examination pathway and will need VTNE scores within the last 5 years.

- Emery Garner
    - Tabled from last month.
    - Inquired about Military Spouse pathway. (Possibly covered under SCRA and will look into this).
        - Committee is supportive of the SCRA pathway applying to Technicians.
        - Materials are drafted and will be reviewed by the Board at their May meeting.
    - Standard Examination Pathway
        - Gaps in Clinical Practice
        - Approximately 3 years in HI of the last 5.
        - Would need to get recent VTNE scores due to lack of 5 years of work experience.

Updates on past applications:

- Lisa Henry Update-
    - I spoke with Lisa, she is working on the last course, will get us the transcripts and I assisted with getting her approved to take the VTNE again through AAVSB.
- Christine Weaver -
    - The Board approved her application.

Other Business:

- Recruitment Email for new VTC member went out today.
    - There was an error on the email stating we are looking for 2 members should only say 1 member. Will make correction in the second email.
    - I updated the email from last time to include meeting schedules and to specify that veterinarians can apply.

- Have already received 6 applications. (5 Techs and 1 Vet).

Motion to Adjourn:
In a motion by Dr. Cox, and seconded by Erin Butler, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.