

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for May 23rd, 2024

Meet in Person at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Vice President; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; Ms. Lynne Chaput; Ms. Patricia Quimby(Remote); Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed.

Staff: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Cindy Spirt, Assistant Attorney General; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Britney Branch, Office Administrator; Ellen James & Pegeen Morgan, Inspectors; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

Guests: Maddie Raville & Matt Dyer, EY

Absent: Dr. Peter Radue

Dr. Callahan Called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m..

Open Meeting Agenda

New Registration Process Presentation -

Matt Dyer and Maddie Raville presented the new portal to the Board and assisted with processing registration renewals for the Board members as a demo.

Approval of the Minutes:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 25th, 2024 meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following veterinarian and veterinary technician applications:

- Vet Tech Application
 - Merissa Doore - Letters of recommendation and past charging documents were provided and reviewed.
- Veterinarians approved by Designated authority:
 - J. Fearon
 - N. Cohen
 - P. Finlay
 - R. Cediell
 - M. Brown
 - I. Kobayashi
 - J. Hirsch
 - A. Panattoni
 - C. Shekels
 - E. Hoover
 - J. Landaverde
 - J. Scardina
 - C. Zapf
 - L. Souder
 - E. Worn
 - J. Baxter
 - M. Kuipers
 - A. Mertin
 - L. Shen-Kinny
 - M. Coll
 - A. Jackson
 - K. Seymour
- Veterinary Technicians Approved by Designated Authority:

- V. Ryan
- L. Matta
- O. Morton
- K. Taylor

- D. Jurado
- K. Beavers
- J. Dickerson
- L. Aughinbaugh

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James presented the hospital sanitation inspection reports. In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sanitation reports.

CE Approval Requests: -

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following recurring continuing education:

- FDA Monthly Vet Rounds - Content may vary for Clinical Vs. Non-Clinical

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
Food and Drug Administration	Pathophysiological Effect of Stress in Laboratory Animals	Vet	5.15.2024	1	Clinical	No	No
Food and Drug Administration	Design and Use of an Ex Vivo Peripheral Simulating Bioreactor system for Pharmokinetic analysis of a drug coated stent.	Vet	4.17.2024	1	Clinical	No	No
Food and Drug Administration	Conservation of Whales and Dolphins in the Philippines	Vet	3.20.2024	1	Clinical	No	No
Food and Drug Administration	Challenges in Detecting Sensory Neurotoxicity: Neuropathology Perspectives Part 2	Vet	11.15.2023	1	Clinical	No	No
Food and Drug Administration	Nonclinical Safety Evaluation of Vaccines Made Using Similar Platforms	Vet	9.20.2023	1	Clinical	No	No
University of Michigan	Science of Laboratory Animal Enrichment	Vet	11.7.2023	4.5	Clinical	No	No

National Primate Research Center (NPRC) Consortium	Evaluation of a Novel Dipper Device in Pigtail Macaques & Enrichment Approaches and Devices at Primates Incorporated	Vet	5.15.2024	1	Clinical	No	No
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New Board President and Vice-President -

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Calvert as President and Ms. Quimby, as Vice President of the Board.

Vet Tech Committee membership -

- Jessica Lorey is interested in becoming the chair. Is also interested in having more formal meetings.
- The Board reviewed the Veterinary Technician Committee applications and the recommendation by Jessica Lorey from her review of the applications.
- Tech Applications
 - The Board would like to schedule a brief interview with Ms. Bourjois, Ms. Butler and Ms. Thomas to determine if a good fit for the committee.

Renewal Extension Request

- **Dr. Hillary Merry** - Requesting an extension on getting CEs for renewal due to a medical condition.
 - Due to the uncertainty of when Dr. Merry will be able to get the Continuing Education completed the Board has requested that they reach out to us when they know more and the Board will waive a late fee if applicable for late registration. Past 1 year they can apply for reinstatement.

Inquiry From Dr. Amy Zhang at Green Valley Animal Hospital regarding the treatment of domesticated wild animals.

- Owner seeking routine medical care for a F2 Savannah Cat (2nd generation hybrid between African Serval and Domestic Cat).
 - Hospital research says Maryland (other than Baltimore) allows all generations of Savannah Cats under 30lbs. (not verified)
 - Frederick County Animal Control stated that they would consider it a domestic cat and have the same vaccination and licensing requirements. ACO is checking with the Health Department for any guidelines if there is an injury from the cat.
 - You have the ability to choose patients; there are no regulations specifying species.

Inquiry from Suzy Gill-Boucher - Practice Manager at Mount Carmel Animal Hospital regarding administering client provided vaccinations.

- Can a private citizen purchase rabies vaccines?
- Can a veterinary practitioner administer a rabies vaccine that they did not purchase and cannot verify the authenticity, shipping, handling, and storage before it reaches us?
- Does this apply to other vaccines such as distemper, leptospirosis, etc?
 - No the Board would not recommend doing this as they are unknown storage potentially causing decreased efficacy.

Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO)

- The Board reviewed information provided by MARBIDCO's Executive Director Steve McHenry. The information is for a new Loan program to promote agriculture veterinarian practice startups for specialized equipment.
 - No additional feedback.
 - Board ok with circulating the flier.

Disciplinary Action since April 25th, 2024

- Docket No. 24-39: Mrs. Jana Fee / Dr. Susan McDonough, Animal Birth Control, LLC (Atty: Damiano)
- Docket No. 24-42: Lauren Turnbow / Dr. Susan McDonough, Animal Birth Control (Atty: Damiano)

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions outside the scope of the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of the specific matters identified on the Board Agenda. In the alternative, I move to close the meeting pursuant to the following Section 3-305(b):

(7) To obtain advice of counsel;

(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

(12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;" and

(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.