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**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Minutes for the July 22, 2021**

**Held by teleconference**

**Joint OPEN Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Karena Joung, Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed. Staff present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan, Ellen James and Sarah Hultz,

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes.** In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Joung the minutes of the June 22, 2021 Board Meeting were unanimously approved, as edited.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals.** In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Radue, the team voted to approve veterinary license applications for Drs. Nicole Bonaventura, Maria Fjerstad, Kathryn Guerriero, Elizabeth Nelson, Chriselle Tan, Belinda Comito. Also, Dr. Albert Lynch, Jacqueline Dobranski, Jill Yaissle, Susan Curci and a reinstatement application for Dr. Anne Butler

**Sanitation Reports.** Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they conducted since the last Board meeting. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted to accept the reports as presented.

**CE Approval Requests.** Dr. Callahan recommended approving #516 and #519, but to reject # 518 which requested credit for serving on an advisory board and authoring a published paper. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve requests #516 and #519 and to deny request #518.

**Question: Insulin Sale.** After some discussion, the Board agreed that the best advice was to script it out and to recommend a pharmacy fill the prescription rather than to split the bottles or pens.

*In a motion by Dr. Callahan and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously 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.*