

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes of the May 24, 2018
Joint Board Meeting

Maryland Department of Agriculture –
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway – Annapolis, Md

Board Members Present: Dr. David Handel, President; Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, and Ms. Lynne Chaput. **Board members absent:** Dr. John Stott, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susie Husk, Inspectors Peggy Morgan and Ellen James, and Office Secretary Britney Branch.

Visitors: Mr. Jim Penrod and Dr. Chris Runde of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Presentation: American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB)

The AAVSB is attempting to deepen the organization's engagement with its members. AAVSB Executive Director James Penrod and AAVSB Treasurer Dr. Chris Runde met with the Board to understand some of the challenges facing Maryland and to explain some of the services provided by AAVSB. They also encouraged Board members and staff to attend the AAVSB conference in September 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Approval of Minutes: In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 2018 joint meetings as presented.

Approval of Veterinary License Applications: In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve veterinary licensing applications from Drs. Benjamin Brieckenbach, Eric Krauss, Angela Bakanas, Wai-Chu Chan, Marigold Ernst, Lani Newcomb, and Kyle Renaldo.

Sanitation Reports: Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on the sanitation inspections they have completed since the April 2018 meeting. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Sanitation Reports were accepted.

NAVLE Agreement: Ms. Orlando presented a three-year NAVLE Agreement, indicating that the Maryland Board will continue to recognize the NAVLE for assessing candidates and accept test results sent to the Board. The agreement also includes some other logistical changes and fee increase for applicants. In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board unanimously approved the agreement and authorized Ms. Orlando to sign the agreement.

Regulation Updates:

- **Proposed changes to COMAR 15.14.01 and 15.14.10** were published in the April 27, 2018 *Maryland Register* and are open for public comment through May 29, 2018. The proposed regulations (1) require a veterinarian to examine a patient at least once a year before renewing prescription medications for chronic conditions; and (2) increase the total number of continuing education credits that may be obtained on-line from 6 to 9 hours. Most comments received to date were positive. Two opposed the regulations. After reviewing comments, the Board agreed to allow the regulations to proceed to final action without any changes.
- **Housekeeping Regulations:** The Board approved preliminary language to update regulations that will allow licensing and registration processes to match upcoming online and electronic offerings. The new language also eliminates the use of a notarized copy of a diploma in lieu of official transcriptions for both veterinarians and RVTs.
- **Animal Cruelty Reporting Regulations.** The Board is required to promulgate regulations for the Animal Cruelty Reporting Law, which was passed by the General Assembly in 2017 and took effect in October 1, 2017. Ms. Spirt provided a discussion draft which, if approved by the Board, will be shared

with relevant stakeholders for input. After a discussion, Board members agreed that the draft can be shared with stakeholders, including law enforcement.

CE Approval Process. Ms. Orlando proposed asking organizations seeking approval to award CEs to request approval by filling out an online form that contains relevant information. Board members reviewing the request will then be able to go online whenever it's convenient and email their decision. Board members agreed to launch this process July 1, 2018.

Limited Use - Partitions. In December 2017, VIP Pet Care set up a portable limited use hospital and asked the Board to approve the set up for use in Maryland. The Board made several requests for improvement which VIP has reported that they addressed. VIP has asked that the modifications be inspected for final approval. Board members agreed to have the inspectors inspect the modifications.

Assistant Attorney General Thomas Filbert entered the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12: 19 p.m.

Dr. Handel called the meeting back to order at 12:59 p.m.

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session pursuant to the applicable provisions of the General Provisions Article.

Closed Meeting

There was an administrative discussion of complaints, investigations and matters before the Board.

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Meeting of Team A

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Team A Members: Dr. David Handel, President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, and Ms. Lynne Chaput. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susie Husk, Inspectors Peggy Morgan and Ellen James, and Office Secretary Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Team A's April 2018 meeting, as presented.

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session pursuant to the applicable provisions of the General Provisions Article.

Closed Meeting

There was an administrative discussion of complaints, investigations and matters before Team A.

The meeting was adjourned about 2:30 p.m.

Note: There was no meeting of Team B this month.