

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Public Minutes of the November 1, 2018 Meeting
Maryland Department of Agriculture – 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD**

Team A Meeting

Team Members Present: Dr. David Handel, Ms. Lynne Chaput, and Dr. Peter Radue. **Team member absent:** Dr. Karena Joung. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Handel, the team voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting of Team A.

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the team voted to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

Team A – Closed Session

During the closed session, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints, investigations, and disciplinary matters before the Board assigned to Team A.

Team A voted to adjourn by acclamation at 9:44 a.m.

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Joint Meeting – OPEN Session

Board Members: Dr. David Handel, President; Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Peter Radue, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Absent Members:** Dr. Karena Joung. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 10:54 a.m.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Radue the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 Joint Board Meeting, as presented.

Veterinary License Applications.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Chaput, veterinary license applications were approved for Drs. Kristen Archambault, Nicholas Archambault, Nicole Chevalier, Marc Hirshenson, Stevie Jones, Cynthia Loveland, Jeff Moak, and Daniel Skirvin.

Sanitation Reports

Inspectors Peggy Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they have conducted since the September 2018 meeting. In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Sanitation Reports

Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) Committee Report and Consideration

The RVT Committee met October 23, 2018 to discuss possible regulation changes that would enhance the profession and veterinary practices. Before moving forward with more fully formed recommendations, the Committee asked if the Board had any initial objections or feedback to specific ideas the committee members wanted to research. After some discussion, Board members agreed that the committee could continue its research.

Continuing Education Request for Holistic Conference

The Academy of Veterinary Homeopathy requested the Board approve 18 CEs for those attending its 2018 Annual Conference. Board members who initially reviewed the conference materials did not believe the conference offerings met the scientific rigor expected of CE courses and asked the full Board to weigh in. Members expressed concern because some of the topics were not clinical, were not peer reviewed, and many presenters are not veterinarians. The Board decided that for conferences that were out of the norm, they rely on RACE Approval. If the conference could be RACE approved, it would accept them. Otherwise, it would not.

Update: Regulations

Ms. Orlando noted that proposed regulations for Required Animal Cruelty Reporting were recently published in the Maryland Register and are open for public comment through November 15, 2018.

Other regulations published are considered housekeeping regulations that will make it easier for the Board to provide online services to applicants and licensees in the new year.

Update: Database Implementation

Ms. Orlando reported that database implementation is moving forward more slowly than hoped, but is expected to be fully implemented and online by the end of January 2019.

2019 Meeting Dates

Ms. Orlando reported that the Board will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of every month during 2019 at least through October. The Board will consider meeting dates for November and December later in the year.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:47 a.m. and reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting was closed at 12:13 p.m.

Joint Closed Meeting

Board Members: Dr. David Handel, President; Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Peter Radue, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. Absent Members: Dr. Karena Joung. Staff Present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

During the closed session, the full Board, staff, and counsel performed administrative functions, including discussing complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board. These included discussion of sanitation issues of concern and pending license applications that require further administrative action before they can be acted upon in open session.

Open Meeting

By unanimous vote, following a motion by Dr. Handel, the Board opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to discuss pending applications for licensure.

In a motion by Dr. Hendler, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve the veterinary license application for Dr. Shahinde Frederick.

In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted to approve the veterinary license application for Dr. Melissa McPherron

In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to close meeting again to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting was closed at again at 12:35 p.m.

Joint – Closed Meeting- Session2

During the joint closed session, the full Board, staff, and counsel performed administrative functions, including discussing complaints, investigations, and disciplinary matters before the Board.

The Board voted by acclamation to adjourn at 1:35 p.m.

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Meeting of Team B

Team Members: Dr. Heather Hendler, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. Staff Present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Office Secretary Britney Branch.

Dr. Hendler called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Wright-Conner, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting of Team B as presented.

In a motion by Dr. Hendler, seconded by Ms. Wright-Conner, the team voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

Closed Session – Team B

During the closed session, the full Board, staff, and counsel performed administrative functions, including discussing complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board assigned to Team B.

The team voted by acclamation to adjourn at 2:24 p.m.