

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

October 3, 2019

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

Minutes - Joint OPEN Meeting

Board Members: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Introduction of New Board Member. Ms. Patricia Crankshaw-Quimby, director of the Talbot County Humane Society and the county's animal control officer, was recently appointed to the Board by Governor Hogan to finish the term of Victoria Wright-Conner, who resigned last month due to conflicts in her work schedule. Ms. Quimby introduced herself and her 20 years experience in shelter work to the Board.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Joint Board Meetings were approved, after some typos had been corrected.

Report on AAVSB Conference

Ms. Chaput and Dr. Joung attended the recent AAVSB conference in St. Louis and shared some of their insights from various sessions and speakers.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals. In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve applications for a veterinary license for Drs. Bennett, Bridges, Hodgson, Isaacs, Lukovsky, MacLarty, Mitterman, Prange, Puzio, Rathbun, Skevakis, Villano, and Williams.

Reinstatement Applications:

In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reinstatement applications for a veterinary license from Dr. Easley.

Sanitation Reports.

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on the hospital inspections they have conducted since the August meeting. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted unanimously to accept the reports as presented.

Professional Animal Workers of Maryland (PAWS) Request Revisited – Chemical Immobilization Training Approval

Ms. Quimby, who is the president of PAWS, recused herself from the discussion and left the room. Board member had several questions about the training which had been provided; however, because the proposed course is not being taught by a veterinarian, the Board asked that the staff find out if the drugs, dosages and protocols specific to this course have been reviewed and approved by a veterinarian. Staff will report back.

USP 800 Draft Language. Board staff has received several inquiries about whether the Board intended to enforce USP 800. Draft newsletter language was presented to the Board for review; however, it is also being shared with the Assistant Attorney General at the Board of Pharmacy to ensure accuracy. The Board approved sending the information after the attorneys approve the language for accuracy.

Proposed Cease and Desist Legislation is moving forward. A draft of the bill language was shared, but it is not yet final. Ms. Orlando noted that the bill has a long way to go, but all signs are promising.

While You Were Out & Other Business. Ms. Orlando updated the Board on various projects and events the staff was handling outside immediate Board business.

Closed Meeting

During the closed session, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board.