

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Sept. 24, 2020

Meeting was held by teleconference and Google Meets due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 and Ellen James; Investigator Sarah Hultz, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Reed, the minutes of the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals

In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approved license applications for Drs. Nina Beyer, Rachel Dercher, Stephanie Majeski, Marina Manashirova, Melody McLaughlin, Courtney Pink, Nicole Scherrer and Alyse Zacuto.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve veterinary license applications for Dr. Juan Sardinas and to approve a reinstatement application for Dr. William Smolski.

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

CE Approval Request Approvals

- In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve CE Request #373.
- In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the AVMA's Rabies course for non-clinical CE.

New Annual Disciplinary Report for FY20

A bill that passed during the 2020 Legislative Session (HB 549) requires the Board to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the disciplinary actions the Board has taken the previous fiscal year. That report is due in December. A draft of the report was shared with the Board. With no objections, the report will be submitted to the Secretary.

Requests for Advice. Ms. Spirt reminded Board members not to give legal advice to anyone or to comment on laws or regulations that the Board does not enforce.

Question regarding RVT Duties

Someone asked the Board if RVTs could do local anesthetic blocks, such as epidurals. Board members agreed that it was a judgement call on behalf of the veterinarian who would best know the skill level of the technician. They did agree that only RVTs should be allowed but that, if

anything went wrong, the veterinarian is ultimately responsible for their tech's work and any ensuing problems or complications.

Meeting Schedule

Because the regular November and December meeting dates fall on holidays, the Board agreed to move the meetings to November 19 and December 17. They also agreed that Team A would meet first in November and December to accommodate Dr. Joung's schedule.