

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for October 27th, 2022

Meet by In Person at Maryland Department of Agriculture at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting

Board Members: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President (Remote); Dr. Christine Calvert (Remote), Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby (Remote), Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed.

Staff in Attendance: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan & Ellen James (Remote), Inspectors; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General; Cassie Shirk, Assistant Secretary MAICS.

Open Meeting

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

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the September 22nd, 2022 Board Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications for veterinary licenses:

- Dr. Megan McAndrew
- Dr. Adam King
- Dr. Joseph Royal
- Dr. Jill Kalman
- Dr. Melissa Lehmann
- Dr. Emma Watts
- Dr. Achal Kalicharan
- Dr. John Dodson
- Dr. Holly Habbershon
- Dr. Rebecca Bolch
- Dr. Melissa McCaw
- Dr. Robert Young (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Neil Gruber
- Dr. Brice Devos
- Dr. Samuel Smith
- Dr. Jyothi Alagappan
- Dr. Michelle Dugan

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James presented the Sanitation reports to the Board.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sanitation reports.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE requests:

- 611 - Maniatty - 2.8 Credits Only
- 612 - Burkhart
- 613 - Murphy
- 614 - Murphy
- 615 - Lisankis
- 616 - Shermer
- 617 - Watson

Final Orders since September 22nd, 2022 meeting:

- Docket No. 22-77 : Brittany Shrieves / Dr. Destinee Wright-Weichert, Honeygo Animal Hospital
 - Signed and Executed 9.27.2022.
- Docket No. 22-87 : Tavia Mick / Dr. Kevin Smith, Beltway Animal Hospital
 - Signed and Executed 10.25.2022.
- Docket No. 23-17: SBVME / Dr. Karen Miller (RV), Vet Evolve (Buckeystown Veterinary Hospital)
 - Signed and Executed 10.13.2022
- Docket No. 23-25 : SBVME / Dr. Heidi Fritz, Aberdeen Veterinary Clinic
 - Signed and Executed 10.13.2022.

Miscellaneous:

- **Amanda Abell from VCA Park Animal Hospital submitted an inquiry to the SBVME requesting an allowance to provide prescriptions for a neighboring VCA hospital that is temporarily closed due to no Veterinarian.**
 - The hospital has access to the other clinics records.
 - Board allowed for the hospital to provide prescriptions for 3 months while a veterinarian is located. They must still review the medical records and agree with the prescribing of the medications.
- PDMP informed the Board that they will not be submitting legislation proposals to require veterinarians to report the dispensing of controlled substances.
- **Letter of Good Standing - Change to Digital Only**
 - A new form will be used that will require veterinarians to provide E-mail addresses for where the Letters of Good Standing will be sent. Letters will be sent to the desired recipient and the requesting veterinarian.
- Dr. Radue presented information from a California vet board case that was requiring VCPR/Exams be established by veterinarians at race tracks before dispensing medications.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 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.