

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Meeting Minutes for May 25th, 2023**

**Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 AM**

**Joint 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 in Attendance:** Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan & Ellen James, Inspectors; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General

**Guests in Attendance:** Amy Farmer, AAVSB; Beth Venit, AAVSB

**Open Meeting Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order:** Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:33.

**Approval of the Minutes of the April 27th, 2023 Board Meeting.**

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 27th, 2023 Board meeting.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals: (59)**

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following licensing applications and ratify the licensing applications approved by designated authority\*:

- Dr. Lea Becker
- Dr. Kristina Calicchio
- Dr. Angela Brown
- Dr. Ram Mohan Surineni
- Dr. Catherine Love
- Dr. Emily Rabener
- Dr. Kelly McKenna
- Dr. Ryan Navarro
- Dr. Sidney Bannister
- Dr. Yaira Rivera
- Dr. Elizabeth Weymouth
- Dr. Jose Bras
- Dr. Dana Koch
- Dr. Krystal Yamamoto
- Dr. Cristian Perez
- Dr. Lorenza Malaguti
- Dr. Nathan Schmidt
- M. Adams\*
- S. Creasey\*
- S. Pfeiffer\*
- R. Salber\*
- M. Fry\*
- L. Lugo\*
- L. Joseph\*
- K. Fiddes\*
- J. Anderson\*
- J. Taylor\*
- H. Hunt\*
- G. Ritter\*
- E. Hampden\*
- E. Kiddle\*
- D. Bellingham\*
- C. Salerno\*
- C. Reiss\*
- C. Strickland\*
- C. Prettyman\*
- B. Matterlla\*
- B. Cassady\*
- V. Cahill\*
- P. Lawson\*
- T. Jeboda\*
- M. Al-Hermzy\*
- K. Frierson\*
- E. Fox\*
- A. Sipos\*
- L. Westbrook\*
- A. Smith\*
- C. Palmer\*
- V. Brown\*
- C. Melin\*
- E. Singleton\*

- N. Camelo-Lopez\*
- S. Strome\*
- E. Woodoff-Leith\*
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- C. Hollingsworth\*
- B. Carpenter\*
- M. Bishop\*
- B. Weeks\*
- S. Bailey\*

### **Sanitation Reports:**

Inspectors, Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, provided sanitation reports for hospitals inspected between April 25th, 2023 and May 23rd, 2023.

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

### **CE Approval Requests:**

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE Approval Requests:

- 662 - Ladman - Small Flock Medicine Seminar - University of Delaware
- 663 - Shermer - Best Practices for Using Swine in Experimental Surgery - FDA
- 664 - Shermer - One Health - FDA (Non-Clinical Only)
- 665 - Shermer - Keeping Honey Bees Safe From the Varroa Mite - FDA
- 666 - Jiminez - Does Tick Control Provide Health Protection? - Johns Hopkins
- 667 - Murphy - Improving the Reproducibility of Animal Studies - Allentown (Non-Clinical Only)
- 668 - Murphy - Use of Performance Standards in the AAALAC - Allentown (Non-Clinical Only)

### **Final Orders since April 27th, 2023 meeting.**

- Docket No. 22-116A: Keona Brooks / Dr. James Camilliere, Banfield Pet Hospital #0359 - Annapolis
  - Consent Agreement Finalized May 24th, 2023 - Professional Judgment
- Docket No. 23-96: SBVME / Dr. David Cullum, Creswell Veterinary Clinic
  - Civil Penalty Final Order Finalized May 19th, 2023 - Expired Medications

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Dr. Jonica Thompson - Appeal for exemption to NAVLE requirement
  - The Board did not motion to make an exemption. The regulation is clear as to the requirement.
  - The Board is considering changes to the regulation at this time but an alternative process is not finalized.
- Changes to address requirements of HB325/SB290:
  - Requiring Transcripts for Licensed In Other Jurisdiction Applications
    - In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to remove the transcript requirement for individuals applying for a Maryland license that are licensed in another jurisdiction.

- Designated Authority to Approve Licenses with no items of concern in their application:
    - In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Quimby , The Board voted unanimously to designate approval of the license applications with no issues (charges in other jurisdictions, or criminal charges) and whose NAVLE scores are more than 5 years old to the Vet Board staff. Decisions will be ratified at the next Board meeting along with the review and decision of applications that require Board approval.
  - Considering alternative pathways or adjusting the requirements for veterinarians without clinical or teaching experience in the preceding 5 years:
    - VA has no limitation
    - DC has alternate pathways that include a temporary license with mentorship program for NAVLEs over 7 years old.
    - Consider easing the requirement.
      - Removing or increasing the NAVLE expiration date window.
      - Adding a licensing category to allow practice in a mentorship program. Similar to DC.
    - Nathan to check with the medical Board and dental board in Maryland to compare requirements for the next meeting.
    - Nathan to reach out to AAVSB with questions regarding what are the requirements and pathways if out of clinical practice.
  - Meeting with VA and DC Vet Board’s Executive Directors
    - The Board reviewed the Licensing requirements for DC and VA and have expressed their interest in continuing discussions to explore the possibility of a compact regarding licensing requirements between the jurisdictions in the DMV.
  - Chapter 4 Changes to include requirements for Animal Control Facilities and Veterinarians who wish to allow staff to administer Rabies Vaccines under the indirect supervision of a Veterinarian.
    - The Board provided feedback on the draft changes for Chapter 4 and these will be voted on at the June meeting.
- Docket No. 23-119: SBVME / Vetster - Profiles online are advertising that prescriptions are available via telehealth appointments in Maryland.
    - Opening a Board complaint to examine the practices of Veterinarians through Telehealth Appts. A Docket Number was assigned after the meeting.

*In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, 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 Meeting Minutes. 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.*