

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Meeting Minutes for April 28th, 2022 Joint Open Meeting.**

**Meet In Person at Maryland Department of Agriculture.**

**Joint Meeting**

**Attendees:** 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. Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susie Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Ellen James, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Inspector; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General.

**Open Meeting**

**Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m..**

**Approval of the Minutes:** In a motion by Dr. Joung, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Minutes of the March 24th, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals:** In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert the Board voted unanimously to approve the following vet applications:

- Dr. Kimberly Rife
- Dr. Bernadette Hartman
- Dr. Gina Petrovitch
- Dr. Mary Norway

**Sanitation Reports:**

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

**CE Approval Requests:**

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

- CE 563 Orazo - not a CDS requirement
- CE 565 Cawlfeld - Can only carry 18 hours forward.
- CE 566 Cawlfeld - Can only carry 18 hours forward.
- CE 567 Cawlfeld - Can only carry 18 hours forward.

The following CE request requires more information and will be reevaluated at a future meeting:

- CE 564 Frank - Needs a program.

**Miscellaneous:**

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- Frederick Co. Animal Control - Telehealth Euthanasia Authorization
  - A draft response was reviewed and approved for this question from the March meeting.
- St. Mary's County Animal Shelter - Indirect Supervision Question
  - The Board would like to review more specific information for the protocols and documentation of these issues.
  - Upcoming regulations may address these questions.
- Online CEs for FY24
  - Online CEs allowed for FY24.
  - Board considering regulation changes to allow Online CE's in perpetuity.
- CE Audits
  - We will do an Audit of CE's submitted for the FY23 renewals in August.
- Canine Previcox Prescription to Horses (Radue)
  - Both medications are the same but labeled separately for dogs and horses.
  - Should be using it based on FDA guidelines. Expense is not a good enough reason.
- Pet IQ Proposal
  - The Board would like to request an in person meeting in July.
  - The Board would like to request copies of the sample documents of medical records and discharge instructions that would be provided to clients. These should be provided ahead of meeting.
- Constituent Question - Regarding Annual Visit for Prescription Renewal
  - The Board reviewed a constituent concern regarding the requirement for annual examinations before renewal of prescription medications provided from the Senate President's office.
  - A letter will be provided including the following reasons for the need for annual exams.
    - Pet's condition can change over the course of a year.
    - Steroids can have large amounts of side effects.
      - Change in kidney or liver function.
    - Animals age faster than humans.
    - This is advocating for the patient and the pet owners as much as it is protecting the veterinarian.
    - Dosages may need to be adjusted due to weight or the progression of condition being treated.
- Embryo Transfer Question
  - The Board reviewed and inquiry regarding Embryo Transfer
    - Embryo transfers are considered the practice of veterinary medicine under Statute 2-301 F4.
    - Some exemptions may exist for owned animals, livestock, and research purposes.
- Fax Scripts vs. Written Scripts Question.
  - The Board reviewed an inquiry regarding Faxing Scripts vs providing Hand Written Scripts.

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- They can provide a written prescription to the client but will need to be available within reasonable time to verify the prescription if the pharmacy calls to verify.
- Pharmacy isn't required to accept a written prescription (would need to talk to the Pharmacy board for more information).

*In a motion by Dr. Joung, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, 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.*