

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Meeting Minutes for January 27, 2022**  
**Maryland Department of Agriculture**

**Joint Meeting**

**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, Executive Director Nathaniel Boan, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick-Green, Investigator Sarah Hultz, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

**Open Meeting**

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Joint meeting were approved.

**Veterinary License Applications:**

In a motion by Dr. Joung, and seconded by Dr. Reed the following Veterinary License Applications were approved:

- Dr. Jennifer Au
- Dr. Ronald Gaeta
- Dr. Mayrin Gonzalez
- Dr. Angela Holmes-Watson
- Dr. Hannah McLean

**Sanitation Reports:**

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they completed since the last meeting. In a motion by Ms. Chaput and seconded by Dr. Joung, the reports were accepted as presented.

**CE Approval Requests:**

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

- #546
- #550
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Request #556 was not approved and requires more information.

**Equine Emergencies (Dr. Callahan)**

The board discussed the growing issue of the lack of veterinarians available to provide emergency equine veterinary services in the state (specifically on the Eastern Shore.) The board agreed that

referral to an equine emergency practice that is 3 hours away would be considered reasonable as there are no other options and clients are aware and have been provided with the appropriate contact information.

### **Disciplinary Actions on online Portal (V. Orlando)**

The board discussed how far back the Board should upload past disciplinary actions. The Board decided disciplinary actions will be uploaded back to 2010. A spreadsheet containing all past disciplinary actions will be uploaded for relic information dating back to 2000. Anyone needing access to disciplinary history prior to 2000 will need to contact the Vet Board office.

### **Expired CDS Storage(S. Husk)**

Ms. Husk reported that the SBVME Regulations require that the veterinarian shall package and keep expired drugs stored separate and apart from unexpired medications. This has been interpreted as not being stored in the same location or safe. Ms. Husk spoke with DEA Diversion Investigator Samuel Sorrells about the DEA regulations regarding expired CDS drugs. The DEA regulations require all CDS drugs (expired and unexpired) to be stored in the same secure location. Investigator Sorrells agreed that if the expired CDS drugs are boxed up, labeled as expired and stored in the same safe/secure location but apart from the non-expired drugs that this would be acceptable.

### **Reciprocity Proposal – Animal Policy Group**

The topic was briefly discussed but held to be discussed further at the February Board meeting.

### **Responsible Veterinarian Proposal – Pet IQ**

The topic was tabled for further discussion at the February Board meeting after Mr. Boan meets with Pet IQ to get more details.

### **Financial Disclosures**

Board members were reminded that Financial Disclosures are due by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Please send confirmation to Mr. Boan by the due date.

*In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, 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. With respect to three licensing applications, motion to close was also based on 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.*

*Summary of Closed Session*

*During the closed session, the Board discussed with staff and performed administrative functions, including functions related to the investigation and disposition of confidential disciplinary matters pending before the Board. These discussions also involved consultation with legal counsel.*

*The Board also consulted with counsel in accordance with Md. Code Ann. General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b) regarding three license applications.*

*Dr. Callahan adjourned the closed joint meeting at 1:40 PM and reopened the meeting in open session.*

In a motion by Dr. Joung, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the following Veterinary License Applications were approved:

- Dr. Daniel Samson
- Dr. Polycarp Abii
- Dr. Alina McClain

The open meeting was adjourned at 1:42.