

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Meeting Minutes for July 21st, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

Joint Meeting

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

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

Guests in Attendance: Sarah Cutler Tew and Thomas Kerr, PetIQ/VIP Pet Care

Open Meeting

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m..

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve of the Minutes of the May 26th, 2022 and June 23rd, 2022 Board Meetings.

Meeting with PET IQ:

The Board met with representatives from Pet IQ to discuss the possibility of having one responsible veterinarian listed for multiple limited use hospitals/facilities. The goal is to be able to offer more wellness and preventative care exams in the state by helping to have more clinics available.

- The Board expressed concerns about the business model including follow-up treatment referrals with abnormal diagnostics, upholding the Standards of Care with minimal capabilities.
- They refer to their practices as Prevention and wellness examinations; they are actually performing minor medical exams.
- Will communicate internal inspection dates so inspectors may randomly drop in to see how internal inspections are occurring.
- In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to allow the pilot program allowing one Responsible Veterinarian (their regional medical director) to be the Responsible Veterinarian for up to 10 hospitals in Maryland for 6 months, with the possibility of expanding this to 1 year upon reevaluation.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Veterinary Applications with the following stipulations and to allow Dr. Jessica Gleeson to apply and be considered for licensing:

- Dr. Ashley Love
- Dr. Frank Gomez
- Dr. William Baker
- Dr. George Daniel

- Dr. Lissa Lippman
- Dr. Scott Perry
 - Provide information regarding VCPR and meeting the requirements set forth in COMAR for telehealth.
- Dr. Kristina Pugh
- Dr. Ryan Giles
- Dr. Lindsay Vega (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Kathryn Sullivan
- Dr. Robert Payne
- Dr. Jennifer Hay
- Dr. Carrie Begin-Guter

Sanitation Reports: Inspectors Ellen James and Pegeen Morgan provided reports on the hospital inspections performed since May 24th, 2022.

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

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan and seconded by Dr. Reed the Board voted unanimously to approve the CE requests with the clarification for Popiolek that 1 CVE = 1 Credit Hour.

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- 604 Paola

The Board took a recess to take lunch at 12:50 p.m. and returned at 1:14p.m. to continue the Joint open session.

Final Orders since May 26th, 2022 meeting.

- Docket No. 21-15A: Janifer Phillips / Dr. James Nolte (Atty: Krum), Chesapeake Animal Clinic
- Docket No. 21-28: Jessica Adkins / Dr. Paul Deal, Countryside Animal Hospital
- Docket No. 21-38: Talanta Parker / Dr. Adrienne Edwards (Atty: McDowell), Banfield Pet Hospital #0443
- Docket No. 22-103A: SBVME / Calvert Animal Hospital, VetCor
- Docket No. 22-104: SBVME / Glen Burnie Animal Hospital, VetCor
- Docket No. 22-105: SBVME / Dr. Ahmad Shah, Glen Burnie Animal Hospital

Miscellaneous:

- PDMP Proposed legislation
 - The Board further discussed the request for a position statement regarding the PDMP proposed legislation to require veterinarians to report dispenses of controlled substances.
 - The Board would like to request a weekly reporting allowance for veterinarians (instead of daily).
 - The Board would like clarification if reporting is required when not open if daily reporting is required.
 - The Board raised some concerns for possible issues with clients being able to get their prescriptions in a timely manner and it impacting the quality of care received by animals in the state, and concerns for animals not being able to get medications if the owner happens to also be on similar, or other controlled substances.

- Chapter 1- 15.14.01 Standards of Practice Discussion
 - The Board discussed the proposed changes to Chapter 1 of the Regulations regarding the Standards of Practice.
 - The Board has asked Cindy to review the wording changes made for consistency.
 - The Board would like to include the suggested revisions provided by the inspectors giving clearer guidance on expired medications and CDS logs in hospitals.
 - Chapter 1 Revisions are still in the draft phase and after transmittal will be available for public review/comment before going into effect.

- AAVSB information.
 - The Board was provided with information to see if anyone was available to attend the AAVSB annual meeting.
 - Some members were interested, however, due to schedule conflicts no one is able to attend.

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. 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.