

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Meeting Minutes for March 24th, 2022

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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: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan, Ellen James, and Sarah Hultz Investigators; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:38 a.m..

Open Meeting

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Joint session of the February 24th, 2022 Board Meeting.

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

- Dr. Allison Oneill
- Dr. Christine Christensen
- Dr. Janelle Canty
- Dr. Sunil Kakarla.

Sanitation Reports: Inspectors Morgan and James provided reports on hospital inspections performed between February 22nd, 2022 and March 22nd, 2022. In a motion by Dr. Calvert and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the inspection reports.

CE Approval Requests: The Board reviewed and in a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Continuing Education requests with the listed requirement for request 561:

- 561
 - The CE's are acceptable, however, you must delineate between Clinical vs. Non-Clinical CE hours appropriately.
- 562

Miscellaneous:

- Reciprocity Proposal
 - The Board reviewed and approved a draft response to the Reciprocity proposal provided by the Animal Policy Group.
- PET IQ Proposal
 - The Board reviewed and approved a draft response to the Pet IQ Responsible Veterinarian Proposal.
- Frederick Co. Animal Control - Telehealth Euthanasia Authorization

- The Board reviewed a request for guidance regarding telemedicine guidance for injured animals at animal control facilities on stray holds.
 - The Board recommends creating relationships with local emergency veterinary clinics to handle these cases.
 - Provide information about state law regarding animal control guardianship of stray animals.
- Responsible Veterinarian and Taking Leave
 - The Board reviewed a request for guidance regarding responsible veterinarians and extended leave such as medical, vacation, or maternity/paternity leave.
 - The Board advises that they would still be in compliance and there is no requirement for providing an alternative responsible veterinarian for that period.
 - The responsible veterinarian would still be accountable for failings in processes or procedures while off and should (when possible) work to make arrangements for veterinary services to be available if there is an emergency.
 - A clinic may consider having a relief vet assume responsibility in a written agreement.
- Veterinary Nurse
 - The Board reviewed a request for a statement on the use of the term Veterinary Nurse and about title protections in the state of Maryland.
 - The SBVME has no official position/comment on this matter.
 - The SBVME recommends reaching out to the Maryland Nursing Board and the Veterinary Technician Committee for information regarding title protection.
 - The SBVME uses the terms as defined in our statutes.
- SBVME Meeting Schedule for 2022
 - The Board reviewed and approved the meeting schedule and location for the remaining meetings in 2022.
 - January 27th, 2022 - Virtual
 - February 24th, 2022 - Virtual
 - March 24th, 2022 - Virtual
 - April 28th, 2022 - In Person
 - May 26th, 2022 - Virtual
 - June 23rd, 2022 - Virtual
 - July 21st, 2022 - In person (Moved to 3rd Thursday)
 - August 25th, 2022 - Virtual
 - September 22nd, 2022 - Virtual
 - October 27th, 2022 - In Person
 - November 17th, 2022 - Canceled
 - December 8th, 2022 - Moved to accommodate holidays.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput and seconded by Dr. Joung the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. to move into an administrative closed session at 12:00 p.m. 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

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(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to end the closed session and return to open session at 1:56 p.m..

Veterinary License Application Approval: In a motion by Dr. Callahan and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Veterinary License application:

- Dr. Loren Sri-Jayantha.

Dr. Callahan adjourned the joint meeting at 2:07 p.m..