

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Meeting Minutes for May 26th, 2022

Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order 10:35a.m..

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; Susie Husk, Assistant Director; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Ellen James, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Inspector; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Cynthis Spirt, Assistant Attorney General.

Guests in Attendance: MDH PDNP Program: Sara Roberson, and Anna Gribble

Open Meeting

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28th, 2022 Board Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Reed , and seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following veterinary license applications:

- Dr. Corinne Buirkle
- Dr. Jessica Rivera
- Dr. Matt Takara (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Rachel Cezar Martinez
- Dr. Raymond Wong
- Dr. Ryan Freed
- Dr. Sarah Luby
- Dr. Carmella Britt
- Dr. Suresh Ganesan
- Dr. Maria Giles
- Dr. Jena Porto

Sanitation Reports:

- Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James provided the summary of Sanitation reports for May.
 - In a motion by Dr. Joung, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve the May sanitation reports.

CE Approval Requests:

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

- 568 - Maul
- 570 - Casey

- 571 - Casey
- 572 - Slovon
- 573 - Slovon
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- 576 - Slovon
- 579 - Hubbard
- 580 - Hubbard
- 581 - Hubbard
- 582 - Hubbard
- 583 - Hubbard
- 584 - Hubbard
- 585 - Hubbard
- 586 - Robert
- 587 - Hayden

The following CE requests require more information before approval:

- 564 - Frank (Follow Up from April)
 - Need documentation from the instructor.
- 569 - Orazo
 - Needs to provide syllabus.
- 577 - Orazo
 - Verify if this is a duplicate request from 569.

Public Final Actions

- Docket No. 21-61: Tammy Grubb / Dr. Eric Wiles, Windsor Veterinary Services
 - Consent Agreement Signed and executed on May 11th, 2022
- Docket No. 22-08: Nathan Casaday / Dr. Shahid Aziz, Banfield Pet Hospital #1348 - Bethesda
 - Consent Agreement Signed and executed on May 24th, 2022
- Docket No. 22-83 : SBVME / Dr. Jane Brunt, Cat Hospital at Towson, LLC
 - Civil Penalty Final Order Signed and executed May 11th, 2022

Miscellaneous:

- Cancellation of June 2022 Meeting.
 - Short open meeting for licensing and CE approvals.

- Vets to Pets VCPR
 - We are not looking to make changes at this time. We are already in the process of making several changes to the regulations.

- NEON Teletriage Question
 - The RV would still be accountable for the advice that was provided.
 - Do not currently have enough information about the current business model of the organization to answer these questions. We are currently looking at changes to our regulations that may clarify some of your questions in the near future.
 - Definition of Practicing Veterinary Medicine - Generally that would mean that by a veterinarian licensed in Maryland.

- PDMP Advisory Board Presentation
 - Anna Gribble and Sara Roberson from MDH-PDMP provided a presentation on upcoming legislation proposals to strengthen controlled substance reporting guidelines for veterinarians.
 - The Board Provided the following feedback:
 - Concerns over the definition of “Dispenser” when it comes to veterinarians.
 - Want to help and contribute to the solution of the substance problem.
 - Concerns over operation and software costs to make this feasible.
 - Concerns over pushing veterinarians away from dispensing medications that may cause an impact in the care of animals due to burden placed on veterinarians.
 - PDMP will take the feedback to their legal team to determine the best course of action.

- Chapter 1- 15.14.01 Standards of Practice Discussion
 - Will attempt to include the drug inventory logs in these changes of regulations.

- Executed Public Actions on Open Meeting Minutes
 - Executed Public Actions will be included in the Open Meeting Minutes for anything finalized since the previous meeting.

- Military Veterinarians
 - A Military Veterinarian doesn’t need to be licensed in Maryland as long as maintaining a Military Veterinary License and practicing in the service.

- June 1st, Newsletter Contents
 - The Board discussed information that they would like communicated to veterinarians:
 - License Renewals
 - Online CE allowance in FY24 renewal
 - Rabies Vaccines
 - By Veterinarian Only
 - Fill out the Certificates
 - Responsible Veterinarian and transfer
 - Selling Practice - Transfer of Hospital License
 - Expired medications -Opened and being used (don’t forget to check ointments, ophthalmics, lidocaine)

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Reed, 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;

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- (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.