

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Minutes for April 24th, 2025**

**Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 AM**

**Joint Meeting**

**Board Members:** Dr. Christine Calvert, President; Ms. Patricia Quimby, Vice-President; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; Ms. Lynne Chaput; Dr. Peter Radue, Dr. James Reed, Dr. Justin Sobota.

**Staff:** Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Cindy Spirt, Assistant Attorney General; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Britney Branch, Office Administrator; Ellen James & Pegeen Morgan, Inspectors; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

**Open Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:49 am.

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 27th, 2025 Board Meeting.**

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 27th, 2025 Board meeting.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals:**

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications approved by Designated Authority:

Veterinarians Approved by Designated Authority

- S. Durov
- W. Culp
- L. Spencer
- J. Reukauf
- A. Hill
- F. Frere
- W. Chan
- S. Bowman
- S. Vaddu
- K. Egan
- I. Gordon
- A. Mason
- C. Coleman
- M. Glassman
- C. Barr
- A. Edwards

Vet Techs Approved by Designated Authority

- I. Prygodzki
- A. Reed
- T. Kalathas
- S. Burt

**Sanitation Reports:**

Inspectors Ellen James and Pegeen Morgan presented the sanitation reports.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Sobota, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sanitation reports as presented.

#### **CE Approval Requests:**

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE reviews:

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
CVRC	CVRC Spring Conference 2025	Resubmitted for Both.	5/4/2025	7	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
National Institute of Health (NIH)	Comparative Biomedical Scientist Training Program	Vet	08/19/2024 - 06/30/2025	16	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
BioTrac	Spatial Biology Symposium	Vet	9/9/2024 - 9/10/2024	15	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
Veterinary Association Management	Mountain Veterinary Conference	Vet	4/6/2025 - 4/9/2025	20	Clinical/Scientific (Substance Abuse 3 hours and Digital Media 6 hours should be Non-Clinical)	No	No
Veterinary Referral Associates	Clinically Applicable Mathematics	RVTs	5/6/2025	1	Clinical/Scientific	No	No

#### **Formal Discipline Finalized since March 27th, 2025.**

- Docket No. 24-97: Diana Castillo / Dr. Brittani Kirkendoll, Hyattsville Animal Hospital (Atty: Joseph Damiano)
  - 15.14.01.07A Professional Judgment and Practice
  - 15.14.01.10A Record Keeping
- Docket No. 24-49A: Shelby Reinhart / Dr. Owen Fink, Skylos Sports Medicine, LLC
  - 15.14.01.07A Professional Judgment and Practice

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- **Disciplinary Actions prior to 2010:**
  - The Board is ok with beginning to incorporate public disciplinary actions prior to 2010 into the database so they may be viewed while searching for the veterinarian. This will be an ongoing project and will likely be delayed as the department is planning to shift the web hosting services in the near future.

- **Prescribing/Dispensing Sedative for Fractious animals without a VCPR**
  - Is it ok if seen by another vet at the hospital? Not a refill.
    - If this is an existing client at the practice this would be acceptable.
  - Is it permissible for a first time patient to receive a single dose of sedative for safe handling to be able to come in for an exam to establish a VCPR?
    - The regulations do not allow for medications to be prescribed without a prior VCPR. As with all cases, the Board would consider the circumstances when reviewing a complaint that involved a fractious animal. Hospitals may wish to refer to an in-home practice to establish a VCPR in these instances.
  
- **Sixth attempt for NAVLE - Shyan Al Zuhairi**
  - The Statutes and regulations only require a passing score of the NAVLE but no requirements or limits to testing attempts.
  - The Board has approved staff to sign these requests for confirmation as they come in and report them to the Board after they have been approved.

*In a motion by Ms. Chaput, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board motioned 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.*