

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for December 4th, 2025

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Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Dr. Christine Calvert, President; Ms. Patricia Quimby, Vice-President; Dr. Monica Maa; Dr. Peter Radue; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; 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; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Ellen James, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:41.

Approval of the Minutes:

In a motion by Dr. Maa, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 23rd, 2025 and November 20th, 2025 Board meetings.

- October 23rd, 2025 Board Meeting.
- November 20th, 2025 Board Meeting

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

- Applications for Board Review
 - In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following application:
 - Dr. Natalie Goolik
 - Has been licensed in other jurisdictions in the past but does not hold a current license registration. All expired in 2021/2022.
 - Has been working clinically in a radiology imaging residency.
 - NAVLE scores are 6 months out of the range for the education process.
 - The Board decided to approve the license because the NAVLE was just over the timeline and due to the advanced education being pursued during a residency.

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications:

- Applications approved by designated authority:
 - Veterinarians:
 - B. Tillett
 - D. Walker
 - C. Williams
 - M. Avriette (SCRA-0002)
 - A. Kline
 - D. Ferris
 - O. Patanio
 - A. Carpenter
 - A. Bode
 - M. Horteloup
 - M. Raese
 - L. Trimble
 - K. Porthouse

- K. Hughes
- N. Kohn
- M. Read
- M. Goldberg

- Veterinary Technicians:
 - S. Scothorn
 - D. Woosley
 - K. Herren
 - T. Herndon
 - A. Richardson
 - B. Wheaton
 - K. Stevens
 - H. Dellinger
 - N. Sadlowski
 - O. Crummitt
 - K. Gallagher
 - M. Skiles
 - R. Coulter
 - G. Holder

Sanitation Reports:

- Inspectors Ellen James and Pegeen Morgan presented the hospital inspection reports.
- In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the hospital inspection reports.

CE Approval Requests:

- In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Maa, the Board voted unanimously to approve the below CEs with the following notes.

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
NYU Langone Health / NYU Grossman School of Medicine	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy-comprehensive management of a complex disease: AK's based symposium	Vets	9/12/2025	7.75	Clinical	No	No
Pet Resusc, LLC	Staying Alive or Another One Bites the Dust? CPR Updates	Both	12/18/2025 & 1/14/2026	2	Clinical	No	No
Colorado State University CVM	Advanced Cardiology Review	Vets	3/31/2025 - 4/3/2025	30	Clinical	No	No

- NYU Langone Health CE is a human health symposium.
 - CE requirement:
 - "A minimum of 12 hours of continuing education courses shall be directed toward improvement, advancement, and extension of professional skill and knowledge relating to the practice of veterinary medicine. These courses shall have significant intellectual or practical content dealing primarily with information on skills directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine."
 - Needs to be Veterinary - May use as non-clinical. Up to 6 (12 if over 2 years).
- For CSU Advanced Cardiology review the app says 10 hours per day and asks for 30 credits.
 - Will need a certificate showing the amount of hours.

- CE Is ok but needs specifics about which were attended and the certificate.

Formal Disciplinary Actions Finalized Since October 23rd, 2025

- Docket No. 21-41: Karen Baker, Humane Society of Carroll County / Dr. James Casey, Equine Veterinary Services
 - Professional Conduct
- Docket No. 23-113: Juliet Sosebee / Dr. Susan Mende, Wolf Creek Equine (Atty: Joseph Damiano)
 - Professional Judgment and Practice
- Docket No. 24-72B: Kelly Ross /Dr. Scott Andersen, Waugh Chapel Animal Hospital
 - Professional Judgment and Practice
 - Record Keeping
- Docket No. 26-025: SBVME / Dr. Andrew Jendrek, Carney Animal Hospital
 - Expired Medication
 - Facility Standards
 - Posting Licenses

Regulation Updates

- **RVT Regulations Feed Back Requested From Board**
 - Nathan presented information on how the RVT and VA regulations should be organized in the upcoming regulation changes.
 - Chapter 6 was used in the past for Veterinary Technicians (before they were registered possibly). After the registration change they were incorporated into Chapter 1 (Vet Scope of Practice) as a supervisory requirement and into the Chapter that has the licensing requirements for technicians (which I don't find makes a lot of sense). I am proposing that we bring back Chapter 6 to be a Scope of practice for Veterinary Technicians. Chapter 1 will still have the supervisory requirements and is where the Veterinary Assistant details will be (ie. how a vet may utilize veterinary assistants) and then reference Chapter 6 when talking about Veterinary Technicians (i.e. a Veterinarian may assign tasks to a Veterinary Technician in accordance with their scope of practice in 15.14.06.XX).
 - The Board would like the Vets Requirements together and then the Tasks under each supervision level grouped together.

Miscellaneous

- **CE Audit Status**
 - New Tracker being used for the audits.
 - Notice sent to vets on November 20th, 2025
 - Notice sent to Techs on November 21st, 2025.
 - Received 27/50 responses so far.
 - 12 reviews completed
 - 3 Follow-up information requests sent.
- **Annual Report Draft**
 - The Board reviewed and provided feedback for the annual disciplinary action report. It will be posted on our website once the final version is submitted to the legislature.

- **Comment from Dr. Amelia Poteet Scampton**
 - Dr. Scampton provided a statement of concern about the amount of the licensing application and registration fees.
 - Fees are used to cover direct expenses of managing the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners including staff, equipment and services, for the purposes of licensing, investigations, hospital inspections, and taking enforcement actions.
- **Inquiry About Anal Gland Expression (internal vs. external and who can perform) from Dr. Tara Klimovitz**
 - We do not differentiate between the two types as long as they are trained and know how to recognize what is appropriate and when to seek assistance.
- **Request for a “Comfort Letter” from The Vet Connection**
 - UK Based Tele-triage service.
 - Can provide general information that we do not currently have specific regulations involving tele-health but do require an in person physical exam to be able to make treatment decisions for a patient, including prescriptions.

In a Motion by Dr. Calvert, 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.*

The meeting went into administrative closed session at 11:40 am.