

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for January 22nd, 2026

Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 AM

Board Members: Dr. Christine Calvert, President; Ms. Patricia Quimby, Vice-President; Ms. Lynne Chaput; Dr. Peter Radue, Dr. Monica Maa, 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

Dr. Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Approval of the Minutes:

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2025 meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Maa, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications approved by designated authority:

- Vets approved by designated authority:
 - L. Keith
 - S. Karuturi
 - C. McKoy
 - L. Mills
 - J. Hayes
 - S. Melick
 - B. Sholes
 - A. Capper
 - M. Lapera

- Vet Techs Designated Authority:
 - M. Young
 - K. Hall
 - N. Swisher
 - J. Meyer

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Ellen James and Pegeen Morgan presented the hospital inspection reports.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sanitation reports as presented.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE requests with the below notes regarding the Neural Science CE:

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
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Veterinary Referral Associates	DIR: Advanced Decision-Making in the Acute Non-Ambulatory Dog.	Both	1/28/2026	1	Clinical	No	No
Veterinary Referral Associates	Diabetes Mellitus in Cats: An update on treatment and monitoring options	Both	1/22/2026	1	Clinical	No	No
Society for Neural Science	Annual Meeting	Vets	11/15/2025 - 11/19/2025	30	Clinical	No	No

- Society for Neural Science certificate would not be sufficient.
 - Some may be non-clinical.

Miscellaneous:

- **Legislation:**

- SB0054: SBVME - Grounds for Disciplinary Action - Restrictions
 - Make it so we cannot discipline for “simply” talking about or recommending CBD products. Still not allowed to prescribe and would be able to discipline if the conversation was inappropriate.
 - Fiscal note submitted with no fiscal impact.
 - No position statement.
- SB0242: Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act
 - Similar in most aspects to the federal legislation that already exists, and we voted earlier to implement.
 - The most significant change is that this would qualify for up to 1 year after leaving service.
 - Provided a fiscal note that included decreased revenue from licensing fees and cost of implementing a new application or updating existing applications.

- **Inquiries:**

- **Accepted Management Practices - Horse Breeding Facility**
 - The Board reviewed an inquiry about a potential new Horse Breeding Facility about what tasks are permitted.
 - Typically, these apply to their own animals.
 - Has not created any official rules or regulations.
 - The Board had some clarifying questions to send to the inquirer.
 - The Board would also like to reach out to the past president, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, for input as a specialist in Theriogenology.

Actions Finalized since October 23rd, 2025:

- Docket No. 25-044F: Sandra Popp / Dr. Krystal Yamamoto, Veterinary Emergency Group
 - Professional Judgment and Practice

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, the meeting was closed 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.