

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

Meet In Person at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting Agenda

Called meeting to order:

Dr. Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:55am.

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; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

Open Meeting Agenda

Approval of the Minutes:

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2025 and June 26th, 2025 meetings.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Maa, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following licensing applications:

Applications Reviewed by the Board:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Tubbs - Has been working in government.
- Dr. Angard Sharma - Difficulty getting License Verification and Transcripts from Punjab. Was verified in the ECFVG process. Has been licensed and practicing in CA, multiple Canadian Provinces and recently licensed in VA.

Veterinary Licenses approved by designated authority:

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| • K. Schimmel | • S. McLaughlin |
| • L. Menke | • M. Kenyon |
| • M. Seiberlich | • K. O'Dowd |
| • A. Quarti | • J. Nechin |
| • N. Bell | • D. Wicker |
| • K. Olson | • A. Manganeli |
| • C. Hamway | • B. Ritchey |
| • S. Ford | • B. Bostrom |
| • G. Medrano | • C. Hall |
| • H. Johnson | • C. DeLuca |
| • H. Halemeh | • M. Harper |
| • C. Gentile | • C. Gutierr |
| • C. Johnson | |

Veterinary Technicians approved by designated authority:

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| • V. Sullivan | • E. Garner |
| • G. Kuhnly | • A. Stabinski |

The Board reviewed an application for licensure for Dr. John Connick who is being investigated in Florida for the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. The Board decided to hold the application until we have the final ruling from Florida.

- Dr. John Connick - Open investigation in FL regarding alleged unlicensed practice while interning.

Sanitation Reports:

Inspector Pegeen Morgan presented the hospital sanitation inspection report.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Team voted unanimously to accept the hospital inspection reports.

CE Approval Requests:

- Animal Health - Fair Board Vet Check In training: Can the training be done virtually with a recording of the CE with a test at the end?
 - The Board would like to see the contents of the final exam that would be given.

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

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
European Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging (EVDI)	Annual Scientific Conference	Both	9/18/2024 - 9/21/2024	19	Clinical / Scientific	No	No
National Primate Research Centers (NPRC) Consortium Program	Clinical and Surgical Techniques Conference: Prolonged Anesthesia in Macaques	Both	7/8/2025	1	Clinical / Scientific	No	No
International Society for Human and Animal Mycology	Workshop: Veterinary Mycology in Practice	Both	5/20/2025	3	Clinical / Scientific	No	No
Office of Research Infrastructure Programs (NIH)	Cryopreservation and Other Preservation Approaches for Animal Models	Vet	7/15/2025	5	Clinical / Scientific	No	No

Formal Disciplinary Action Finalized Since May 22nd, 2025:

- None

Miscellaneous:

- Dr. Everhart wants to lease her building on the weekends to a clinic that currently does mobile practice to see patients.
 - Does the other hospital need a license to use the space?

- They would need a license of their own.
 - They would need to maintain their own drugs, drug logs and supplies so they would be able to be inspected separately.
 - They will need to make sure that advertising is clear and post signs for the alternative hospital that is using the space.
- **Farm Journal Foundation Rural Veterinary Shortage Study**
 - The State Veterinary Board and the MDA's Animal Health are participating in the Farm Journal Foundation's Rural Veterinarian Shortage Solutions Study. They are seeking stake holders from the Board to participate:
 - Dr. Calvert, Dr. Sobota, and Dr. Radue are interested in participating in the study.
- **Relief Veterinary Medical Association Information:**
 - The Board reviewed information provided by a newly formed Relief Veterinary Medical Association.
 - The Board will take the information into consideration when making changes to the licensing processes in the future.
- **Inquiry Regarding Awareness of genetic risks associated with some common flea and tick preventatives.**
 - The Board reviewed a request from a constituent regarding advising veterinarians about FDA information on certain flea and tick preventatives.
 - The Board felt this is not the appropriate avenue to disseminate that information. Veterinarians get their information from various sources, including manuals, continuing education, etc.
 - It may be misconstrued as advocating against the use of certain products. As a regulatory board we must consider how messaging may be perceived. Maryland regulations require the owners to be informed of the most common known side effects as a minimum standard.
- **Dew Claw Removal Inquiry - New Market Animal Hospital**
 - The Board reviewed an inquiry and approved a response regarding Canine Dew Claw Removal and HB0022.
 - Generally, the Board does not have a policy regarding the appropriateness of dew claw removal surgeries.
 - HB0022 does not address dew claw removal surgeries in canines.
 - There are other criminal laws that prohibit dew claw removal in certain circumstances; however, the Board is not able to provide guidance on criminal laws not enforced by the Board.
- **Handling of Controlled Substances - Fairland Animal Hospital**
 - The Board reviewed an inquiry regarding the administration of controlled substances by Veterinary Assistants.

- Current statute and existing regulations prohibit Veterinary Assistants from inducing anesthesia.
 - Access to certain controlled substances is also limited to Registered Veterinary Technicians.
 - If a drug was already drawn up and the Veterinarian is currently working on the same patient. A Veterinary Assistant may, when appropriate, administer a controlled substance to the patient under immediate supervision of a Veterinary practitioner.

- **AVA Credentials Question from MAEF**
 - The Board reviewed information provided by MAEF regarding the Approved Veterinary Assistant Program certification through the North American Veterinary Technician Association.
 - The Board was not familiar enough with the program and the required curriculum or the credentialing process in general to weigh in on the efficacy or any impacts it may have in the hiring or job readiness of candidates at Veterinary Hospitals.

- **SCRA License Application:**
 - The Board reviewed updated information on the Service Members Civil Relief Act.
 - We will be developing an application for active-duty service members and their spouses to get a Maryland Certificate that will allow them to practice while stationed in Maryland. These applications will need to be manually processed and will retain the license number of their home jurisdiction but will get the Maryland Certificate to post.

- **Name Change Request for Dr. Eniola's hospital and a brief discussion about the name change approval process for professional corporations**
 - Dr. Eniola, the owner and responsible veterinarian at Petwell Veterinary Center, has asked to change the name of her hospital to Petready Veterinary Center, Inc. due to a lawsuit. The Board reviewed the request and determined it does not require relicensing and Cindy confirmed with SDAT that they are not of a type of business entity or corporate ownership that would require name approval.

- **RVT Task inquiry - Ashleigh Hornyak, RVT**
 - The Board reviewed an inquiry about RVTs performing wound repairs.
 - Statute allows RVTs to perform basic suturing. The suturing of a wound would require a veterinarian as this would not be considered basic. Basic suturing would include suturing of straight-line incisions etc. This may be readdressed in tasks in the future.

- **Investigator Susan Husk had an inquiry regarding the labeling of radiographs.**
 - Regulations say that radiographs shall be labelled with the hospital, clinic, or veterinarian's name, the patient's name, the owner's name and the date the image or picture was taken.

- The Board determined that the owner's first name does not necessarily need to be on the image, last name would be sufficient as long as there is sufficient information to accurately identify the patient. (if there are multiples at a hospital it may need more information). Software limitations may cause issues with this.

The meeting was closed at 12:09pm.

In a motion by Dr. Maa, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, 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.