

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for March 27th, 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

Call to Order:

Ms. Quimby called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

Approval of the Minutes of the February 27th, 2025 Board Meeting.

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

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Sobota, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications reviewed by the Board and approved by designated authority:

Applications for Board Review

- Mohammad Torabi

Vets approved by designated authority:

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| • H. Shubhamwar | • E. Roger III |
| • S. Naibu | • M. Brino |
| • T. McCracken | • S. Byrd |
| • V. Glazebrook | • J. Hong |
| • S. Harper | • N. Zimmerman |
| • K. Zehner | • S. Mensack |
| • M. Kulbaski | • V. Laven |
| • N. Twigg | • K. Cochran |
| • D. Bland | • J. Khan |
| • A. Etue | |
| • S. Boone | |

Vet Techs approved by designated authority:

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| • R. Leyh | • A. Cese |
| • K. Ross | • H. Cook |
| • E. Schubel | • K. Beltran |

- P. Simon

- L. Duangkaew

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James presented the Sanitation reports performed between February 25th, 2025 and March 21st, 2025. (Report pulled earlier than normal due to ED being at a conference.)

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the sanitation reports for all hospitals except Veterinary Imaging. Was unable to inspect treatment areas due to radioactive material. Requesting more information and a possible virtual walk through of the treatment areas.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Team voted unanimously to approve the following CEs:

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
Maryland State Fair Board	Fair Training - Communicable Disease Identification	Both	Various	8 (4 Clinical /4 Non)	Mixed	Yes	No
Zoetis	All About OA: Identifying Canine and Feline OA and an overview of Breakthrough treatment options available	Both	4/29/2025	1	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
CVRC	CVRC Spring Conference 2025	Vet	5/4/2025	7	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
VRA	Radiology Imaging Basics	RVTs	4/10/2025	1	Clinical/Scientific	No	No

Miscellaneous:

- Chapter 8 Regulation Changes -
 - Initial Draft was shared with Cassie Shirk, Assistant Secretary MAICS; Kevin Atticks, Secretary of Agriculture; and Rachel Jones, Director of Government Relations.
 - They support this initiative and agree that we should try to do it as emergency regulations. They feel this is in alignment with the state's initiative to provide support to federally displaced workers.
 - Currently informing inquiries to submit details to the Board for review until the regulations can be updated.
- Inquiry Regarding Pill Scoring and Multiple Patients on Prescription
 - The Board reviewed and approved a draft response.
 - Splitting unscored medications should be avoided because they are not tested for uniformity of dosages.

- Still require a valid VCPR to prescribe to each individual patient.

Legislation:

- SB 875 Medetomidine and Xylazine Consumer Protection Act
 - Brief discussion about the bill that would require veterinarians to get certain documentation when selling these products. Appears to have not gotten out of the subcommittee.
- HB0482 - Occupational Licensing and Certification - Criminal History - Predetermination Review Process
 - Likely to pass this year.
 - Requires us to have a process for applicants to request a review prior to submitting a licensing application/fee to determine if an individual's criminal background would block them from obtaining a license. May charge up to \$100 fee for the review (with some limitations for income level).
- Discussion about the status of the Colorado VPA position status from information received at the AAVSB meeting.
 - Working out an accreditation process.
 - AAVSB is looking at an examination process.
 - First students set to start classes in the fall. First graduates in about 2 years.
- Brief discussion about other states licensing requirements for alternative education for RVTs. (Animal Related Sciences).
 - Other states that have alternative pathways don't have the 6 specific courses but instead use an associates degree in animal sciences + experience. This is something to consider when looking at RVT licensing requirements. We get a lot of confusion due to schools having different naming for courses.

Disciplinary Actions finalized since January 27th, 2025:

- Docket No. 24-87: Khadijatou Ibex / Dr. Desi Kelleher, DBA Feathers Scales & Tails (Attorney: Joseph Damiano)
 - COMAR 15.14.01.07A Professional Judgment and Practice

The meeting was closed at 11:32 a.m.

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Reed, 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.