

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Minutes for May 22nd, 2025**

**Meet In Person at 10:30 AM**

**Joint Meeting Minutes**

**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.

**Guests:** Dr. Monica Maa, and Jessica Lorey, RVT

**Open Meeting Minutes**

**Approval of the Minutes of the April 24th, 2025 Board Meeting.**

In a motion by Ms. Quimby, seconded by Dr. Schmechel, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the April 24th, 2025 meeting.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals:**

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel and seconded by Dr. Sobota, the Board voted unanimously to approve all of the following applications for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians:

- Vets For Board Review
  - Dr. Stacie Lipinski (Discipline in Florida from 2006)
- Vets Approved by designated Authority:

◦ A. Gates	◦ E. Green	◦ M. Knobbe
◦ S. Pietropaoli	◦ V. O'Berry	◦ K. Hinatsu
◦ S. Dietz	◦ B. Price	◦ S. Brown
◦ K. Anderson	◦ C. Harris	◦ D. Chen
◦ A. Nafisi	◦ C. Rogatko	◦ E. Griffin
◦ W. Boyd	◦ V. Schilling	◦ A. Houser
◦ J. Kim	◦ T. Woloshin	◦ M. Martinez
◦ A. Valle	◦ T. Faletti	
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- Vet Techs Approved by Designated Authority:

◦ K. Jacobs	◦ D. Roets	◦ N. Kendall
◦ M. Patrick	◦ K Gaphardt	◦ E. Gruber
◦ H. Schofield	◦ S. Johnson	◦ C. Warren
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**Sanitation Reports:**

Inspectors Ellen James and Pegeen Morgan presented the sanitation report.

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to accept the sanitation reports.

**CE Approval Requests:**

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following continuing education review requests with the below notes:

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
Faculty of Homeopathy (UK) (Split into clinical and non for non-veterinary topics).	Homeopathy: Integrative Medicine for a Sustainable Future	Vet	11.22.2024 - 11.24.2024	17	Clinical	No	No
Auburn University	Auburn University Annual Conference	Vet	10.10.2024 - 10.12.2024	20	Clinical	No	No
European College of Veterinary Neurology	36th ESVN-ECVN Annual Symposium	Vet	9.13.2024 - 9.14.2024	10.5	Clinical	No	No
USAHA	USAHA Annual Meeting / Conference	Both	10.12.2024 - 10.15.2024	16	Clinical	No	No
Bush Veterinary Neurology Service (ACVIM)	Neurology / Neurosurgery combined internship and residency program	Vet	7.29.2024 - 7.31.2025	18	Clinical	No	No
Veterinary Association Management	Sun-n-fun Veterinary Conference	Both	5.18.2025 - 5.20.2025	20 (3.5 appear non-clinical)	Clinical	No	No

**Formal Disciplinary Action Finalized Since April 24th, 2025:**

- None

**Miscellaneous:**

- **Request for review of clinical practice requirement for application:**
  - Emily Buskey, DVM
    - The Board reviewed the experience of the veterinarian inquiring about clinical experience requirements. The Doctor, while in a government role, practiced hands on medicine with animals.
    - In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board motioned to approve her experience as clinical experience for the purpose of applying for a license.
- **RVT Regulations:**
  - The Board reviewed a list of healthcare tasks to consider for when updating the regulations. The Board would like to meet with the Delegate to discuss changes to the Statute that went

into effect last year to remove tasks from statute and adjust them into the regulations, but keep the new definitions.

- The following tasks and supervision levels were reviewed.
  - Immediate supervision:
    - Assist with minimally invasive, scope-assisted procedures.
    - Place Thoracic and Abdominal tubes or drains.
    - Perform thoracocentesis.
  - Direct Supervision:
    - Place subcutaneous tubes or drains.
    - Induce, maintain, and recover patient from general anesthesia or sedation.
    - Perform endotracheal intubation.
    - Administer epidural or ultrasound-guided perineural blocks. (may require specialization)
    - Place epidural catheters.
    - Perform dental procedures, including, but not limited to:
      - The removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque, and stains;
      - The smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth;
      - Trimming of lagomorph and rodent teeth;
      - Applying universal dentin sealants or fluoride materials;
      - Root planing, with the exception of creating a gingival flap;
      - Placement of perioceutics;
      - Single root extractions not requiring sectioning of the tooth or sectioning of the bone;
      - Removal of any tooth with a mobility score of 3 or more; or
      - Suturing a gingival incision.
    - Create a relief hole in the skin for the purpose of placing a large bore catheter or tube
    - Place a rumen trocar
    - Conduct pregnancy evaluation of food animals via rectal palpation or ultrasound
    - Place or pass nasogastric, nasoesophageal, and orogastric tubes;
  - Indirect Supervision:
    - Tasks that can be performed with or without sedation or anesthesia under indirect supervision after giving informed consent to the client that a veterinarian is not present:
      - Euthanasia following a veterinarian's evaluation and determination of appropriateness (not including special considerations for animal control facilities.)
      - Emergency Care (only after receiving informed consent that a veterinarian is not present and unable to establish a VCPR), under direct communication with a veterinarian, including, but not limited to:
        - Application of tourniquets and/or procedures to control hemorrhage, application of appropriate wound dressings in severe burn cases, resuscitative oxygen procedures, including emergency endotracheal intubation, anti-seizure treatment, and supportive treatment in heat prostration cases;

- Administration of a drug or controlled substance to manage and control pain, to prevent further injury, and prevent or control shock, including parenteral fluids;
  - Administration of a drug or controlled substance to prevent suffering of an animal, up to and including euthanasia,
  - Initiate and perform CPR, including administration of medication and defibrillation, and provide immediate post resuscitation care according to established protocols; and
  - Patient transport.
- The following tasks may be performed under indirect supervision unless they require sedation or anesthesia which would require direct supervision:
  - Administer oxygen therapy;
  - Supervise Unlicensed Staff;
  - Perform physical examination not to include any diagnosing or prognosing;
  - Conduct follow-up appointments per written instructions in Medical Record
  - Discuss with Client and perform clinical laboratory diagnostics per written protocols established by the Veterinary Facility or approved by the Supervising Veterinarian;
  - Administer, prepare, and apply treatments, including but not limited to drugs, medications, controlled substances, enemas, biological and immunological agents (vaccines), or regenerative medicine preparations, unless prohibited by federal or Jurisdictional law;
  - Collect samples during a necropsy;
  - Perform patient monitoring including, but not limited to, electrocardiogram, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation;
  - Suture, staple or glue a surgical incision or minor laceration;
  - Treat skin lesions and wounds;
  - Remove staples, sutures, and drains;
  - Insert catheter, including but not limited to vascular, intraosseous, airway, and nasal catheters
  - Perform abdominocentesis or cystocentesis;
  - Collect and prepare cellular or microbiological samples by any non-surgical methods unless prohibited by federal or Jurisdictional law;
  - Collect urine by bladder expression, catheterization and insertion of an indwelling urinary catheter (unobstructed)
  - Collect, prepare, or administer blood or blood component, unless prohibited by federal or jurisdictional law;
  - Perform diagnostic imaging and administer radio-opaque agents/materials;
  - Perform artificial inseminations, enroll animals in timed artificial insemination protocols, and administer hormone injections;
  - Perform nonsurgical castration in food or agricultural production animals;
  - Perform pregnancy testing via chemical diagnostics;
  - Perform ear flushing with irrigation or suction;
  - Perform ocular tonometry, Schirmer tear test, and fluorescein stain application;
  - Apply and remove bandages, casts splints, and slings;

- Perform laser therapy;
- Administer regional analgesia, including paravertebral blocks, local blocks;
- Animal rehabilitation therapies;
- Wound debridement (these may fall under a definition of surgery and need to be further assessed)
- Lance Abscesses (these may fall under a definition of surgery and need to be further assessed)
- Bovine Castration by Cutting (these may fall under a definition of surgery and need to be further assessed)
- Items considered but determined should be done by a veterinarian.
  - Place an esophagostomy tube.
  - Perform pericardiocentesis.
  - Catheterization and insertion of an indwelling urinary catheter in obstructed male cat

*In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Radue, 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.*