

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for September 25th, 2025

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

Open Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Minutes: of the August 28th, 2025 Board Meeting.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 28th, 2025 Board meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded Ms. Quimby, the Board voted to approve the following licensing applications:

- Ratify decision from the August closed session:
 - Dr. John Connick
- Veterinarians For Board Review:
 - Dr. Rachelle Khare
 - Public Discipline in North Carolina regarding providing diagnostics and exams to form a diagnosis before beginning chiropractic and acupuncture therapy.
- Veterinarians Approved by Designated Authority:

○ M. Lamare	○ N. Yi
○ G. Sun	○ P. Eppes
○ M. Goodale	○ C. Pathipati
○ A. Basso	○ M. Rios-Torres
○ M. Templeton	○ M. Martin
○ K. Barton	○ T. Fowler
○ L. Johnson	○ J. Kett
○ C. MaGrann	○ B. Wolper
○ C. Flick	
- Registered Veterinary Technicians Approved by Designated Authority:

○ A. McMoran	○ L. Haselbarth
○ L. Blanchard	○ D. Snipes

Sanitation Reports:

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

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve the following CEs and approve the National Primate Research Centers Consortium Program Continuing Education Programs going forward:

Organization	Title/Topic	Vet/ Techs	Date of CE	Credits	Type	Recurring	CDS
National Primate Research Centers Consortium Program	Environmental Enrichment Exchange Webinar: "Using Enrichment as a Tool for Animal and Staff Well-being in a Laboratory Setting" and "Influence of multiple factors on Rhesus macaque (Macaca mulatta) use of a feeding enrichment device"	Both	8/20/2025	1	Clinical/Scientific	No	No
National Primate Research Centers Consortium Program	Clinical and Surgical Techniques Conference: "Keyhole Hepatic Hemi-lobectomy"	Vet	8/12/2025	0.5	Clinical / Scientific	No	No
IPM Institute of North America	2025 Tick Academy: Outreach and Control Session	Both	10/15/2025	3	Non-Clinical	No	No
IPM Institute of North America	2025 Tick Academy: Veterinary and Medical Session	Both	10/16/2025	3	Clinical/Scientific	No	No

Formal Actions Finalized Since August 28th, 2025

- Docket No. 25-098: SBVME / Dr. John Kluttz, Abbey Animal Hospital
 - Expired Medications

Miscellaneous:

- **Report on Information from the AAVSB meeting (Cindy, Dr. Calvert, Nathaniel)**
 - Dr. Calvert first time attending. Very impressive by the level of support AAVSB provides to State/Provincial licensing Boards.

- Beth to come to the October meeting and present about the use of AI. Explore guidance to veterinarians.
 - Cindy and Dr. Calvert attended Board basics and beyond. Recommend that other Board members attend when possible.
 - Spring Meeting April 23rd, 2026 - April 26th, 2026 in Kansas City.
 - Annual Meeting 2026 - September 23rd, 2026 - September 27th, 2026 in Providence Rhode Island
 - CE Sessions included:
 - National and State Update on the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
 - Balancing Accountability and Empathy: Supporting Mental Health in Veterinary Regulation
 - Crisis Ready: Master Your Message
 - Top Legal Cases impacting the Veterinary Profession
 - Considerations for the Use of AI in Veterinary Medicine
- **Question about providing Medical Records for Non-Companion Animals to Clients (C. Spirt)**
 - COMAR 15.14.01.10G provides that the Board's record keeping regulations, including the requirement that a veterinarian provide the client with a copy of a patient's medical records when requested, apply only to companion animals. The Board interprets this regulation to prohibit a veterinarian from refusing to provide medical records to a client if the client has an outstanding balance. Do the same standards apply with respect to non-companion animals, such as equines? Is it ethical or appropriate for a veterinarian to refuse to provide a client with copies of medical records for a non-companion animal if the client has an outstanding balance?
 - Owners should be able to get the medical records. Shouldn't require payment for the purposes of continuity of care. As a policy, the Board believes that medical records for all animals should be provided upon request regardless of payment status.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, 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.