

**Maryland State Veterinary Board**  
**Veterinary Technician Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12th, 2026**

**Attendance:** Jessica Lorey, RVT, Committee Chair; Erin Butler, RVT; Reggie Cox, DVM; Ashley Thomas, RVT

**Staff:** Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General

**Not Present:** Ashley Bourgeois, RVT; Carianne Edmondson, RVT; Terri Purkey, RVT;

**Staff:** Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Ms. Lorey called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- In a motion by Ms. Thomas, and seconded by Ms. Butler, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January meeting.

**Applications for Review:**

- **VTNE Applications:**
  - None
- **Veterinary Technician Applications:**
  - Heather Gentry
    - Committee discussed the appropriate pathway to consider the application under:
      - Would like some questions answered about work history in the other jurisdictions and what type of work they intend to perform in Maryland?
  - Loran Mihaliak-O'Donnell
    - Endorsement Pathway
    - Licensed in PA - January 2018 through November 2026
    - One break in PA practice to work in New York at Central Park Zoo (July 2023 through March 2024) but maintained the PA license.
  - Michael Graveen
    - Endorsement Pathway
    - VTNE - March 2020
    - Worked in Various (VA, FL, CA over last 5 years with some small gaps between).

- Despite some lapses - Committee did not have concerns
  - Bridgette French
    - Endorsement Pathway.
  - Michelle Markward
    - Alternative Pathway (possibly standard pathway)
      - Looks like may have gotten a degree from Penn Foster? follow up to verify status.
      - VTNE Scores less than 5 years old.
      - Additional qualifications and requirements submitted for the alternative pathway.
      - Has the course work even if no Vet Tech degree - Has completed skills assessment.
      - All work experience documented in a single letter on BARCS letterhead
        - The Committee would like to see verification of work directly from Montgomery County and Marriottsville unless BARCS' veterinarian worked with her at all hospitals.

In a motion by Ms. Thomas, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the following applications:

- Loran Mihaliak-O'Donnell
- Michael Graveen
- Bridgette French

Agreed to follow up with Heather Gentry to ask about lapses in licensure, her plans for working in Maryland, and her resume indicating practice as a veterinary technician in South Carolina before being licensed and to ask Michelle Markward if she finished her degree and for documentation of work experience from a veterinarian who worked at each hospital.

**Other Business:**

- Materials regarding existing licensing requirements were provided to the committee member for discussion at a future meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

In a motion by Ms. Butler, and seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm.