

## Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

### **Minutes of the November 19, 2020 Joint Open Board Meeting**

*Held by teleconference and Google Meets due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

**Board Members:** Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Karena Joung, Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed. Staff present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, Investigator Sarah Hultz, Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes.** In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Radue, the minutes of the October 22, 2020 Board Meeting were approved

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals.** In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Radue, the Board voted to approve license applications for Dr. Meredith Brown, Dr. Kathy Murphy, Dr. Katherine Mason, and Dr. Heidi Thomas.

**Sanitation Reports.** Inspectors Morgan and James reported on inspections they have completed since the last meeting. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted to accept the Sanitation Reports as presented.

#### CE Approval Requests

**Request #377.** In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted to approve the CE for nonclinical CE only. This would allow 6 credits to be used, per year.

**Request #378.** A veterinarian requested 1.5 CE hours for completing the course, "Opioid Overdose Response and Naloxone Training," offered by FDA. Board members noted that it was a worthwhile course but too far removed from veterinary practice. Some felt it should be approved for non-clinical CE. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Chaput the Board voted to deny request #378. Dr. Joung and Dr. Radue opposed the motion.

**Request #379 and #380.** In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve these two CE requests.

#### Preliminary Draft Telehealth Regulations

Ms. Orlando presented an initial rough draft of possible new regulations impacting telehealth/telemedicine that were discussed. The purpose of the draft was to capture what Board members wanted the regulations to be. Subsequent drafts will be presented at future meetings before they are shared with stakeholders for comment.