

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Minutes for April 27th, 2023**

**Meet in person at Maryland Department of Agriculture at 10:30 AM**

**Joint Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed.

**Staff in Attendance:** Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director(Virtual); Pegeen Morgan & Ellen James(Virtual), Inspectors; Britney Branch, Administrative Specialist; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Cynthia Spirt(Virtual), Assistant Attorney General

**Guests in Attendance:** Dr. Martin Rusinowitz, Medical Director MPHP; Margaret Kreon, Program Director MPHP; Mike Lufrio, Director of Operation MPHP

**Call Meeting to Order:**

- Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:39am.

**Open Meeting Agenda**

**Approval of the Minutes of the March 23rd, 2023 Board Meeting.**

- In a motion by Ms. Quimby, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 23rd, 2023 board meeting.

**Presentation by Maryland Physicians Health Program (MPHP):**

- The MPHP provided a brief presentation and answered questions about services provided.
  - Helps allied health professions to identify a problem, get the individual into the appropriate treatment and monitor the treatment to ensure that it is safe to practice.
  - Types of issues:
    - Alcohol/Substance Abuse
    - Diversion of medication
    - Behavior
      - Sexual Boundary issues.
      - Interpersonal issues with colleagues or patients.
    - Stress and Burnout
    - Cognitive Issues
  - Process
    - Get as much information as can from referral source and the individual
    - 2 Hour - On Boarding interview with the individual.
    - Create a clinical management plan
      - Toxicology
      - Therapy
      - Coaching
      - Connect with a Vocational Monitor

### **Veterinary License Applications Approvals:**

In a motion by Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following license applications and ratify the applications approved by designated authority\*: (37)

- Dr. Candace Prettyman
- Dr. Carrie Strickland
- Dr. James Taylor
- Dr. Sara Pfeiffer (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Michael Fry
- Dr. Rudolph Sabler (Reinstatement)
- Dr. George Ritter (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Laurie Joseph (Action in PA)
- Dr. Brittany Mattrella
- Dr. Emily Hampden-Smith
- Dr. Luis Lugo
- Dr. Heather Hunt
- Dr. Deborah Bellingham
- Dr. Catherine Reiss
- Dr. Joseph Anderson
- Dr. Brent Cassady
- Dr. Christopher Salerno
- Dr. Mary Adams
- Dr. Kelsey Fiddes
- Dr. Edward Kiddle
- Dr. Stacey Creasey
- Dr. W. Lee\*
- Dr. H. Krukowski\*
- Dr. S. Rubinstein\*
- Dr. M. Wade\*
- Dr. B. Turner\*
- Dr. J. Corral\*
- Dr. J. Weiss\*
- Dr. T. Fiorini\*
- Dr. W. Belt\*
- Dr. M. Reign\*
- Dr. K. Barton\*
- Dr. S. Ketchum\*
- Dr. J. Kalinowski\*
- Dr. E. Rodriguez\*
- Dr. O. Griffin\*
- Dr. C. Smith\*

### **Sanitation Reports:**

Inspectors presented the sanitation reports for inspections done between March 21st, 2023 and April 25th, 2023.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the inspection reports.

### **CE Approval Requests:**

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE requests:

- 653 - Paola - ECVIM 33rd Annual Congress
- 654 - Colson Dorsch - Small Animal Dentistry - (VCA/CSU)
- 655 - Radue - University of Georgia 59th Annual Veterinary Conference
- 656 - Hubbard - Pain Management - Boehringer Ingelheim
- 657 - Oraze - Radiation Protection Supervisors Training for Veterinary X-Ray - Steven Green and Associates
- 661 - Oraze - London Vet Show - Royal Veterinary College

### **Miscellaneous:**

- Federal Military Licensing Program
  - The Board reviewed the new federal regulation. Still requires for the verification of good standing from other jurisdictions.

- HB325/SB290 Update -
  - The Board was informed that HB325/SB290 was passed.
  - Nathan to draft regulation changes regarding the training and administration of Rabies vaccines by shelter staff.
  
- Nathan attended the HSUS and AAVSB conferences during April and provided a summary of information presented at the conferences.
  - Discussions about Telehealth
  - Discussions about Reciprocity agreements.
  
- PET IQ Status and renewal
  - The Board discussed the status of the existing program.
  - Inspectors explained issues occurring with PET-IQ Mobile facilities.
  - In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to extend the program allowing for 1 responsible veterinarian for multiple limited use hospitals for 6 more months, to be reevaluated in October 2023.
  
- Inquiry from Dr. Shawn Wilson - Is passing a urinary catheter, deobstipation of a cat, or unblocking a UO cat are considered surgery? Reading through the bylaws it states that a technician may not perform surgery. I hold the position that the above items are not surgery. Are licensed veterinary technicians able to perform the above tasks with supervision?
  - Dr. Handel responded to a similar inquiry from a Technician. "I do not think that it is appropriate for a veterinary technician to do either of these procedures. I do not consider either unblocking a male cat or deobstipation a surgical procedure . These are both medical procedures that do require some form of anesthesia. Both procedures can be very technically challenging with many potential complications. These complications can be life threatening."
  - If the procedure requires sedation or anesthesia a veterinarian should be performing the procedure. The Board would not approve of a Technician performing these procedures.
  
- Dr. James Katsimis - Special Request - Would like to apply for Maryland License meets the requirements under the Out of State license by being a licensed veterinarian in CT for the last 30 years. Would like approval to submit an application without the ECFVG certificate.
  - The Board reviewed Dr. Katsimis' request and approved him to apply for licensing. Application will still be reviewed.

### **Final Orders Since March 23rd, 2023**

- Docket No. 22-97 : Latoshia Reeves / Dr. Louis Huzella, Banfield Pet Hospital #0457-Hagerstown (Atty: Damiano) - Professional Judgment
- Docket No. 22-124: Sarah Curry / Dr. Amie Carrier, Goshen Animal Clinic (Atty: Damiano) - Professional Judgment
- Docket No. 23-07: Anna Gonzalez Vidales / Dr. Pervaiz Manzoor, Brentwood Animal Hospital (Atty: Damiano) - Professional Conduct

*In a motion by Dr. Reed, 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.*