

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
October 28, 2021
Joint OPEN Meeting Minutes

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Board Members present: 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, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Sarah Hultz, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Dr Joung, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the minutes of the September 23, 2021 joint Board meeting were approved.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals: In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve licensing applications for Drs. Louren Carlino, Mariana Fonseca, Catherine Havemann, Moriah Kaufman, Karen Lovino, Daniel Marks, Pamela Schuech, Justina Supria, Jennifer Paugh, Leslie Brooks; and a reinstatement application for Dr. Autumn Madden.

Sanitation Reports: Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on sanitation inspections they have conducted since the September meeting. In a motion by Dr. Joung , seconded by Dr. Radue, the sanitation reports were accepted as submitted.

CE Approval Requests: In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve #543 as non-clinical CE; #539 but not for CDS approval; and requests #538, #540 and #542.

FY 2021 Disciplinary Report. A draft annual disciplinary report was shared with the Board. The report is due in December. With no opposition expressed, the report will be submitted.

AAVSB - Participation in Essential Competency Profile for Veterinary Medicine. The Board agreed to participate in promoting and endorsing the survey.

Regulation Feedback: Ms. Orlando reported that nearly 80 veterinarians submitted comments, most of them constructive and helpful. The Board agreed to create three different work groups to review and consider each comment. The full board discussed suggested changes to the equine record keeping requirements. Board members noted that most veterinarians were already keeping records for horses being treated for a disease or condition. The Board agreed to adopt language submitted by the Maryland Horse Council, with additional explanatory language that the change is being proposed to elevate the standard of care.

Veterinary Dispensing of 503B Products - Ms. Spirt shared an email sent to the Board, asking for clarification on the use of 503B products. Maryland law does not address this and we do not give legal advice; however, she will investigate the matter more before determining an appropriate response.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted 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

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(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.