

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**February 25, 2021**

**Minutes of the Joint Open Meeting**

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, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick, Investigator Sarah Hultz, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Approval of the Minutes.** In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Radue, the minutes of the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting, as edited by Dr. Joung, were unanimously approved.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals.** In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Joung, the veterinary license applications were unanimously approved for Drs. Lauren Mundy, Jennifer Bottaro, Heather Zimmerman, Valliyatte, and Muller.

**Sanitation Reports.** Inspectors Morgan and James reported on the inspections they have completed since the February meeting. In a motion by Dr. Radue, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Sanitation reports.

**CE Approval Requests.** In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve the follow up from request #385; as well as requests #390, #391-and #392-402 for the American Association of Animal Laboratory Science.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Dripvet 411-Opioid course to meet the CDS CE requirement.

**COMAR Chapter One Proposed Revisions.** A working draft of proposed changes to COMAR 15.14.01 was approved to be shared with the MVMA Board during their March 10, 2021 meeting for preliminary input.

**Other Business**

- Financial/Ethics Reporting. The deadline for completing the report is April 30. Personal business with Bank of America, BB&T, US Bank and WellsFargo must be reported.
- PDMP Work Group. Dr. Callahan will represent the Board on the work group but it has not yet met.
- MVMA Magazine. The first issue has been published and was posted on the drive for information
- Reminder that the March Meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.
- Investigator Husk told the Board about a veterinarian who was a sole practitioner and recently passed away.
- Dr. Callahan suggested that we ask VA Tech if they would like us to do a remote presentation to students since we cannot make the trip in person this year.

*In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Reed, 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.*