

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for September 21st, 2023

Meet virtually at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; and Dr. James Reed.

Open Meeting Minutes

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:42 am.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 24th, 2023 Board Meeting.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2023 meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following licensing applications and ratify the applications approved by designated authority:

Veterinarians reviewed by Board (2):

- Dr. Vijay Kalaskar
- Dr. Callie Mitchell

Veterinarians approved by designated authority (26):

- S. Maisel
- B. Sarowitz
- D. Valenzano
- L. Pasquarello-Wyant
- A. Weaver
- R. Desideri
- E. Credit
- H. Elfenbein
- A. Katogiritis
- A. Jordan
- C. Force
- A. Kantor
- C. Neary
- J. Richardson
- E. Seligson
- M. Okudaira
- M. Pesato
- C. Rist
- B. Bennett
- J. Armstrong
- A. Abernethy
- R. Everson
- U. Dholakia

- G. Carmichael
- M. Martin
- P. Dannemann

Veterinary Technician Applications Approved by designated authority: (24)

July: (2)

- A. Castanon
- K. Schaefer

August: (2)

- F. Meade
- K. Asbury

September: (20)

- E. Schaefer
- S. Boggs
- P. May
- P. Wrabel
- C. Chase
- M. Poole
- K. Fritts
- M. Lund
- A. Czarnecka
- A. Smith
- C. Bankert
- C. Rodriguez
- K. Culver
- M. Zeidman
- K. Bronson
- M. O'Steen
- J. Garcia
- A. Caudell
- M. Piper
- E. Dernelakis

License Verification Requests Processed:

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	YTD
Veterinarian	18	24	22*										64
RVT	3	3	1*										7

*Month incomplete; not final numbers.

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James presented the results of the sanitation inspection reports.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to accept the sanitation inspection reports.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CEs requested for review for use with renewals:

Request #	Requester	CE Title	Sponsoring Organization	# of CEs	Clinical / Non-Clinical	CDS Request	Approval	CDS Approval
717	Ryan McKenzie, DVM	All About OA: Identifying Canine and Feline OA and an Overview of Breakthrough Treatment Options Available	Zoetis	2	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A
718	Elizabeth Berndt	Basic Echocardiography with June Boon	Heska Canada	6	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A
725	Daniel Petkov	Clinical Case Management Exotic Pets Medicine	European School for Advanced Veterinary Studies (ESAVS)	2	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A
727	Stephanie Murphy	Research Opens Doors: 46th NCAB Seminar	National Capital Area Branch (NCAB) / American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS)	9.75	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A

728	Jan Ginsky	Lyme: The Disease, Its Treatment, and Its Prevention	Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health	1	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A
729	Lynda Brown	Cytology and General Information of Tumors in Cats and Dogs	Atlantic Veterinary Internal Medicine and Oncology	1	Clinical	No	Yes	N/A

Final Orders Since August 24th, 2023

- Docket No. 24-07: SBVME / Synergy Veterinary Imaging Partners, LLC (15-00617)
 - Signed and executed 9.5.2023.
 - Operating a hospital without a valid license.
- Docket No. 24-10: SBVME / Dr. Armilanie Escano, Sykesville Veterinary Clinic
 - Signed and executed 9.6.2023.
 - Operating a hospital without a valid license.

Miscellaneous:

- Inquiry - Whitney Hessler - Mountain View Animal Hospital ([Read Inquiry](#))
 - There are a lot of companies that do the scan and a veterinarian will read the radiology. The technician can perform the scan but could not diagnose or prescribe based on the results. They could make medical records identifying and describing the physical characteristics, but a veterinarian must provide the actual diagnosis and interpretation and create that portion of the medical record. The veterinarian would need to have a VCPR with the patient including an in person physical exam to be able to appropriately review and diagnose. Who will be doing the actual review? Will it be one of your veterinarians doing the review? Who is doing the certification? Will this be a boarded radiologist?
- Dr. Liza Murray submitted an Inquiry regarding licensing qualifications.
 - Due to the length of time that they have not practiced clinically they would need to retake the NAVLE. Originally licensed 6.5.2008.
- Report to Legislature Regarding Licensing Requirements (HB325/SB290)
 - Contents
 - Meetings with VA & DC regarding compact. (4.18.23, 5.9.23)
 - MD, DC and VA approved moving forward with discussions.

- DC legal department is drafting compact documents for all to review.
 - Meeting with AAVSB about the expedited process.
 - Changes voted at 5.25.2023 SBVME meeting
 - Removed transcript requirement for interstate licenses. (Portal currently being updated).
 - Staff delegated license approvals.
 - Changes voted at the 6.22.2023 SBVME meeting
 - Increase the duration NAVLE scores are accepted to 7 years (from 5).
 - Animal Control Facility regulations approved.
 - Board is researching expanding the types of experience that would qualify a veterinarian for licensure (beyond the 5 years of clinical practice)
 - Number of Veterinarians approved. Comparative to previous years.
- Registered Veterinary Technician duties:
 - Possible survey to include:
 - Euthanasia (concerns with federal requirements for DEA)
 - Rabies Vaccination
 - Triage
 - Cat Neutering
 - Small Wound Repair
 - Unblocking male cats with Urinary Tract Obstructions
 - Preparing information about what an RVT can already do and under what supervision levels.
 - Board is interested in inviting some delegates and senators and animal welfare advocates to a board meeting to begin communications regarding concerns and ways we can work together to improve services for constituents and shelters.

The Board reviewed and approved the following guidance messages to be sent to veterinarians, Animal Control Facility licensees, and Registered Veterinary Technicians (to be sent out over the next few weeks):

- Message to ACF Licensees Regarding Rabies Vaccine Administration
- Message to all Vets Regarding TeleHealth
- Veterinary Technician Committee Recruitment
- Message to all Vets Regarding Hospital Licensing and Responsible Veterinarians

In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, 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 Minutes. 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.