

**Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**

**December 9, 2021**

**Maryland Department of Agriculture**

**Joint OPEN Meeting Minutes**

**Board Members:** Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Karena Joung, Vice President (joining by Google Meets); 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-Green, Investigator Sarah Hultz, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch. Guest: Nathan Boan

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

**Introduction of Nathan Boan.** Mr. Boan will become the Board's new executive director on March 1, 2022 when Ms. Orlando, the current director, retires. Mr. Boan will join the staff in January to begin the transition. He currently manages the state Spay and Neuter Grant Fund.

**Approval of the Minutes.** In a motion by Dr. Reed, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the minutes of the October 28, 2021 Board Meeting were approved.

**Veterinary License Applications Approvals.** In a motion by Dr. Joung and seconded by Dr. Radue , veterinary license applications were approved for Dr. Adrienne Doering-Curtis (ratified) and Drs. Alicia Cawfield, Jessica Connelly, Melissa Goldberg, Sean Altekruse, Stephanie Smalls, and Zaynab Satchu.

**Sanitation Reports.** Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they completed since the last meeting. In a motion by Dr. Calvert and seconded by Dr. Reed, the reports were accepted as presented.

**CE Approval Requests.** In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve requests #544 and #545.

**Regulation Feedback.** A draft with the edits proposed by each of the work groups was shared. Staff intends to have the draft ready for submission in February.

**Veterinary Dispensing of 503B Products.** After some discussion, the Board agreed that the response should note that we do not give legal advice but we follow federal law and state law.

**Pharmacy Board Question.** Ms. Spirt asked if eye drops for animals had to be sterile as the Pharmacy Board raised the question. Board members noted that many drops are human grade and are sterile, but drops made from blood serum to treat eye ulcers are not always sterile.

**Miscellaneous**

- 2022 Meeting Dates. The Board agreed to continue meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month during 2022 and that the first meeting of the quarter would be in person, starting with the January meeting. All others will be scheduled to be held virtually.
- AAUSB Guidance on CBD Oil. A draft was shared and discussed. Board members agreed that the area was still too unclear to take a position or offer guidance at this time.
- Becoming an RVT. Ms. Orlando shared text from the Board's website showing how experienced technicians can be licensed and suggested editing it into a newsletter text. The Board agreed it would be a good idea to get the information out.

*In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, 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 cc § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of*

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*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.*