

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Agenda for February 24th, 2022

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Joint Meeting

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

Staff in Attendance: Executive Directors Nathaniel Boan and Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan K. Husk -MDA- , Inspectors Ellen James -MDA- and Pegeen Morgan, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Sprit, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick-Green -MDA- , Office Administrator Britney Branch -MDA-

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:34.

Open Meeting

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Dr. Calvert, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the minutes of the January 27th, 2022 Open Board Meeting were approved.

Veterinary License Applications:

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed the following Veterinary License Applications were approved:

- Dr. Sharon Shih
- Dr. Megan Keller
- Dr. Richard Shinn
- Dr. Paul Elwell
- Dr. Jennifer Kalishman
- Dr. Devorah Stowe
- Dr. James Addison
- Dr. Laura Anderson
- Dr. Carl Heeder
- Dr. Gretchen Tripp
- Dr. Daniel Markwalder
- Dr. Linda Blakeley (Reinstatement)
- Dr. Yogendra Rajawat (Reinstatement)

Sanitation Reports:

Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they completed since the last meeting.

- In a motion by Dr. Radue and seconded by Ms. Lynne Chapput, the reports were accepted as presented.

Continuing Education (CE) Approvals

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, and seconded by Dr. Reed, the board voted to approve CE Requests:

- #556
- #559
- #560

Reciprocity Proposal

- The Board discussed the information provided by the Animal Policy Group regarding their suggested changes to reciprocity requirements.
 - The Board recognized that we will need to begin looking at changing the regulations for licensing to address changes in the field.
 - No immediate changes will be made and focus will be on finalizing the existing changes to regulations.
 - Nathan will begin looking at the possibility of working with neighboring states (West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Washington DC and Virginia) to bring their state's regulations in sync with Maryland's regulations and vice-versa, in the hopes of creating formal reciprocity agreements within the region.

Pet IQ Responsible Veterinarian Proposal

- The Board discussed the proposal provided by PetIQ for a pilot program allowing for one off-site/remote veterinarian to be the responsible veterinarian for multiple locations.
 - Nathan will draft a response to PetIQ to inquire about specific scenarios and make clear expectations of what an agreement would need to include if the Board decides to move forward with the pilot program.

Equine Dental Issue

- This item was tabled for a future meeting once more information from the Horse Board has been received.

Reminder that Financial Disclosures are due April 30th, 2022.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:28p.m. 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.