

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for April 2nd, 2026

Meet at Maryland Department of Agriculture at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members: Dr. Christine Calvert, President; Ms. Patricia Quimby, Vice-President; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; Ms. Lynne Chaput; Dr. Peter Radue, Dr. Monica Maa, Dr. Justin Sobota.

Staff: Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Cindy Spirt, Assistant Attorney General; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Britney Branch, Office Administrator; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

Open Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Dr. Calvert called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

Approval of the Minutes:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2026 Board Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications:

- For Board Review:
 - Dr. Joel Lugo
 - Alcohol Related Reckless Driving charges in 2022.
- Vets Approved by Designated Authority:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ B. Gamble○ P. Vanama○ S. Jones○ J. Giaimuccio○ K. O'Byrne○ R. Swinger-Vargas○ A. Baker○ P. Santiago○ S. Hintze○ D. Jones Jr.○ M. Ryan○ A. Scarbriel○ C. Crawford○ L. Thurman○ G. Ritter○ A. Duvall○ C. Jones○ M. Cappadora	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A. Sullivan○ K. McGarvey○ E. Julian○ S. Karandish○ A. Zilevicius○ E. Gibbemeyer○ J. Garcia○ E. Thompson-Cushing○ A. Ladman○ L. Obermeyer○ J. Bridge○ S. Fahr○ N. Salmanzadeh○ A. Ladman○ S. Davis○ E. Dela Cruz○ A. Chauvet
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- Techs Approved by Designated Authority:
 - B. Flynn
 - S. Sohn
 - S. Pristera
 - B. French
 - L. Farmer
 - P. Flook
 - L. Moen
 - G. Wise

The Board reviewed the application of the following technician:

- Lisa Henry
 - Application had been reviewed in October by the Veterinary Technician Committee and by the Veterinary Board at the October Board meeting. .
 - Applicant was informed of deficiencies with her application including a missing course on her transcripts; insufficient information on transcripts for other courses; and VTNE Scores that were more than 5 years old and how to complete her application.
 - The Board reviewed a request for an exception to the requirements submitted by the applicant.
 - In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the previous review. The applicant will need to provide the information that is required by regulations.

Sanitation Reports:

- Inspector Pegeen Morgan presented the inspection report for her region.
- In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Sobota, the Board voted unanimously to approve the inspection report as presented.
- Inspector Ellen James will present the inspection reports for February - April at the April 30th, 2026 meeting.

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Maa, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following CE request with the below notations:

- (893) Point of Care Ultrasound: Expand Your Diagnostic Capabilities
 - Veterinary Referral Associates
 - Both Veterinarians and Technicians
 - 3/27/2026
 - 1 Credit
 - Clinical / Scientific
- (894) Blood Product Transfusions: What, When , Why and How?
 - Veterinary Referral Associates
 - Both Veterinarians and Technicians
 - 3/31/2026
 - 1 Credit
 - Clinical / Scientific
- (895) Advanced Swine Training Course
 - Thomas D. Morris, Inc.

- Both Veterinarians and Technicians
 - 5/19/2026 - 5/21/2026
 - 16 Credits
 - Clinical / Scientific
- (896) 2025 Global Conference: Empowering Culture of Care: Sharing Excellence in AALAC Programs
 - AAALAC International
 - Both Veterinarians and Technicians
 - 10/7/2025 - 10/8/2025
 - 8 Credits
 - Applied as Clinical/Scientific but Approved as Non-Clinical/Practice Management topics based on the Agenda. (Only 6 credits may be used per year).
- (897) Opioid Abuse of Controlled Substance Diversion Inventory and Security
 - United States Department of Justice (DEA)
 - Vets
 - 4/30/2026
 - 2 Credits
 - Non Clinical / Practice Management
 - This was approved for repeat presentations and to meet the Controlled Substance CE Requirements for the Maryland CDS Permit.
- (898) Military Tropical Medicine - Didactic Course
 - Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)
 - Vets
 - 7/7/2025 - 7/31/2025
 - 33 Credits
 - Clinical / Scientific

Miscellaneous:

- None

Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken since February 26th, 2026

- None

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel 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 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.

Following a unanimous vote, at 11:05 am, the Joint Open Session of the SBVME was closed 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 meeting took place in person at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the following were present:

Dr. Christine Calvert, President; Ms. Patricia Quimby, Vice-President; Ms. Lynne Chaput; Dr. Monica Ma; Dr. Peter Radue; Dr. Heidi Schmechel; Dr. Justin Sobota.

The following members were not present:

In addition, the following staff and legal representatives were also present during the closed meeting:

Nathaniel Boan, Executive Director; Susan Husk, Assistant Director; Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Attorney General; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator; Britney Branch, Office Administrator; Pegeen Morgan, Inspector; Sarah Hultz, Investigator.

During the administrative session, the SBVME discussed confidential disciplinary matters currently pending before the Board, as identified in the non-public agenda. No other topics were discussed.

The administrative session was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.