

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Minutes for June 25th, 2026

Meet by Google Meets at 10:30 AM

Joint Meeting

Board Members: 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; Sarah Hultz, Investigator; Tonya Kendrick-Green, Licensing Administrator

Open Meeting

Ms. Quimby called the meeting to order at 10:33am.

Approval of the Minutes:

Minutes of the May 28th, 2026 Meeting will be approved at the July Meeting.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals:

- The Board reviewed the following application but did not approve it at this time:
 - Dr. Alicia Gutierrez
 - History of substance abuse issues and discipline related to this in Florida.
 - Did not disclose the previous license in Florida on her application.
 - Discipline in Florida - Substance Abuse/Diversion and DEA Record Keeping
 - Where specifically does she plan to work? Likely Guardian Vet Group
 - Some form of guardrails or supervision may be needed.
 - Have her meet with the Board.
- In a motion by Dr. Radue, and seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following applications:
 - Board Reviewed
 - Dr. Kaely Walsh
 - Open Complaint in Texas.
 - Applications approved by designated authority:
 - Veterinarians:

• A. Peprah	• S. Foulke
• D. Lemus	• T. Maqsood
• M. Slade	• E. Niesz
• M. Sands	• D. Kila
• M. Warner	• E. Shanabrook
• V. Bellacicco	• Y. Park
• D. McFadden	• M. Manges
• J. Fallon	• M. May
• A. LoPinto	• T. Brewer
• R. Ganser	• M. Nielson
• N. Mitchell	• S. Auffarth
• S. McCrobie	• B. Connolly
• H. Franz	• K. Patel
• H. DesCoteaux	• N. Hunsinger
• A. Carter	• T. Heck

- G. Kase
- D. Wang
- S. Sulkosky
- F. Akkrawong
- A. Lynch
- M. Stevens
- C. Trent
- N. Batstone
- A. Lillibridge
- A. Campbell
- B. DeRuyter
- C. Shapiro
- E. Knabe
- P. Betancourt
- K. Sunderland
- J. Holloway
- S. Fine
- C. Palmer
- B. Van Voorhis
- M. Patton
- E. Blair
- O. Echols
- B. Harmon
- C. Elliott
- A. Taylor
- S. Hoff
- A. McKenzie
- K. Hamlet
- Veterinary Technicians
 - Emery Garner
- SCRAVT-001
 - L. Pullen
 - D. Carlson
 - C. Hightman
 - S. Goldsmith
 - K. Vafakos
 - S. Spedden
 - R. Savage
 - E. Webb
 - M. Markward
 - K. Quelle
 - E. Keller

CE Approval Requests:

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and Seconded by Ms. Quimby, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Continuing Education Programs for use in Maryland Renewals:

- 914 - Supporting Pets, People and Professionals: The Powerful Impact of Veterinary Social Work
 - 1 Credit
 - Requested by Amy Schunick (Presenter)
 - 9/9/2026
 - Non-Clinical/Non-Scientific
- 915 - European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists - Annual Meeting
 - 18 Credits
 - Requested by William Crumlee (Attendee)
 - 5/27/2026-5/29/2026
 - Clinical/Scientific
- 916 - ICARE 2026
 - 20 Credits
 - Requested by Corinne Mayer (Attendee)
 - April 11, 2026
 - Clinical/Scientific

Miscellaneous:

None

Formal Actions Closed since May 28th, 2026

- Docket 23-13: SBVME / Tracy Prout Sellmon
 - Cease and Desist: Unlicensed Practice

- Docket 26-067: SBVME / Dr. Yonas Mehari, Lotus Urgent Care Veterinary Hospital
 - Expired Medications

In a motion by Dr. Schmechel, and seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:58am.