

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

TIME: 10:32 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

March 28, 2025

State Board of Veterinary Medicine
March 28, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent
Thomas Garg, D.V.M., Chair
Apryle Horbal, D.V.M., Secretary
Anjilla Cooley, D.V.M.
Valerie Kehoe, C.V.T.
Hilary Vesell, Esquire, Public Member - Absent
Clement George, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor, Department
of State
Mark Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Caitlin Everetts, District Attorney for PA Department
of State, Office of General Counsel
Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Guise, D.V.M.
Nichole Maloney
Brooke Jones, Legal Office Intern
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters currently pending before the
10 Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
11 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Friday,
15 March 28, 2025. Thomas Garg, V.M.D., Chair, called
16 the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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18 [Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
19 Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of
20 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on a number
21 of matters currently pending before the Board and to
22 receive the advice of counsel.

23 Ms. Keefer also noted the meeting was being
24 recorded, and those who continued to participate were
25 giving their consent to be recorded.]

Roll Call

[Thomas Garg, Board Chair, conducted a roll call of the Board members. A quorum of Board members was present.]

Introduction of Attendees

[Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator, provided an introduction of attendees.]

Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 2025 meeting

CHAIR GARG:

The first item on the Agenda, is the draft minutes from the previous meeting.

Did anybody have any concerns with regards to those? Okay.

In that case, would anybody like to make a motion to accept minutes?

DR. COOLEY:

I so move to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

MS. KEHOE:

I second.

CHAIR GARG:

1 Okay.

2 Any further discussion on that?

3 Obviously, I'll go ahead and call roll.

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5 Dr. Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Dr.

6 Horbal, abstain; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Mr.

7 Garg, aye.

8 [The motion carried. Apryle Horbal abstained from
9 voting on the motion.]

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11 Report of Prosecution

12 [Mark Zogby, Esquire, Department of State, presented
13 the Consent Agreement and Order for Case No. 23-57-
14 001512.]

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16 [Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor,
17 Department of State, presented the Consent Agreement
18 and Order for Case No. 24-57-016633-VRP.]

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20 [Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor,
21 Department of State, on the behalf of Timothy
22 Henderson, Esquire, presented the Consent Agreement
23 and Order for Case No. 22-57-013370.]

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25 [Sarah Buhite, Esquire, presented the Consent

1 Agreement and Order for Case No. 21-57-012822.]

2 CHAIR GARG:

3 I guess at this point, having heard all
4 of these, is there anything that would
5 cause any of the Board members to want
6 to go back into Executive Session?

7 In that case, Ms. Keefer, would you
8 like to lead us through voting on
9 these?

10 MS. KEEFER:

11 Sure.

12 Based on the deliberations in Executive
13 Session, I believe the Chair would
14 entertain a motion to approve the
15 Consent Agreement at Item No. 2, which
16 is Case No. 23-57-001512; Item No. 4,
17 Case No. 24-57-016633; Item No. 5, Case
18 No. 21-57-012822; and Item No. 6, Case
19 No. 22-57-013370.

20 DR. COOLEY:

21 So moved.

22 MS. KEHOE:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR GARG:

25 All right.

1 Any further discussion? Okay.

2 I'll call roll.

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4 Dr. Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Dr.
5 Horbal, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Mr. Garg,
6 aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
8 Item No. 2, Case No. 23-57-001512, is Galen Gerrish &
9 The Pet Dome. The Respondent at Item No. 5, Case No.
10 21-57-012822, is Anne Marie Anderson. The Respondent
11 at Item No. 6, Case No. 22-57-013370, is Emily Marie
12 Dunn.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel

15 Adjudication and Order

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 On No. 7 on your Agenda today is the
18 proposed Adjudication and Order in the
19 matter of Andrew Church, V.M.D., at
20 Case No. 20-57-011112. I believe the
21 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt
22 the proposed Adjudication and Order.

23 DR. COOLEY:

24 So moved.

25 MS. KEHOE:

1 I second.

2 CHAIR GARG:

3 Any further discussion? I'll call
4 roll.

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6 Dr. Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Dr.
7 Horbal, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Mr. Garg,
8 aye.

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Counsel

12 Election of Officers

13 MS. KEEFER:

14 Item No. 8 on the Agenda is Election of
15 Officers.

16 Is there a nominee for Chair?

17 CHAIR GARG:

18 I would nominate Dr. Horbal.

19 MS. KEEFER:

20 Okay.

21 Is there a second?

22 DR. COOLEY:

23 I second.

24 MS. KEEFER:

25 All in favor?

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Mr. Garg, aye; Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms.
Kehoe, aye; Mr. George, aye.

Any opposed? Seeing none.

Any abstentions? Seeing none, Dr.
Horbal will be the Chair.

[The motion passed unanimously.]

Election of Secretary

MS. KEEFER:

Is there a nominee for Secretary?

CHAIR GARG:

I nominate Dr. Cooley.

MS. KEEFER:

Is there a second?

DR. HORVAL:

I will second that.

MS. KEEFER:

All in favor?

Mr. Garg, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Dr.
Horbal, aye; Mr. George, aye.

1 Any opposed? Seeing none.

2 Any abstentions? Seeing none.

3 Thank you, Dr. Cooley.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Election of Probable Cause Committee

7 MS. KEEFER:

8 Is there a nominee for our Probable
9 Cause Committee?

10 MR. GARG:

11 Ms. Kehoe.

12 MS. KEEFER:

13 Is there a second?

14 DR. HORBAL:

15 Second.

16 MS. KEEFER:

17 All in favor?

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19 Mr. Garg, aye; Dr. Horbal, aye; Ms.
20 Kehoe, aye; Dr. Cooley, aye; Mr.
21 George, aye.

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23 Any opposed? Seeing none.

24 Any abstentions? Okay.

25 Thank you, Ms. Kehoe.

1 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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3 Report of Regulatory Counsel

4 [Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted that
5 Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Board Counsel,
6 was continuing to work on the regulations.

7 Additional details will be provided at the Board's
8 next meeting.]

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10 Report of Board Chairperson

11 [Thomas Garg, V.M.D., Chair, stated this was his last
12 meeting. He stated it was an honor being part of the
13 Board for the past nine years. He thanked the Board
14 and wished them all the best of luck in the future.]

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16 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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18 Report of Board Administrator

19 [Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator, announced the
20 Board's May meeting date would stay as May 23, 2025.

21 Ms. Roberts also brought up that the Pennsylvania
22 Licensing System (PALS) website now features
23 euthanasia licensing for technicians and animal
24 protection organizations. She relayed that no
25 applications had yet been received, and she will try

1 to get an announcement put on the site.

2 In concluding her report, Ms. Roberts stated that
3 the upcoming Board meeting dates could be found in
4 the Agenda.]

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6 Adjournment

7 CHAIR GARG:

8 All right. In that case, would anybody
9 like to make a motion to end the
10 meeting?

11 DR. COOLEY:

12 I'll make a motion to end the meeting.

13 MS. KEHOE:

14 I second.

15 CHAIR GARG:

16 Thank you. Everybody stay safe, and
17 good luck with everything.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 [There being no further business, the State Board of
21 Veterinary Medicine Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine Meeting.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Allison Walker', is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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10:33	Roll Call
10:33	Approval of Minutes
10:34	Report of Prosecution
10:49	Report of Board Counsel
10:52	Report of Chairperson
10:53	Report of Board Administrator
10:54	Adjournment