

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: 10:30 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

July 25, 2025

State Board of Veterinary Medicine
July 25, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Apryle Horbal, V.M.D., Chair
Matthew Eaton, Deputy Commissioner Designee, Bureau
of Professional and Occupational Affairs
Joseph S. Bender D.V.M.
Anjilla Cooley, D.V.M.
Clement George, Public Member
Valerie Kehoe, C.V.T.
Hilary Vesell, Esquire, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor In Charge
Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Caitlin Everetts, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Denise Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Beth Venit, American Association of Veterinary
State Boards
Suzanne Todd, DVM
Joseph Breymeier, Esquire, Naulty
Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Friday, July 25, 2025. Apryle Horbal, V.M.D., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the Board met in Executive Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on the matters under the Report of Prosecutors and the Report of Board Counsel.

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

1 Roll Call

2 Apryle Horbal, V.M.D., Board Chair, conducted a roll
3 call of the Board members. A quorum of Board members
4 was present.

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6 Introduction of Attendees

7 Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator, provided an
8 introduction of attendees.

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10 Approval of Minutes of the May 23, 2025 meeting

11 CHAIR HORBAL:

12 Does anyone have any questions,
13 concerns, comments with the minutes?

14 No. So we could make a motion to
15 accept the minutes.

16 DR. COOLEY:

17 I'd make the motion to accept the
18 minutes.

19 MS. KEHOE:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR HORBAL:

22 Roll call.

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24 Chair Horbal, aye; Dr. Bender, abstain;
25 Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Ms.

1 Vesell, aye; Mr. George, abstain; Mr.
2 Eaton, aye.

3 The motion carried. Dr. Bender and Mr. George
4 abstained from voting on the motion.

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6 Report of the Prosecution

7 Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
8 presented the Consent Agreements for Item No. 2, Case
9 No. 22-57-018677, and Item No. 3, Case No. 25-57-
10 008318.

11 MS. KEEFER:

12 Based on deliberations in Executive
13 Session, I believe the Board would
14 entertain a motion to approve the
15 Consent Agreement at Item No. 2, Case
16 No. 22-57-018677, for which there are
17 no recusals.

18 DR. COOLEY:

19 I make a motion to accept Item No.2

20 MS. KEHOE:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR HORBAL:

23 So we'll take a vote then.

24

25 Chair Horbal, aye; Dr. Bender, abstain;

1 Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Ms.
2 Vesell, aye; Mr. George, aye; Mr.
3 Eaton, aye.

4 The motion carried. Dr. Bender abstained from voting
5 on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 22-
6 57-018677 is Robert John Maro, DVM.

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8 MS. KEEFER:

9 Based on deliberations in Executive
10 Session, I believe the Board would
11 entertain a motion to approve the
12 Consent Agreement at Item No 3, Case
13 No. 25-57-008318, for which Ms. Kehoe
14 is recused.

15 DR. COOLEY:

16 I make a motion to accept as read.

17 MR. EATON:

18 Second.

19
20 Chair Horbal, aye; Dr. Bender, abstain;
21 Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms. Kehoe, recused;
22 Ms. Vesell, aye; Mr. George, aye; Mr.
23 Eaton, aye.

24 The motion carried. Dr. Bender abstained from voting
25 on the motion. Ms. Kehoe was recused from

1 deliberations and voting on the motion. The
2 Respondent's name at Case No: 22-57-008318 is Amy
3 Elizabeth O'Brian, CVT.

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 MS. KEEFER:

7 Based on discussions in Executive
8 Sessions, I believe the Board Chair
9 would entertain a motion to deny the
10 application of Tara McKenzie.

11 DR. COOLEY:

12 I make a motion to deny.

13 MR. EATON:

14 I second.

15
16 Chair Horbal, aye; Dr. Bender, abstain;
17 Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms. Kehoe, aye; Ms.
18 Vesell, aye; Mr. George, aye; Mr.
19 Eaton, aye.

20 The motion carried with one abstention. Dr. Bender
21 abstained from voting ON THE MOTION.

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23 Ms. Keefer informed the Board that Item No. 5 on the
24 agenda had been withdrawn.

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1 Report of Regulatory Counsel

2 Thomas Davis, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, stated
3 referred the Board to his written report, noting
4 three active regulations, the Act 41 endorsement, the
5 CE regulations and the fees regulation. He had no
6 updates for the Board.

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8 Report of Board Chairperson - No report

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10 Report of Acting Commissioner - No report

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12 Report of Board Administrator

13 Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator, noted the
14 upcoming meeting dates on the agenda.

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16 CHAIR HORBAL:

17 Would someone like to make a motion to
18 end the meeting?

19 MS. KEHOE:

20 I make a motion to end the meeting.

21 CHAIR HORBAL:

22 All right. Thank you.

23 ***

24 [There being no further business, the State Board of
25 Veterinary Medicine Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.]

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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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:32	Official Call to Order
10:32	Roll Call
10:32	Introduction of Attendees
10:33	Approval of Minutes
10:35	Report of Prosecution
10:42	Report of Board Counsel
10:44	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:45	Report of Board Administrator
10:46	Adjournment