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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: 10:43 A.M.

Held at

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

September 22, 2023



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2 State Board of Veterinary Medicine

3 September 22, 2023

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

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12 [Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel, introduced  
13 himself as new Board Counsel for the State Board of  
14 Veterinary Medicine, noting Mr. Davis would now be  
15 acting as Regulatory Counsel for the Board.

16 Mr. Kriner informed everyone that the meeting was  
17 being recorded and voluntary participation  
18 constituted consent to be recorded.

19 Mr. Kriner also noted the Board met in Executive  
20 Session to engage in quasi-judicial deliberations for  
21 matters on the Report of Prosecution and Report of  
22 Board Counsel.]

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24 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
25 Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Friday,

1 September 22, 2023. Thomas Garg, V.M.D., Chair,  
2 called the meeting to order at 10:43 a.m.

3 Chair Garg welcomed Mr. Kriner and thanked Mr.  
4 Davis for his service as Board Counsel.

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6 Roll Call

7 [A roll call of Board members was taken by Chair  
8 Garg.]

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10 Introduction of Attendees

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

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14 Approval of minutes of the July 28, 2023 meeting

15 CHAIR GARG:

16 The first item on the agenda is  
17 approval of the prior minutes. Were  
18 there any concerns with regard to those  
19 minutes?

20 Would anybody like to make a motion  
21 to approve the previous minutes?

22 DR. BENDER:

23 Motion to approve the minutes.

24 DR. HORBAL:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR GARG:

2 I'll call roll.

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4 Dr. Bender, aye; Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms.

5 Vessel, aye; Dr. Horbal, aye; Ms.

6 Kehoe, aye; Tom Garg, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Report of Board Prosecution

10 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,

11 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-57-

12 009684.]

13 MR. KRINER:

14 It's my understanding through our  
15 discussions and through the Board's  
16 discussion in Executive Session that  
17 the Board would entertain a motion to  
18 approve the VRP Agreement at Case No.  
19 23-57-009684.

20 DR. BENDER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. HORBAL:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR GARG:

25 Any further discussion? I'll call

1 roll.

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3 Dr. Bender, aye; Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms.  
4 Vessel, aye; Dr. Horbal, aye; Ms.  
5 Kehoe, aye; Tom Garg, aye.

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Report of Board Prosecution

9 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,  
10 announced Julia Feld-Caralle retired in June and  
11 Kayla Bolan recently departed for the Office of  
12 Attorney General. He noted the openings would be  
13 filled, and Amber Czerniakowski would be serving as  
14 their Prosecution Liaison. He also introduced Denice  
15 Szekely as a new prosecutor working with their  
16 office.]

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18 Report of Board Counsel - Adjudication and Order

19 MR. KRINER:

20 Item 3 is the Proposed Adjudication and  
21 Order at Case No. 21-57-003103, and per  
22 the Board's discussion in Executive  
23 Session, it is my understanding that  
24 the Board would entertain a motion to  
25 direct counsel to adopt and address the

1 exceptions and substitute the Board  
2 Order to reduce the fine to \$3,000.

3 CHAIR GARG:

4 Would anybody like to make that motion?

5 DR. BENDER:

6 So moved.

7 DR. HORBAL:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR GARG:

10 Any further discussion? I'll call  
11 roll.

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13 Dr. Bender, aye; Dr. Cooley, aye; Ms.  
14 Vessel, aye; Dr. Horbal, aye; Ms.  
15 Kehoe, aye; Tom Garg, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulations

19 [Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Board Regulatory Counsel,  
20 wanted it noted for the record that he is located in  
21 the boardroom but was not on camera this time. He  
22 informed Board members that he would be presenting  
23 the regulatory report from here on out. He mentioned  
24 that he volunteered for the third regulatory counsel  
25 position and would now be working with nine separate

1 boards writing regulations. He noted that working  
2 with the Board over the past five years has been a  
3 pleasure.

4 Mr. Davis discussed working on the euthanasia  
5 regulation, Act 41 endorsement regulation, CE  
6 regulation, and the fees regulation. He informed  
7 Board members that the euthanasia regulation and fees  
8 regulation were priorities for the department in  
9 general and should soon be completed.

10 Mr. Davis noted Act 41 is a special project  
11 because every board is being affected by Act 41 and  
12 is undergoing some internal review.

13 Mr. Davis believed the Board would see  
14 publication on euthanasia for the final regulation  
15 before the end of the year and the proposed  
16 regulation for fees as well, probably in the next two  
17 months or so.]

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19 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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21 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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23 Miscellaneous - Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates  
24 [Thomas Garg, V.M.D., Chair, noted the proposed 2024  
25 meeting dates.]

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2 Upcoming Meeting Dates

3 [Thomas Garg, V.M.D., Chair, noted the last scheduled  
4 meeting date for 2023 is November 3.]

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6 Adjournment

7 CHAIR GARG:

8 Would anybody like to make a motion to  
9 adjourn?

10 DR. BENDER:

11 Motion to adjourn.

12 CHAIR GARG:

13 Thank you everybody.

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15 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
16 Veterinary Medicine Meeting adjourned at 10:57 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.



Derek Richmond,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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TIME	AGENDA
10:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:43	Official Call to Order
10:43	Roll Call
10:43	Introduction of Attendees
10:47	Approval of Minutes
10:48	Report of Board Prosecution
10:52	Report of Board Counsel
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10:56	Miscellaneous
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10:57	Adjournment