

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

May 29, 2026

State Board of Veterinary Medicine
May 29, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Apryle Horbal, V.M.D., Chair - Absent
Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner of Professional
and Occupational Affairs
Joseph S. Bender, V.M.D.
Anjilla Cooley, D.V.M.
Clement George, Public Member
Valerie Kehoe, C.V.T.
Hilary Vesell, Public Member

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Board Counsel
Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Sarah Buhite, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Gregory S. Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Timothy Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in Charge
Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Mark Zogby, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Lorese Alli, Board Administrator
Ryan Lysaght, Esquire, Office of General Counsel
Robert Beecher, Deputy Policy Director, Office of
Policy
Jesse Goldman, Legal Intern

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Guise, V.M.D.
Jamie Lenzi, Esquire, Cipriani & Werner
Sam Moraux, Senior Nursing Manager, Veterinary
Emergency Group
Maria Brodsky
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

State Board of Veterinary Medicine

May 29, 2026

[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session with Thomas Davis, 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 10:32 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Friday, May 29, 2026. Anjilla Cooley, DVM, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

[Thomas Davis, 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.

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

1 Roll Call

2 [Anjilla Cooley, DVM, conducted a roll call of the
3 Board members. A quorum of Board members was
4 present.]

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6 Introduction of Attendees

7 [Lorese Alli, Board Administrator, provided an
8 introduction of attendees.]

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10 Approval of Minutes of the March 27, 2026 meeting.

11 ACTING CHAIR COOLEY:

12 Are we at the point where we are not
13 ready to accept the minutes from March
14 27, 2026?

15 DR. BENDER:

16 Joe Bender, I'll make the motion to
17 accept the minutes.

18 MR. DAVIS:

19 Is there a second?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 Claggett, second.

22 ACTING CHAIR COOLEY:

23 I'd like to take a vote for accepting
24 the minutes.

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

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Report of Prosecution

7 [Gregory S. Liero, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
8 presented Agenda Item No. 2, Case No. 21-57-008684.]

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10 [Timothy Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecution
11 Liaison, presented Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 24-57-
12 016585.

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14 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
15 at 10:41 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
16 Session with Thomas M. Davis, Esquire, Board Counsel,
17 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
18 deliberations and to receive the advice of Board
19 Counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:49
20 a.m.]

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22 MR. DAVIS:

23 No. 2 on the Board's Agenda.

24 Based on the Board's discussions in
25 Executive Session, I believe the Chair

1 would accept a motion to approve the
2 Consent Agreement in the following
3 matter, which is Case No. 21-57-008684.

4 DR. BENDER:

5 Joe Bender, motion to accept.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 Claggett, second.

8 MR. DAVIS:

9 If we could do a roll call vote?

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11 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Bender, aye; Dr.
12 Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Ms.
13 Kehoe, aye; Ms. Vesell, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
15 Agenda Item 2, Case No. 21-57-008684, is Daniel
16 Raymond Burgos, DVM.]

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18 MR. DAVIS:

19 Moving on to No. 3, I have a proposed
20 motion as well.

21 Based on the Board's discussions in
22 Executive Session, I believe the Chair
23 would accept a motion to approve the
24 Consent Agreement in the following
25 matter, which is Case No. 24-57-016585.

1 DR. BENDER:

2 Joe Bender, motion to accept.

3 MS. VESELL:

4 Hilary Vesell, I second.

5 MR. DAVIS:

6 If we could do a roll call vote?

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8 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Bender, aye; Dr.

9 Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Ms.

10 Kehoe, aye; Ms. Vesell, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
12 Agenda Item No. 3, Case No. 24-57-016585, is Nancy
13 Frieze.]

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15 Report of Board Counsel

16 MR. DAVIS:

17 I will start with No. 4. That is Case
18 No. 21-57-015947. This is a
19 disciplinary matter that was discussed
20 in Executive Session.

21 Based on the Board's discussions in
22 Executive Session, I believe the Chair
23 would entertain a motion authorizing
24 Counsel to draft an Adjudication and
25 Order consistent with the Board's

1 discussions in the following matter:
2 Commonwealth BPOA v. Cynthia L. Maro,
3 DVM, Case No. 21-57-015947.

4 DR. BENDER:

5 Joe Bender, I'll make the motion.

6 MS. VESELL:

7 I second it.

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9 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Bender, aye; Dr.
10 Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Ms.
11 Kehoe, aye; Ms. Vesell, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MR. DAVIS:

15 Next is No. 5 on the Board's Agenda,
16 Case No. 24-57-016758. Again, I have a
17 proposed motion.

18 Based upon discussions in Executive
19 Session, I believe the Chair would
20 accept a motion to grant the Motion to
21 Enter Default and Deem Admitted the
22 Facts in the following matter:

23 Commonwealth BPOA v. Jorge Andres
24 Pinerio, DVM, Case No. 24-57-016758.

25 DR. BENDER:

1 I'll make the motion, Joe Bender.

2 MS. VESELL:

3 I'll second it, Hilary Vesell.

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5 Mr. Claggett, aye; Dr. Bender, aye; Dr.

6 Cooley, aye; Mr. George, aye; Ms.

7 Kehoe, aye; Ms. Vesell, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 [Thomas Davis, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported
12 regarding Susan Lloyd v. Pennsylvania State Board of
13 Veterinary Medicine, No. 5:25-cv5171. He noted the
14 Office of Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss,
15 which was recently granted. All claims against the
16 individuals listed in the matter were dismissed with
17 prejudice in the federal court. He added Count 1,
18 Sunshine Act, was dismissed without prejudice to be
19 refiled in the appropriate state court should the
20 individual decide to do so.]

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22 Report of Regulatory Counsel

23 [Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel, noted
24 the regulatory status report provided for the Board's
25 review. She highlighted 16A-5732, the fees package,

1 which was moving along. The package was delivered in
2 final form to Independent Regulatory Review
3 Commission (IRRC) on May 15, 2026 and would be
4 considered at IRRC's June 18, 2026 public meeting.]

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6 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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8 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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10 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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12 Upcoming Meeting Dates

13 [Mr. Davis noted the remaining 2026 meeting dates are
14 July 31, September 25, and November 20.]

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16 Public Comment

17 [Maria Brodsky asked for information on what it would
18 take for a physical therapist to provide a dog
19 physical therapy.]

20 Mr. Davis stated the Board could not provide
21 legal advice but noted there was something in the
22 regulations regarding physical therapists.

23 Ms. Brodsky reviewed the regulation but had been
24 unable to locate the information.

25 Mr. Davis reiterated the neither the Board or

1 himself could provide legal advice. He directed Ms.
2 Brodsky to Section 31.21, Rules of Conduct for
3 Professional Veterinarians, Principle 6. Ms. Brodsky
4 requested additional information, at which time Mr.
5 Davis stated he could not provide any information and
6 she would need to speak to a private attorney. He
7 added there was one Commonwealth Court decision
8 related to her questions, which he could provide to
9 her if she emailed the Board.]

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11 [Jamie Lenzi, Esquire, Cipriani & Werner asked for
12 clarification regarding Agenda Item No. 4 which Mr.
13 Davis provided.]

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15 [Ms. Brodsky asked if the Section 31.21 was
16 guidelines or a law. Mr. Davis replied the
17 regulations were law and recommended she speak to her
18 own attorney.

19 Ms. Brodsky requested information regarding
20 continuing education. Mr. Davis responded the
21 regulations mention continuing education. In
22 addition, he noted the Board's website could be
23 checked for approved continuing education providers.
24 Beyond that, he stated she could email the earlier
25 referenced address and he may be able to provide

1 information depending on the question.]

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3 Adjournment

4 MR. DAVIS:

5 Madam Chair, I do believe that
6 concludes the meeting if that's okay
7 with you.

8 ACTING CHAIR COOLEY:

9 Yes, let us adjourn. Do we need to
10 vote on that?

11 MR. DAVIS:

12 We need a motion.

13 DR. BENDER:

14 Joe Bender, I'll make a motion to
15 adjourn.

16 MS. VESELL:

17 Seconded.

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19 [There being no further business, the State Board of
20 Veterinary Medicine Meeting adjourned at 11:04 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.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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REFERENCE INDEX

May 29, 2026

TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Executive Session
10:32	Return to Open Session
10:32	Official Call to Order
10:32	Roll Call
10:34	Approval of Minutes
10:35	Report of Prosecution
10:41	Executive Session
10:49	Return to Open Session
10:49	Report of Prosecution
10:51	Report of Board Counsel
10:55	Report of Regulatory Counsel
10:56	Public Comment
11:04	Adjournment