

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

September 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Upstate Conference Room  
Columbia, South Carolina

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Veterinary Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80.

**BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:**

Christine E. White, DVM, Chairperson  
George S. Bryant, DVM, Vice Chairperson  
Kendall T. Bak, LVT  
Todd C. Brown, DVM  
James T. Coker, DVM  
Paige E. Mackey, DVM  
Mark T. Moore, DVM  
Ladon S. Wallis, DVM

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Robert Elam, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Jennifer Stillwell, Program Director, Office of Inspections, Investigations and Enforcement  
April Howe, Program Manager, Office of Inspections  
Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator  
Amy Holleman, Board Executive  
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator  
Shelley Nevins, Administrative Assistant  
Saralyn Printz, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
NaTasha Mitchell, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Jon Rayle, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Stephen Hoage, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Billy Chambers, IT Services Specialist, DOTS

**PRESENT:**

J. Taylor Bell, The Jeffcoat Firm  
Megan L. Barnes, DVM  
Robert M. Moorhead, DVM  
Laura Bundrick  
Darrelyn Baughman  
Robin K. Reibold, Court Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. White, Chairperson called the September 11, 2025 meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** To approve the September 11, 2025 agenda  
Brown/Bryant/Approved

**BOARD MISSION AND MEMBER STATISTICS:**

Dr. White presented the mission of the board and provided information regarding filled, expired, and vacant Board seat.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:**

The Board members introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

Dr. John W. Mayfield was absent.

**Motion:** To approve Dr. John W. Mayfield's absence.  
Bryant/Brown/Approved

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion:** To approve the June 6, 2025 minutes.  
Mackey/Brown/Approved

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported for the period from January 1, 2025 to August 19, 2025, eighty-two (82) complaints were received and ninety-four (94) closed. Currently there are seventeen (17) active investigations.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) IRC Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported the IRC met and recommended eleven (11) cases for dismissal, five (5) cases for a formal complaint, and two (2) letters of caution.

**Motion:** To accept the eleven (11) cases for dismissals.  
Bryant/Moore/Approved

**Motion:** To accept two (2) Letters of Caution  
Mackey/Bryant/Approved

**Motion:** To issue five (5) formal complaints  
Bryant/Mackey/Approved

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:

Mr. Elam, reported that as of August 28, 2025, there were twenty (20) open cases, four (4) pending hearings and agreements, zero (0) pending closure, and fifteen (15) closed since January 1, 2025. There were three (3) cases closed between June 19, 2025 and August 28, 2025.

Board Executive Report

Ms. Holleman reported active licensees as of date are 2,757 Veterinarians and 989 Veterinary Technicians. Ms. Holleman reported that the Board’s cash balance as of July 31, 2025 was \$107,995.69.

Ms. Holleman asked that the Board consider whether it would like to conduct a continuing education audit for the licensing period ending on March 31, 2025, if so, please consider the perimeters for conducting the audit.

**Disciplinary Hearing:**

Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

Case No.: 2024-81 & 2025-15 – Memorandum of Agreement & Stipulation of Facts and Evidentiary Hearings

Dr. Christine White recused herself from this matter. All parties agreed to hear Case Nos.: 2024-81 & 2025-15 simultaneously.

Mr. Robert Elam, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement Stipulations of Facts in conjunction with providing an opening statement. J. Taylor Bell, Esq., the Respondent’s attorney, gave an opening statement. The Respondent testified on her own behalf, afterwards responded to questions from the Board. The State waived closing and the Respondent’s attorney gave closing statements.

Dr. Bryant called for a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Wallis/Mackey/Approved

**Return to Public Session**

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Brown/Moore/Approved

Dr. Bryant, Vice - Chair, noted for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition in this matter.

**Motion:** To accept the Memorandum of Agreement & Stipulation of Facts, (MOA/SOF), combine both cases, find the respondent in violation of 40-1-110(1)(a), 40-69-110(A)(2), and 40-1-110(1)(g), and to fine the respondent \$2000 for the violations and an investigative cost of \$60.00, payable withing one (1) year of the date of the Order. In addition, the respondent is required to complete eight (8) hours of continuing education in ethics within six months of the date of the Order, which will be in addition to the continuing education requirements for licensure renewals. The respondent’s license is suspended for six months from the date of the Order. If Respondent does not fully pay all fines and costs listed within one

(1 year of the Final Order, and if her license has been reinstated by that time, her license will be suspended until such time as she compliances with the conditions listed.

Brown/Moore/Approved

Dr. White returned to the meeting.

Case No.: 2024-33 – Evidentiary Hearing

The Respondent presented without legal representation. Both, the State and Respondent gave opening statements.

Mr. Elam, representing the State, then presented the case before the Board. The State presented April Howe, Program Manager, Inspection for the State, Laura Bundrick and Darrelyn Baughman. as witnesses.

Respondent’s cross-examined witnesses. Laura Bundrick and Darrelyn Baughman. The Board questioned the witnesses. The Respondent testified on his own behalf and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Elam cross-examined the respondent. The Board questioned the respondent. Both, the Respondent and the State gave closing arguments.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Brown/Bryant/Approved

**Return to Public Session**

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Moore/Brown/Approved

Dr. White, President, noted for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition in this matter.

**Motion:** To issue a public reprimand; Respondent must pay sixty dollars (\$60) for costs of investigations, to be paid within six (6) months of the date of the Order; Respondent must take three (3) hours of RACE-approved continuing education related to medical recordkeeping and three hours of RACE-approved continuing education related to anesthesia procedures, all within six (6) months of the date of the Order, and all in addition to the normal continuing education requirement for renewal; and, within six (6) months of the Order, Respondent must provide the Board three (3) current medical records that include anesthesia procedures, highlighting and showing proper recordkeeping. If Respondent fails to meet these conditions, the Respondent’s license may be administratively suspended pending compliance, and noncompliance may result in further discipline.  
Brown/Moore/Approved

**New Business**

The Harvey S. Peeler Jr., College of Veterinary Medicine at Clemson University – Founding Dean,  
Dr. Steven Marks

Dean Marks presented an overview of The Harvey S. Peeler Jr., College of Veterinary Medicine at Clemson University, including the course outline and educational format. Dean Marks stated that the program goals of the College of Veterinary Medicine are to focus on strong pre-clinical training offering a classic 3-1 educational model with three (3) years of pre-clinical training and one (1) year of clinical rotations.

The program will focus on critical thinking, professional skills, clinical skills with practical clinical training, referred to by the AVMA Council on Education as a partially distributed model.

Travel Request – South Carolina Association of Veterinarians (SCAV), Spartanburg, SC – November 17, 2025

**Motion:** To approve travel for the Board Executive to attend the South Carolina Association of Veterinarians' (SCAV) meeting in Spartanburg, SC on November 17, 2025.  
Brown/Mackey/Approved

The Board entered into Executive Session, opening attendance to the Board Executive, to obtain legal advice regarding continuing education audits.

**Executive Session**

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Brown/Mackey/Approved

**Return to Public Session**

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Mackey/Wallis/Approved

Dr. White, President, noted for the record, there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition in this matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS (no votes take)**

No public comments

**NEXT MEETING**

December 4-5, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn the September 11, 2025 3:02 p.m.  
Mackey/Bak/Approved