

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes

December 4, 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 South Carolina Veterinary Medical Examiners' 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:

George S. Bryant, DVM, Vice Chairperson
Kendall T. Bak, LVT
Todd C. Brown, DVM
James T. Coker, DVM
John W. Mayfield, 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
Maggie Murdock, Program Director, Medical Boards
Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator
Tracie Adams, Board Executive, SC Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barber Examiners
Amy Holleman, Board Executive
Whitney Smith, Board Executive, South Carolina Board of Nursing
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator
Saralyn Printz, Paralegal, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
NaTasha Mitchell, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Frank Gates, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Renee Dash, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Billy Chambers, IT Services Specialist, DOTS

PRESENT:

Cameo E. Joseph-McCollum, Esquire, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd
Chassie Robinson
Christina A. Belcher
Robin K. Reibold, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Bryant, Vice-Chairperson called the December 4, 2025 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the December 4, 2025 agenda
Brown/Wallis/Approved

BOARD MISSION AND MEMBER STATISTICS:

Dr. Bryant 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. Christina E. White and Dr. Paige E. Mackey were absent.

Motion: To approve Dr. Christina E. White's and Dr. Page E. Mackey's absence.
Brown/Wallis/Approved

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the September 11, 2025 minutes.
Brown/Moore/Approved

STAFF REPORTS:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported for the period from January 1, 2025 to November 13, 2025, one-hundred and eleven (111) complaints were received and one-hundred and twelve (112) cases were closed. Currently there are twenty-five (25) active investigations.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) IRC Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported the IRC met and recommended seven (7) cases for dismissal and two (2) cases for a formal complaint.

Motion: To accept the seven (7) cases for dismissals.
Brown/Bak/Approved

Motion: To accept two (2) Formal Complaints
Brown/Coker/Approved

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:

Mr. Elam, reported that as of November 25, 2025, there were twenty (20) open cases, six (6) cases pending hearings and agreements, zero (0) pending closure, and nineteen (19) closed since January 1, 2025. There were four (4) cases closed between June 19, 2025 and August 28, 2025.

Board Executive Report

Ms. Holleman reported active licensees as of date are 2,794 Veterinarians and 995 Veterinary Technicians. To date for the 2025 year, 236 Veterinarians and 93 Veterinary Technicians have been licensed. Ms. Holleman reported that the Board’s cash balance as of October 31, 2025 was \$48,919.11.

Disciplinary Hearing:

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

Case No.: 2021-105 – Evidentiary Hearings

Mr. Elam, representing the State, after providing an opening statement presented the case before the Board. The Respondent’s attorney, Ms. Cameo Joseph-McCollum did not provide an opening statement. The State presented Tracy Adams, Investigator for the State, and Ms. Chassie Robinson as witnesses. Ms. Joseph-McCollum, Respondent’s attorney, cross-examined both witnesses. Ms. Joseph-McCollum objected to the line of questioning regarding the respondent’s intentions/behavior and to the relevant of Exhibit #4. Mr. Elam stated that there are no discovery rules in these types of hearings. (Violation 40-1-110 (1)(f); 40-69-110(A)(11) 40-69-190(B)

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.
Brown/Copeland/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 overruled the objections.

The Respondent’s attorney moved for a continuation in order for Mr. Ross Shealy, the respondent’s previous legal counsel, to be present to present testimony on behalf of the respondent. Mr. Elam argued against the request for continuation. The Board questioned both, the Respondent’s and State’s attorneys.

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

Executive Session

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

Return to Public Session

Motion: To return to public session.
Brown/Wallis/Approved

Dr. Bryant, Vice-Chair, noted for the record there were no votes taken during Executive Session and called for a disposition regarding the motion for continuation.

Motion: Motion for a continuation denied
Brown/Moore/Approved

Dr. Bryant called for a motion to move into closed session.

Motion: To move into closed session
Brown/Bak/Approved

Motion: To return to open session
Brown/Moore/Approved

The respondent's attorney cross-examined the witness, Ms. Tracy Adams.

The Board recessed for 10 minutes.

The Respondent testified on her own behalf. Mr. Elam cross-examined the respondent. The Board questioned the witnesses. Both, the respondent's attorney and the State gave closing arguments.

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.
Brow/Mayfield/Approved

Return to Public Session

Motion: To return to public session.
Brown/Coker/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: The Board finds that the respondent is in violation of 40-69-110(A)(11), specifically, PVME C.1., and issues a public reprimand, a five-hundredth dollar (\$500) fine, and the respondent must complete an additional two hours of continuing education in veterinary ethics completed within six (6) months of the date of the Order.
Brown/Moore/Approved

Case No.: 2023-90 – Consent Agreement

Mr. Robert Elam, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Consent Agreement to the Board.

Dr. Bryant called for a disposition in this matter or a motion to go into executive session to seek legal advice. A motion for a disposition in this matter was presented to the Board.

Motion: To accept the Consent Agreement
Brown/Coker/Approved

New Business

CE Audit Discussion

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that as of date, CE Broker indicates there are 375 licensees in non-compliance. presenting as incomplete, which is approximately 10 percent of the license population, with 296 being veterinarians and 79 Veterinary Technicians. Ms. Holleman responded to questions from the Board. The CE must have been completed by March 31, 2025.

The Board discussed the matter.

Motion: In January 2026, the Board will notify those licensees who currently show as incomplete for their continuing education for the licensing period ending in March 31, 2025.

1. Licensees will be granted thirty (30) days from the date of notification of The audit to upload courses and course completion certificates into CE Broker for that period
2. Those licensees that do not upload all completed CE into CE Broker within thirty (30) days of the initial notification and/or who did not complete all hours timely will be granted an additional thirty (30) days with a private, non-disciplinary consent agreement and an administrative fine, Veterinarian \$340.00, Veterinary Technician \$80.00, to upload their CE and/or complete hours necessary to satisfy the hours deficient for the licensing period ending March 31, 2025.
3. After the sixty (60) days from the date the audit notice is issued any licensee in non-compliance with the CE audit will be Administratively Suspended until the conditions of the audit are met. The administrative suspension will be made public.
4. For the continuing education audit purposes, the Board delegated authority to the Board Chairperson to grant continuing education medical waivers request submitted with the appropriate documentation. These requests will be reviewed on an individual bases.

Brown/Mayfield/Approved

Travel Request – AAVSB Spring Summit – Amy Holleman – Kansas City, MO – April 22-23, 2026

Motion: To approve travel for the Board Executive to attend the AAVSB Spring Summit in Kansas City, MO on April 22-23, 2026.
Brown/Moore/Approved

Travel Request – AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond – Kansas City, MO – April 24-25, 2026

Motion: To approve travel for Board member, Dr. Todd Brown to attend AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond in Kansas City, MO on April 24-25, 2026.
Moore/Coker/Approved

2026 Board Meeting Dates

Motion: To approve 2026 SC Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' meeting dates:
Thursday & Friday, March 26 & 27, 2026 - Low Country Conference Room
Thursday & Friday, June 25 & 26, 2026 – Low Country Conference Room
Thursday & Friday, September 10 & 11, 2026 – Low Country Conference Room
Thursday & Friday, December 3 & 4, 2026 – Low Country Conference Room

Brown/Wallis/Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS (no votes take)

No public comments

NEXT MEETING

March 26-27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the December 4, 2025 4:13 p.m.
Brown/Bak/Approved