

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2026 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:

Christine E. White, DVM, Chairperson
George S. Bryant, DVM, Vice Chairperson
Todd C. Brown, DVM- Present Via WebEx
James T. Coker, DVM
Paige E. Mackey, DVM
John W. Mayfield, DVM
Mark T. Moore, DVM- Present Via WebEx
Ladon S. Wallis, DVM

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Megan Flannery, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Shannon Davis, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Bianca Smith, Program Manager, Office of Investigation and Enforcement
Amy Holleman, Board Executive, SC State Board of Dentistry
Shelley Gurley, Administrative Assistant
Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator
NaTasha Mitchell, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Kristin Langlois, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Stephen Hoage, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Frank Gates, Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Renee Nash, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
Dowan Sulton, IT Services Specialist, DOTS

PRESENT:

Jim Penrod, CEO, American Association of Veterinary State Boards- WebEx
Dr. Christina Bradbury, Director, American Association of Veterinary State Boards-WebEx
Lauren Nabitt, Program Manager of CE, American Association of Veterinary State Boards- WebEx
Caroline Stanford, Program Specialist of CE, American Association of Veterinary State Boards- WebEx
Dr. Michael J. Neault, State Veterinarian- WebEx
Robin K. Reibold, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. White, Chairperson called the June 25, 2026 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the June 25, 2026 agenda.
Mackey/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:

There were no absences.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the March 26, 2026 minutes.
Bryant/Mackey/Approved

American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Presentation:

The AAVSB Staff presented a presentation to the Board informing them about the benefits of AAVSB and how they can use those benefits to assist the regulatory community.

STAFF REPORTS:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported for the period from January 1, 2026 to June 10, 2026, sixty (60) complaints were received and forty- eight (48) closed. Currently, there are eleven (11) active investigations.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) IRC Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported the IRC met and recommended four (4) cases for dismissal, two (2) cases for a formal complaint, and three (3) Letters of Caution.

Motion: To accept the four (4) cases for dismissals.
Bryant/Mackey/Approved

Motion: To issue two (2) Formal Complaints
Bryant/Mackey/Approved

Motion: To issue three (3) Letters of Caution
Bryant/Mackey/Approved

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:

Ms. Davis reported that as of June 11, 2026, there were twenty- two (22) open cases, one (1) pending hearing and agreement, zero (0) pending closure, and eight (8) closed since January 1, 2026. There were seven (7) cases closed between March 5, 2026 and June 11, 2026.

Board Executive Report

Ms. Holleman reported active licensees as of date are 2,973 Veterinarians and 1,051 Veterinary Technicians. Between January 1, 2026 and January 24, 2026, the Board issued 166 Veterinarians and 48 Veterinary Technicians licenses. From January 1, 2026 to present, the Board's average application processing days are 23.71 days total, and staff average application processing time is 1.65 days. Ms. Holleman reported that the Board's cash balance as of May 31, 2026 was \$-230,071.91. She informed the Board the renewal expiration date was corrected from March 31 of odd years to January 1 of odd years, which means that licensees will need to complete their CE by January 1, 2027. Ms. Holleman also reported that there will be an e-blast sent licensees as a reminder.

Ms. Holleman provided and the Board discussed the CE Audit update.

New Business

Travel Request and Delegate Approval - American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) 2026 Annual Meeting & Conference, September 23-26, 2026, Providence, RI

Motion: To approve travel for Dr. White and Dr. Bryant as primary and alternate delegate, and to approve travel for the Board Executive, Advice Counsel, Ms. Bak, Dr. Mackey, if their AAVSB committees cover the costs for Ms. Bak and Dr. Mackey, to attend the AAVSB 2026 Annual Meeting & Conference, September 23-26, 2026, Providence, RI
Mackey/Bryant/ Approved

Discussion of Section 40-69-270(C)

Ms. Flannery opened the discussion of Section 40-69-270(C) which states: "Nothing in this chapter affects the practice of qualified persons to whom a licensed veterinarian has delegated the performance of procedures, therapeutic options, and alternate therapies. The delegating veterinarian must verify the qualifications of these persons and their competencies before delegation. The delegating veterinarian remains responsible for the general care of the patient." Section 40-69-20 (17) clarifies that therapeutic options or alternate therapies "means, but is not limited to, the veterinary practice of acupuncture, manipulation and adjustment, magnetic field therapy, holistic medicine, homeopathy, herbology/naturopathy, massage, and physical therapy."

Dr. White 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/ Bryant/Approved

Return to Public Session

Motion: To return to public session.
Bryant/Bak/Approved

The Board recessed for a ten (10) minute break.

Motion: To establish an FAQ on the Board Website to provide clarification and address concerns related to chiropractic and acupuncture in veterinary medicine.
Wallis/Bryant/ Approved

New World Screwworm Updates

Dr. Michael Neault presented to the Board information about new world screwworm including the history, symptoms of infection, and monitoring of cases within the United States and how South Carolina is increasing awareness on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (no votes take)

No public comments.

NEXT MEETING

September 10-11, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the June 25, 2026 12:22 p.m.
Mackey/Bryant/Approved