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SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 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, Chair
George S. Bryant, DVM, Vice Chair
Todd C. Brown, DVM
James T. Coker, DVM
Paige E. Mackey, DVM
John W. Mayfield, DVM
Mark T. Moore, DVM
Ladon S. Wallis, DVM

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:
Hardwick Stuart, 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
Norma McAllister, Program Coordinator
Yarikza Alexander, Lead Investigator
NaTasha Mitchell, 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
Ryan Belton, IT Services Specialist, DOTS

PRESENT:
Kristen A. Meyer, Esquire, Rogers Townsend Attorneys at Law
Dr. Jamie Lynn Parnell
Dr. Kelsey Shea Strickland
Dr. Adriana Christine Casagrande
Tia Cooper, Program Director, SCRPP
Thomas Smith, General Counsel, SCRPP
Robin K. Reibold, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. White, Chair called the December 4, 2025 meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the March 26, 2026 agenda
Brown/Mackey/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:

Ms. Kendall T. Bak was absent.

Motion: To approve Ms. Kendall T. Bak's absence.
Mackey/Coker/Approved

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the December 4, 2025 minutes.
Brown/Mayfield/Approved

STAFF REPORTS:

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported for the period from January 1, 2026 to March 5, 2026, twenty-three (23) complaints were received and eleven (11) closed. Currently, there are thirteen (13) active investigations.

Dr. Wallis arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) IRC Report:

Ms. Yarikza Alexander reported the IRC met and recommended thirteen (13) cases for dismissal, eight (8) cases for a formal complaint and three (3) Letters of Caution.

Motion: To accept the thirteen (13) cases for dismissals.
Mackey/Coker/Approved

Motion: To issue eight (8) Formal Complaints
Brown/Moore/Approved

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

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:
Ms. Shannon Davis introduced herself as the new assigned Lead Disciplinary Counsel for the Veterinary Board. Ms. Davis reported that as of March 5, 2026, there were twenty (20) open cases, four (4) pending hearings and agreements, zero (0) pending closure, and four (4) closed since January 1, 2026. There were five (5) cases closed between November 5, 2025 and March 25, 2026.

Board Executive Report
Ms. Holleman reported active licensees as of date are 2,858 Veterinarians and 1,015 Veterinary Technicians. For the year ending December 31, 2025, the Board issued 241 Veterinarians and 97 Veterinary Technicians licenses. Ms. Holleman reported that the Board's cash balance as of February 28, 2026 was $-129,365.21. She informed the Board that the renewal period would begin on or around October 1, 2026, with current licenses expiring on January 1, 2027, after which a thirty-day late renewal period would begin through February 1, 2027.

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

Motion: To begin the audit review with the current list provided by CE Broker
Bryant/Moore/Approved

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

Case No.: 2023-45 – Stipulations of Facts
Dr. Mackey recused herself from this matter.

Kristen A. Meyer, Esq., the Respondent's attorney, and the respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, appeared before the Board. Ms. Shannon Davis, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Stipulations of Facts. The Respondent's attorney and the respondent addressed, and responded to questions from the Board. The State responded to the respondent's statements.

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.
Brown/Moore/Approved

Return to Public Session
Motion: To return to public session.
Bryant/Brown/Approved

Dr. White, 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 Stipulation of Facts (SOF) in that there was a violation of SC Code 40-69-110 (A)(12) in that there was incompetent in that the wrong organ was removed. The Respondent is fine five-hundredth ($500.00) in addition to paying the investigative cost of seventy-five ($75.00), payable within six (6) months of the date of the Final Order. In addition to the continue education requirements, the respondent must complete five (5) additional hours in soft tissue surgery within one year of the date of the Final Order.
Brown/Mayfield/Approved

The Board recessed for ten (10) minutes.

Case No.: 2023-107 – Memorandum of Agreement & Stipulation of Facts – ***Closed Hearing***
The Respondent, sworn in by the court reporter, presented without legal representation. Ms. Shannon Davis, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulation of Facts. The Respondent addressed the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

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.
Mackey/Moore/Approved

Return to Public Session

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

Dr. White, 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; license is to be reinstated and placed under suspension for a period of two years. The suspension is immediately stayed, with the Respondent's license being placed on Probationary status for a period of two (2) years from the date of the final order. Respondent is prohibited from prescribing controlled substances for one year during the probational period. Respondent may not work more than forty hours a week during the probational period. If the respondent is found in violation of the Final Order or receives a complaint within the two (2) year probationary period, the stay would be lifted and the license immediately suspended. Respondent found in violation of three statutes with a fine of $250.00 for each violation and the investigative cost of One Hundred ($100.00) dollars, totaling eight-hundred and fifty ($850.00) dollars to be paid within sixty (60) days of the date of the Final Order.

The Board recessed for five (5) minutes.

Case No.: 2023-30 – Memorandum of Agreement & Stipulation of Facts

Kristen A. Meyer, the Respondent's attorney, and the respondent appeared before the Board. Ms. Shannon Davis, Disciplinary Counsel, representing the State, presented the Memorandum of Agreement Stipulations of Facts. The Respondent's attorney and the respondent addressed, and responded to questions from the Board. The State and the Respondent's attorney waived closing statements.

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.
Brow/Mayfield/Approved

Return to Public Session

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

Dr. White, 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 & Stipulations of Facts, issue a public reprimand; impose a five-hundredth ($500) dollar fine, with an additional fifty ($50) dollar investigative cost, and the respondent must complete an additional six (6) hours of continuing education in record keeping and/or anesthesia within twelve (12) months of the date of receipt of the Final Order. Documentation of completed of the additional continuing education course(s) must be submitted to the Board Executive.
Brown/Mackey/Approve

New Business

Travel Request – FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards) 2026 Summit on Regulatory Excellence, and Pre-Conference Workshop Registration, July 23-25, 2026, Minneapolis, MN

Motion: To approve travel for the Board Executive and Advice Counsel to attend the FARB 2026 Regulatory Excellence, and Pre-Conference Workshop, July 23-25, 2026, Minneapolis, MN.
Brown/Mackey/Approved

Restricted Faculty Instructor's License Discussion and Application Approval

Ms. Holleman informed the Board that effective, March 9, 2026, The Governor signed Bill H.4342 into law, which created a new restricted faculty license for veterinary school faculty in South Carolina. The bill states that, "[t]he Board may issue a license to faculty at an AVMA accredited veterinary school who are either licensed in another jurisdiction or meet specified education credentialing pathways. The Board is authorized to waive these licensure requirements for individuals holding a full-time academic appointment at the rank of assistant professor or higher. Licensees may practice only within the scope of their official faculty duties and in affiliated clinical, hospital, or field service units. The Board may not issue a license to applicants with prior disciplinary actions and retains authority to deny licensure on existing statutory grounds. The license automatically terminated upon separation from faculty employment, and applicants are subject to application, renewal, and fee requirements established by the Board".

The application and renewal fees requirements will be the same as a regular licensed South Carolina Veterinary. For a current South Carolina Veterinary licensee or an AVMA graduate, the Board agreed that the applicants shall be approved at the staff level; however, for those applicants under "(B) The board may waive the requirements found in subsection (A) if the applicant has a full-time academic faculty appointment at the rank of assistant professor or grater at a veterinarian college or university in this State accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association", the Board agreed that these would be reviewed and approved by the Board Chair.

MOTION: The Board grants the Board Chair authorization to review and determine approval and/or Board review is required for the restricted specialty faculty licensure applicants with the, "may waive requirement," status.
Bryant/Brown/Approved

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Holleman previously updated the Board regarding the restricted faculty licensure. Ms. Holleman reviewed the both, the tele-health and Small Business Regulatory Freedom Act. The Board discussed the tele-health bill.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion: To nominate and elect Dr. White as Chair
Bryant/Brown/Approved

Motion: To nominate and elect Dr. Bryant as Vice-Chair
White/Brown/Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS (no votes take)

No public comments

NEXT MEETING

June 25-26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the March 26, 2026 1:16 p.m.
Mackey/Brown/Approved