



**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
NOTICE OF MEETING
April 16-17, 2025**

Board Members

Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President
Christina Bradbury, DVM
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.
Barrie Grant, DVM
Steven Manyak, DVM

**Action may be taken on
any item listed on the
agenda.**

Student Liaisons

Holly Masterson, University of California, Davis
Anna Styles, Western University of Health Sciences

**The California Veterinary Medical Board (Board) will meet in accordance with
Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), at**

10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, and 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 17, 2025,

at the following location:

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 N. Market Blvd., Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

**This meeting also will be held via WebEx Events for public participation. Instructions to
connect to the meeting can be found at:**

<https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/agendas/joinwebex.pdf>

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enforcement of the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.*

Due to potential technical difficulties, please consider submitting written comments by April 9, 2025, to VMB@dca.ca.gov for consideration.

Members of the public may, but are not obligated to, provide their names or personal information as a condition of observing or participating in the meeting. When signing into the WebEx platform, participants may be asked for their name and email address. Participants who choose not to provide their names will need to provide a unique identifier such as their initials or another alternative, so that the meeting moderator can identify individuals who wish to make public comment; participants who choose not to provide their email address may utilize a fictitious email address like in the following sample format: XXXXX@mailinator.com.

AGENDA

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum
2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
Note: The Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code sections [11125](#), [11125.7\(a\)](#).)
3. Review and Approval of January 15-16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
4. Report and Update from Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
5. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Report – *Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair, MDC*
 - A. Overview of April 15, 2025 MDC Meeting
 - B. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 4825.1 and 4827 Regarding Veterinary Medicine Practice Exemptions
 - C. Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 2068.5 Regarding Practical Experience and Education as Equivalent Curriculum
 - D. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Section 4905 Regarding the Board's Fee Structure
 - E. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Section 4875.1 Regarding Complaint Prioritization
6. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2025 Legislation Impacting the Board, DCA, and/or the Veterinary Profession
 - A. Priority Legislation for Board Consideration
 1. Assembly Bill (AB) [516](#) (Kalra, 2025) Registered Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants: Scope of Practice
 2. AB [867](#) (Lee, 2025) Veterinary Medicine: Cat Declawing
 3. AB [1458](#) (Wallis, 2025) Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine: Animal Physical Therapy

4. AB [1502](#) (Committee on Business and Professions, 2025) California Veterinary Medical Board
 5. Senate Bill (SB) [602](#) (Cortese, 2025) Veterinarians: Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship
 6. SB [687](#) (Ochoa Bogh, 2025) Chiropractors: Animal Chiropractic Practitioners
 - B. Other Board-Monitored Legislation
 1. AB [463](#) (Michelle Rodriguez, 2025) Emergency Medical Services: Police Canines
 2. AB [479](#) (Tangipa, 2025) Criminal Procedure: Vacatur Relief
 3. AB [489](#) (Bonta, 2025) Health Care Professions: Deceptive Terms or Letters: Artificial Intelligence
 4. AB [667](#) (Solache, 2025) Professions and Vocations: License Examinations: Interpreters
 5. AB [742](#) (Elhawary, 2025) Department of Consumer Affairs: Licensing: Applicants Who Are Descendants of Slaves
 6. AB [837](#) (Davies, 2025) Ketamine
 7. AB [1482](#) (Essayli, 2025) Bowie's Law: Animals: Adoption, Shelter Overcrowding, and Breeding
 8. SB [470](#) (Laird, 2025) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: Teleconferencing
 9. SB [641](#) (Ashby, 2025) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: States of Emergency: Waivers and Exemptions
 - C. Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Section 4887 Regarding Petitions for Reinstatement
7. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Pending Regulations
 - A. Status on Pending Regulations
 - B. Recommendation to Initiate a Rulemaking to Repeal CCR, Title 16, Sections 2014, 2015, and 2015.2 Regarding Licensing and Registration Examinations
 8. Recess Open Session until April 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025

9. Reconvene Open Session - Establishment of a Quorum
10. Special Order of Business
 - A. Hearing on Petition for Reinstatement of Balpal S. Sandhu, DVM, Revoked License No. VET 13678.
11. Recess Open Session

CLOSED SESSION
12. Convene Closed Session
13. Pursuant to Government Code Section [11126](#)(c)(3), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters, Including the Above-Identified Petition, Stipulated Settlements, and Proposed Decisions
14. Pursuant to Government Code Section [11126](#)(e)(1) and (2)(A), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to Confer and Receive Advice From Legal Counsel Regarding the

Following Matter: *Gurdeep Deol, DVM v. Veterinary Medical Board*, Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2402058

15. Adjourn Closed Session

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

16. Reconvene Open Session

17. Student Liaison Reports

- A. University of California, Davis, Liaison – *Holly Masterson*
- B. Western University of Health Sciences Liaison – *Anna Styles*

18. Board President Report – *Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*

19. Registered Veterinary Technician Report – *Kristi Pawlowski, RVT*

20. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding American Association of Veterinary State Boards Activities

21. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Board's Logo

22. Executive Management Reports

- A. Administration
- B. Examination/Licensing
- C. Enforcement
- D. Outreach
- E. Strategic Plan

23. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

24. Adjournment

Information regarding the meeting is available by contacting Justin Sotelo at (916) 515-5220, email: vmb@dca.ca.gov, or send a written request to the California Veterinary Medical Board, 1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 230, Sacramento, CA 95834. This agenda can be found on the California Veterinary Medical Board website at www.vmb.ca.gov. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Board President and may be taken out of order. Items scheduled for a particular day may be moved to an earlier or later day to facilitate the effective transaction of business. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings of the Board are open to the public.

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Government Code section 11125.7 provides the opportunity for the public to address each agenda item during discussion or consideration by the Board prior to the Board taking any action on said item. Members of the public will be provided appropriate opportunities to comment on any issue before the Board, but the Board President may, at their discretion, apportion available time among those who wish to speak. Individuals may appear before the Board to discuss items not on the agenda; however, the Board can neither discuss nor take official action on these items at the time of the same meeting (Government Code sections 11125, 11125.7(a)).

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