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**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTESⁱ
APRIL 14, 2026**

Physical Location:

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 North Market Boulevard, Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

Additional Member and Public Participation:
Teleconference/WebEx Events

Recording of the webcast is available here:
Agenda Items 1-12 (<https://youtu.be/kbrXLjtbw8>)

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Members Present:	Management Staff Present:
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer (EO)
Kathy Bowler, Vice Chair	Matt McKinney, Deputy EO
Jeni Goedken, DVM	Andrea Amaya-Torres, Administration/Licensing Manager
Mark Nunez, DVM	Patty Rodriguez, Enforcement Manager
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Board Liaison	Ashley Sanchez, Enforcement Manager
Leah Shufelt, RVT	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, Board Liaison	Robert Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager
Richard Sullivan, DVM (Remote)	
Marie Ussery, RVT	Legal Affairs Division Staff Present:
	Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, Regulations Counsel, Attorney III
	Ken Swenson, Board Counsel, Attorney III
	Other Staff and Guests Present: On File

*Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the California Veterinary Medical Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, **the protection of the public shall be paramount.** (BPC, § 4800.1)*

1. **Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of a Quorum**

Committee Chair, Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. EO, Jessica Sieferman, called roll, and a quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

Public comment was received from:

- [Stefano Di Concetto](#), DVM

3. **Review and Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes**

A. **October 14, 2025**

1. **Full Minutes**

2. **Action Minutes**

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Kathy Bowler seconded a motion to approve the October 14, 2025 Committee meeting full minutes and action minutes.

There was no public comment on the motion.

The motion carried 9-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler, Vice Chair	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

B. **January 20, 2026**

1. **Action Minutes**

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Marie Ussery, RVT, seconded a motion to approve the January 20, 2026 Committee meeting action minutes.

There was no public comment on the motion.

The motion carried 8-0-1 with Kathy Bowler abstaining.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler, Vice Chair			X	
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

4. **Presentation Regarding High Quality High Volume Spay and Neuter (HQHVSN) Services and Mobile Animal Sterilization Hospital (MASH) Clinics—UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine**

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst (first comment)
- [Emily McCobb](#), DVM, Professor, UC Davis Weill School of Veterinary Medicine (presenter)
- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst (second comment)

5. **Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Minimum Standards for Alternate Premises Regulations—Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM**

A. **HQHVSN Services and MASH Clinics**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, California Veterinary Medical Association
- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst

B. Recommendation to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Section 2030.1 Regarding Small Animal Fixed Veterinary Premises and Handling Animal Remains

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Mark Nunez, DVM, seconded a motion to recommend the Board take the following actions:

- Approve the regulatory text to amend CCR, title 16, section 2030.1, as amended at this meeting.
- Direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, then the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested.
- If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for CCR, title 16, section 2030.1.

Public comment was received from:

- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq, Klinedinst

The motion carried 8-0-1 with Jeni Goedken, DVM, abstaining.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler, Vice Chair	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM			X	
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

6. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Veterinary Practice Subcommittee—*Richard Sullivan, DVM, and Marie Ussery, RVT*

A. Potential Recommendation to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend CCR, Title 16, Section 2032.3 Regarding Record Keeping; Records; Contents; Transfer

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Motion: Richard Sullivan, DVM, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to recommend the Board take the following actions:

- Approve the regulatory text to amend CCR, title 16, section 2032.3.
- Direct staff to submit the text to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency for review, and if the Board does not receive any comments providing objections or adverse recommendations specifically directed at the proposed action or to the procedures followed by the Board in proposing or adopting the action, then the Board authorizes the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to initiate the rulemaking process, make any technical or non-substantive changes to the package, and set the matter for hearing, if requested.
- If after the 45-day public comment period, no adverse comments are received, and no public hearing is requested, authorize the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking, and adopt the proposed regulations as described in the text notice for CCR, title 16, section 2032.3.

Amended Motion: Richard Sullivan, DVM, amended the motion to indicate that enactment of the recommended rulemaking cannot occur before January 1, 2031 (proposed revision to new subsection (h) would begin with “On or after January 1, 2031...”). Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, accepted the amendment to the motion.

There was no public comment on the motion.

The motion carried 9-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler, Vice Chair	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

B. California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Meeting

There was no action or public comment on this item.

7. Update and Discussion from the Enforcement Subcommittee—*Jeni Goedken, DVM, and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM*

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on this item.

8. Update and Discussion from the Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee—*Mark Nunez, DVM, and Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*

There was no action or public comment on this item.

9. Update and Discussion from the Outreach Subcommittee—*Kathy Bowler and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM*

There was no action or public comment on this item.

10. Committee Chair Report—*Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM*

Resolutions were [presented](#) to Richard Sullivan, DVM, and Leah Shufelt, RVT, for their service on the Committee.

There was no action or public comment on this item.

11. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Stefano Di Concetto](#), DVM

12. Adjournment

Dr. Waterhouse adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

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