



Mission: To protect all consumers and animals by regulating licensees, promoting professional standards, and enforcing the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
NOTICE OF MEETING
April 15-16, 2026**

Board Members

Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President
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**Action may be taken on
any item listed on the
agenda.**

Student Liaisons

Sebastian Lidikay, 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 15, 2026, and 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 16, 2026

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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*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)*

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Due to potential technical difficulties, please consider submitting written comments April 7, 2026, to VMB@dca.ca.gov for consideration.

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AGENDA

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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 Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. October 15-16, 2025
 1. Full Minutes
 2. Action Minutes
 - B. January 21-22, 2026
 1. Action Minutes
4. Report and Update from Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
5. Interviews, Discussion, and Possible Appointments to Fill Vacant Public, Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT), and Veterinarian Member Positions on the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC)
6. Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Report – *Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair, MDC*
 - A. Overview of April 14, 2026, MDC Meeting

- B. Minimum Standards for Alternate Premises Regulations
 - 1. HQHVSN Services and MASH Clinics
 - 2. Recommendation to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, 2030.1 Regarding Small Animal Fixed Veterinary Premises and Handling Animal Remains
 - C. Potential Recommendation to Initiate Rulemaking to Amend CCR, Title 16, Section 2032.3 Regarding Record Keeping; Records; Contents; Transfer
7. Discussion and Possible Action on Business and Professions Code Section 4809.8, the MDC's Mandated Responsibilities and Processes, and Potential Improvements
 8. Presentation on the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) Communication Skills Assessment Taskforce Progress – *Heather Case, DVM, Chief Executive Director*
 9. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2025-2026 Legislation Impacting the Board, DCA, and/or the Veterinary Profession
 - A. Priority Legislation for Board Consideration
 - 1. Assembly Bill (AB) [1733](#) (Lee, 2026) License and Registration Renewal: Continuing Education
 - 2. AB [1999](#) (Kalra, 2026) Veterinary medicine
 - 3. AB [2010](#) (Soria, 2026) Veterinary Medicine: Veterinary Surgery Premises: Spay and Neuter Services
 - 4. Senate Bill (SB) [1269](#) (Ochoa Bogh, 2026) Chiropractors: Animal Chiropractic Practitioners
 - 5. SB [1311](#) (Wahab, 2026) Licensed Professions
 - 6. SB [1445](#) (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, 2026) Healing Arts
 - B. Other Board-Monitored Legislation
 - 1. AB [1558](#) (Arambula, 2026) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act
 10. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Pending Regulations
 - A. Status on Pending Regulations
 11. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Activities – *Christina Bradbury, DVM*
 - A. AAVSB Activities Overview
 12. Student Liaison Reports
 - A. University of California, Davis, Liaison – *Sebastian Lidikay*
 - B. Western University of Health Sciences Liaison – *Anna Styles*
 13. Board President Report – *Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*
 14. Registered Veterinary Technician Report – *Kristi Pawlowski, RVT*

15. Executive Management Reports

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

16. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

17. Recess Open Session until April 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 16, 2026

18. Reconvene Open Session - Establishment of a Quorum

19. Special Order of Business

- A. Hearing on Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of J. Wade Byrd, DVM, License No. 10381
- B. Hearing on Petition for Reinstatement of Nisar Ahmed, DVM, Surrendered License No. 12267

20. Recess Open Session

CLOSED SESSION

21. Convene Closed Session

22. 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 Petitions, Stipulated Settlements, and Proposed Decisions

23. 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 Pending Litigation

- A. *Gurdeep Deol, DVM v. Veterinary Medical Board*, Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2402058
- B. *Amy Edelen v. Department of Consumer Affairs, Veterinary Medical Board*, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000190

24. Adjourn Closed Session

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

25. 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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