



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
OCTOBER 14, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

Board Members

Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President
Christina Bradbury, DVM
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.
Steven Manyak, DVM
Evelyn Mitchell, MBA, Councilmember
Anna Orlowski, Esq.
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM
Marie Ussery, RVT

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

Student Liaisons

Clara Guirguis, University of California, Davis
Darlene Geekie, Western University of Health Sciences

**The California Veterinary Medical Board (Board) will meet in accordance with
Government Code section 11122.5, subdivision (a), 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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October 7, 2026, to VMB@dca.ca.gov for consideration.

*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)*

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

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 July 15, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
4. Report and Update from Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
5. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Report - *Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, MDC Chair*
 - A. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 4826, 4826.3, 4836.5, 4840.7, 4850, 4853, 4853.5, 4854, 4854.1, 4855, 4855.1, 4856, 4900, and 4917, Repeal BPC Sections 4853.1, 4853.6, and 4853.7, and Add BPC Section 4826.9 Regarding Removing Licensee Manager Requirement and Shifting Specified Responsibilities to Veterinary Premises Owner
 - B. Overview of September 11, 2026 MDC Meeting
 - C. MDC Current and Potential Future Assignments
6. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2026 Legislation Impacting the Board, DCA, and/or the Veterinary Profession
 - A. Implementation Plan for Chaptered 2026 Legislation
 1. Assembly Bill (AB) [1733](#) (Lee, Chapter 42, Statutes of 2026) License and Registration Renewal: Continuing Education
 2. AB [1999](#) (Kalra, Chapter 205, Statutes of 2026) Veterinary Medicine
 3. AB [2010](#) (Soria, Chapter 284, Statutes of 2026) Veterinary Medicine: Veterinary Surgery Premises: Spay and Neuter Services
 - B. Legislative Proposal to Amend Penal Code Section 597.1 Regarding Animal Control Officer Use of Controlled Substances to Tranquilize or Euthanize an Animal
7. Update and Discussion on Pending Regulations
8. Licensee Submission of Complaints and Future Outreach Opportunities

9. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Activities
 - A. [AAVSB Activities Overview](#)
 - B. 2026 Committee Meetings and Annual Conference
10. Student Liaison Reports
 - A. University of California, Davis, Liaison – *Clara Guirguis*
 - B. Western University of Health Sciences Liaison
11. Board President Report – *Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*
12. Registered Veterinary Technician Report – *Kristi Pawlowski, RVT*
13. Executive Management Reports
 - A. Administration
 - B. Licensing
 - C. Enforcement
 - D. Outreach
 - E. Strategic Plan
14. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates
15. Election of 2026 Board Officers
16. Recess Open Session

CLOSED SESSION

17. Convene Closed Session
18. Pursuant to Government Code Section [11126](#)(c)(3), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to Deliberate and Vote on Disciplinary Matters, Including Stipulated Settlements and Proposed Decisions
19. Pursuant to Government Code Section [11126](#)(a)(1), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to Discuss the Executive Officer Evaluation
20. Adjourn Closed Session

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

21. Reconvene Open Session
22. 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. 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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