

MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 9, 2019
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Jessica Sieferman Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 14. Interviews, Discussion, and Possible Appointment to Fill Vacant Diversion Evaluation Committee Positions

The Veterinary Medical Board (Board) currently has three vacancies on its five-member Diversion Evaluation Committee (DEC): two Veterinarian appointments and one Public appointment.

The terms of each position are four years in length. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section [4861](#), "Each person appointed to a diversion evaluation committee shall have experience or knowledge in the evaluation or management of persons who are impaired due to alcohol or drug abuse."

The Board recruited candidates through its interested parties list, website, and social media. Candidate applications will be provided to members prior to the Board meeting, and the Board will have the opportunity to interview and appoint candidates during

Four veterinarians have applied, and their applications are attached. The Board has received no public interest at this time. Board staff has reached out to Maximus to see if any public members may be interested in serving.

The DEC holds public, quarterly meetings located in Folsom, California. The duties and responsibilities of the DEC include:

- a) To evaluate those veterinarians and RVTs who request participation in the program according to the guidelines prescribed by the Board and to consider the recommendation of the administrative physician on the admission of the veterinarian or RVT to the diversion program.
- b) To review and designate those treatment facilities to which veterinarians and RVTs in a diversion program may be referred.
- c) To receive and review information concerning veterinarians RVTs participating in the program.
- d) To call meetings as necessary to consider the requests of veterinarians and RVTs to participate in a diversion program, and to consider reports regarding veterinarians and RVTs participating in a program from an administrative physician, or from others.

- e) To consider in the case of each veterinarian and RVT participating in a program whether he or she may with safety continue or resume the practice of veterinary medicine or the assisting in the practice of veterinary medicine.
- f) To set forth in writing for each veterinarian and RVT participating in a program a treatment program established for each such veterinarian and RVT with the requirements for supervision and surveillance.
- g) To hold a general meeting at least twice a year, which shall be open and public, to evaluate the program's progress, to review data as required in reports to the Board, to prepare reports to be submitted to the Board, and to suggest proposals for changes in the diversion program.

During the Board meeting, members may ask candidates questions related to their qualifications and appoint two of the four candidates to the DEC. The Board will continue to recruit for the public vacancy.