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**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
January 21-22, 2026**

**Board Members**

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

**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, January 21, 2026, and 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 22, 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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Due to potential technical difficulties, please consider submitting written comments January 14, 2026, to [VMB@dca.ca.gov](mailto:VMB@dca.ca.gov) for consideration.

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## AGENDA

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 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 October 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, MDC Member*
  - A. Overview of January 20, 2026 MDC Meeting
  - B. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) Sections 4825.1, 4826.6, 4830, and 4840.5 Regarding Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship and Electronic Veterinary Services
  - C. Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Add BPC Sections 4846.3, 4846.4, and 4848.2, Amend BPC Sections 4827, 4858, 4858.1, 4858.2, 4900, 4901, 4902, and 4905, and Repeal BPC Sections 4843.5 and 4844 Regarding Veterinary Medicine Practice Exemptions, Retired and Retired Volunteer Statuses, and Shelter Veterinarian Licenses
6. 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) [1458](#) (Wallis, 2025) Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine: Animal Physical Therapy

2. Senate Bill (SB) [687](#) (Ochoa Bogh, 2025) Chiropractors: Animal Chiropractic Practitioners
- B. Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 130, 801, 802, 4839.5, and 4840.6, and Repeal BPC Sections 4840.9, 4841.4, 4842 to Make Minor and Technical Revisions Regarding Veterinary Medicine
- C. Other Potential 2026 Legislation
  1. Continuing Education for Pro-Bono Spay and Neuter Services
  2. Registered Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice
7. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Pending Regulations
  - A. Status on Pending Regulations
  - B. Previously Approved Text to Amend California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 16, Sections 2036.5, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, and 2094 Regarding Veterinary Drug Compounding
8. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Activities – *Christina Bradbury, DVM*
  - A. AAVSB Activities Overview
  - B. Call for Bylaws Amendments
  - C. Call for Nominations
9. Student Liaison Reports
  - A. University of California, Davis, Liaison – *Sebastian Lidikay*
  - B. Western University of Health Sciences Liaison – *Anna Styles*
10. Board President Report – *Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*
11. Registered Veterinary Technician Report – *Kristi Pawlowski, RVT*
12. Executive Management Reports
  - A. Administration
  - B. Examination/Licensing
  - C. Enforcement
  - D. Outreach
  - E. Strategic Plan
13. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates
14. Recess Open Session until January 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

**9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026**
15. Reconvene Open Session - Establishment of a Quorum
16. Special Order of Business

- A. Hearing on Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of Ryan Carpenter, DVM, License No. 15878
- B. Hearing on Petition for Early Termination of Modification of Probation of Cathaleen Canfield, DVM, License No. 12992

17. Recess Open Session

**CLOSED SESSION**

18. Convene Closed Session

19. 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

20. 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

21. Adjourn Closed Session

**RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

22. Adjournment

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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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