



**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
 MEETING MINUTESⁱ
 OCTOBER 15-16, 2025**

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

Additional Public Participation:
 Teleconference/WebEx Events

Recordings of the webcast are available here:
 Agenda Items 1-8 and 11 (https://youtu.be/nCpYllcxl_8)
 Agenda Items 9-10, 12, and 21-25 (<https://youtu.be/34Lg-VJXA20>)

10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Members Present:	Management Staff Present:
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	Jessica Siefertman, Executive Officer (EO)
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	Matt McKinney, Deputy EO
Christina Bradbury, DVM	Patty Rodriguez, Enforcement Manager
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
Steven Manyak, DVM	Robert Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	Legal Affairs Division Staff Present:
	Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, Regulations Counsel, Attorney III
Student Liaisons Present:	Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV
Sebastian Lidikay, UC Davis	
Anna Styles, Western University	Other Staff and Guests Present: On File

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

Board President, Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. EO, Jessica Siefertman, called roll, and a quorum was established.

2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Nancy Ehrlich](#), RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association

3. [Review and Approval of July 16-17, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion: Christina Bradbury, DVM, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to approve the July 16-17, 2025 meeting minutes, as amended.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 6-0-1, with Dr. Tomlinson abstaining.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	X			
Christina Bradbury, DVM	X			
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	X			
Steven Manyak, DVM	X			
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM			X	

4. [Report and Update from Department of Consumer Affairs \(DCA\)](#)

There was no action or public comment on this item.

5. [Presentation from the American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\) Regarding Their Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates \(ECFVG\) Certification Program](#)—*Maci Kirk, DVM, ECFVG Program Manager, and Jim Weisman, ECFVG Chief of Academic Affairs*

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Marissa Silva](#), DVM, California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), Animal Health and Food Safety Services (AHFSS), Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship (AUS) Program

6. [Presentation from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards \(AAVSB\) Regarding Their Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence \(PAVE\)](#)—*Channing Benson, Program Manager, Exams, AAVSB*

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on this item.

7. **Review and Discussion on Enforcement and Disciplinary Data Related to AVMA Accredited and Non-AVMA Accredited Veterinary Education**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Beth Venit](#), VMD, AAVSB

8. **Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Report—*Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair, MDC***

A. **Overview of October 14, 2025 MDC Meeting**

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)
- [Amanda Vance](#), DVM, CDFA, AHFSS, AUS

Additional public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Amanda Vance](#), DVM, CDFA, AHFSS, AUS

B. **Recommendation on Legislative Proposal to Amend Business and Professions Code (BPC) 4827 Regarding Veterinary Medicine Practice Exemptions**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Motion: Christina Bradbury, DVM, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to submit to the California State Legislature the legislative proposal to amend BPC section 4827 regarding unlicensed practice, as amended.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Karen Atlas](#), President, Animal Physical Therapy Coalition (APTC)

Amended Motion: Christina Bradbury, DVM, amended her motion to additionally include new clause (vi), under subdivision (a), paragraph (1), subparagraph (C), to the legislative proposal to amend BPC section 4827 regarding unlicensed practice, which reads, "Venipuncture for diagnostic purposes." Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, accepted the amendment to the motion.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Beth Venit](#), VMD, AAVSB
- [Carrie Ann Calay](#)

The motion carried 7-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	X			
Christina Bradbury, DVM	X			
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	X			
Steven Manyak, DVM	X			
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

9. [Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2025 Legislation Impacting the Board, DCA, and/or the Veterinary Profession](#)

A. **Animal Care Services: Is there a Role for Human Healthcare Providers?**
Informational Hearing, Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on this item.

B. **Implementation Plan for Chaptered 2025 Legislation**

1. **Assembly Bill (AB) 516 (Kalra, 2025) Registered Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants: Scope of Practice**
2. **AB 867 (Lee, 2025) Veterinary Medicine: Cat Declawing**
3. **AB 1502 (Berman, 2025) Veterinary Medicine: California Veterinary Medical Board**
4. **AB 1505 (Committee on Agriculture, 2025) Food and Agriculture: Omnibus Bill**
5. **Senate Bill (SB) 602 (Cortese, 2025) Veterinarians: Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Karen Atlas](#), President, APTC

10. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Pending Regulations

A. [Status on Pending Regulations](#)

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on this item.

B. [Previously Approved Text to Amend California Code of Regulations \(CCR\), Title 16, Sections 2030, 2030.05, 2030.1, 2030.2, and 2030.3 \(Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises\)](#)

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA

Motion: Christina Bradbury, DVM, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to approve the proposed modified text as discussed at this meeting for a 15-day comment period and, if there are no adverse comments received during that 15-day public comment period, delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to adopt the proposed regulatory changes, as modified, and also delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical or non-substantive changes that may be required in completing the rulemaking file.

There was no additional public comment on this item.

The motion carried 7-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	X			
Christina Bradbury, DVM	X			
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	X			
Steven Manyak, DVM	X			
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

11. [Student Liaison Reports](#)

A. University of California, Davis Liaison—*Sebastian Lidikay*

B. Western University of Health Sciences Liaison—*Anna Styles*

There was no action on these items.

Public comment was received from:

- [Marissa Silva](#), DVM, CDFA, AHFSS, AUS

12. Recess Open Session until October 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Solacito recessed open session at 4:46 p.m.

9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 16, 2025

Members Present:	Management Staff Present:
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	Jessica Siefertman, EO
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	Matt McKinney, Deputy EO
Christina Bradbury, DVM	Patty Rodriguez, Enforcement Manager
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
Steven Manyak, DVM	Robert Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager
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	Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, Regulations Counsel, Attorney III
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Anna Styles, Western University	
	Other Staff and Guests Present: On File

13. Reconvene Open Session – Establishment of a Quorum

Board President, Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, called the meeting to order at 8:59 a.m. EO, Jessica Siefertman, called roll, and a quorum was established.

14. Special Order of Business

A. Hearing on Petition for Termination of Probation of Kim Lewis Kuhlmann, DVM, License No. VET 8208

Meeting materials available [here](#).

B. Hearing on Petition for Termination of Probation of Kenneth Carl Allison, DVM, License No. VET 11482

Meeting materials available [here](#).

15. Recess Open Session

Dr. Solacito recessed open session at 10:58 a.m.

16. Convene Closed Session

Dr. Solacito convened closed session at 11:10 a.m.

17. 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

In the Matter of the Petition for Termination of Probation of Kim Lewis Kuhlmann, DVM, License No. VET 8208; Board Case No. 4602018000299; OAH No. 2025090684.

The Board granted the petition for termination of probation.

In the Matter of the Petition for Termination of Probation of Kenneth Carl Allison, DVM, License No. VET 11482; Board Case No. 4602018000298; OAH No. 2025090678.

The Board granted the petition for termination of probation.

18. 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 the Following Matter: *Gurdeep Deol, DVM v. Veterinary Medical Board*, Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2402058

This item was not discussed.

19. Pursuant to Government Code Section [11126\(a\)\(1\)](#), the Board Will Meet in Closed Session to Discuss the Executive Officer Evaluation

The Board discussed the EO evaluation.

20. Adjourn Closed Session

Dr. Solacito adjourned Closed Session at 12:44 p.m.

21. [Board President Report](#)—*Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM*

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA

22. [Registered Veterinary Technician Report](#)—*Kristi Pawlowski, RVT*

There was no action or public comment on this item.

23. [Executive Management Reports](#)

A. Administration

Meeting materials available [here](#).

B. Examination/Licensing

Meeting materials available [here](#).

C. Enforcement

Meeting materials available [here](#).

D. Outreach

Meeting materials available [here](#).

E. Strategic Plan

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on these items.

24. [Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates](#)

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Karen Atlas](#), President, APTC

25. [Election of 2026 Board Officers](#)

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Steven Manyak, DVM, seconded a motion to appoint Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, as the 2026 Board President.

There was no public comment on this motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	X			
Christina Bradbury, DVM	X			
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	X			
Steven Manyak, DVM	X			
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

Motion: Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, moved and Steven Manyak, DVM, seconded a motion to appoint Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, as the 2026 Board Vice President.

There was no public comment on this motion.

The motion carried 7-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	X			
Christina Bradbury, DVM	X			
Patrick Espinoza, Esq.	X			
Steven Manyak, DVM	X			
Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

26. Adjournment

Dr. Solacito adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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