

MEMORANDUM

DATE	October 2, 2026
TO	California Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	<u>Enforcement Managers</u> Patty Rodriguez Robert Stephanopoulos
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 13.C. Enforcement Report

Inspections

In July, Tyler Technologies released the Mobile Inspection Platform (MIP) iOS application. The release will improve inspection workflow in the field, as the app will operate in the field without the need for Wi-Fi. During the July 21, Inspector Round Table, a Technology Specialist from DCA's Office of Information Services provided an overview to the inspectors to familiarize them with the new iOS application.

On July 28, OIS released an MIP update that included bug fixes and updated the inspection reports to conform with the current statutory and regulatory codes. Staff continue to work with OIS staff on implementing use of the iOS application and identifying any issues that arise.

The next Inspector Round Table will be held in November.

Intake

Due to several large Public Records Act (PRA) requests and the temporary leave of one Intake Technician, the Intake Unit experienced increases in both complaints pending at Intake and cycle time to assign complaints to an Enforcement Analyst. Since our prior Board meeting, cycle times have risen from four days to nine days, and the number of pending complaints rose from 10 to 47. These numbers are expected to return to normal next month when these PRA requests are completed and the Intake Technician returns from leave.

Investigations

As reported at the prior Board meeting, in Fiscal Year (FY) 25/26 the Board received a record 2,300 complaints, a six percent increase over FY 24/25. Early FY 26/27 trends indicate the Board is on track to receive another record number of complaints, exceeding FY 25/26's numbers by seven percent.

The decline in case closures, combined with the continued increase in complaint volume, pending cases have risen to 3,866. Improvements to this pending number are

anticipated now that in-house stipulated settlements have begun to be issued, and the unit is expected to return to full staffing next month.

Subject Matter Expert (Expert) Program

Since the prior Board meeting, the Enforcement Subcommittee (Subcommittee) developed a standardized Expert template, four sample reports, and a medical-record reference aid to improve the quality and consistency of Expert reviews.

In FY 25/26, Consultants reviewed 808 cases, with 40 percent requiring Expert evaluation; early FY 26/27 trends project total Consultant reviews to be similar. The Board closed 301 Expert-reviewed cases in FY 25/26, with 93 percent resulting in no citation or discipline, and based on current trends these closures are expected to rise by 22 percent in FY 26/27. Cases pending Expert review currently total 582, while cases pending Consultant reviews have increased significantly due to proactive intake practices, reaching 1,497.

As a result of the increase in the number of Experts, per the related strategic plan item, No. 3.4, Board staff have begun holding Expert onboarding meetings. The objective of the Onboarding meetings is to provide new Experts an overview of the enforcement and Expert review processes. In addition, as part of the onboarding process, the Subcommittee has begun reviewing practice reports from these new Experts, providing them with direct feedback. Onboarding meetings will be held every few weeks or as needed depending on the number of newly contracted Experts.

No Expert or Consultant Round Tables were held during the prior quarter due to scheduling conflicts.

Probation

The Probation Monitor is actively investigating 20 pending enforcement complaints against 11 probationers. Currently, there are two Petitions for Early Termination and one Petition for Reinstatement pending with the Probation Unit. The Board currently has 59 probationers, six of which are tolling.

Disciplinary Action Vote Results

Since the last Board meeting, the Board reviewed the following disciplinary matters:

STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS	VOTE	RESULT
Amritpal Anand, DVM (Case No. 4602018000444)	8 – Adopt 1 – Hold	Adopt
Karambir Bhullar, DVM (Case No. 4602024000113)	6 – Adopt 3 – Hold	Held
David Imbach, DVM (Case No. 4602020001104)	9 – Adopt	Adopt

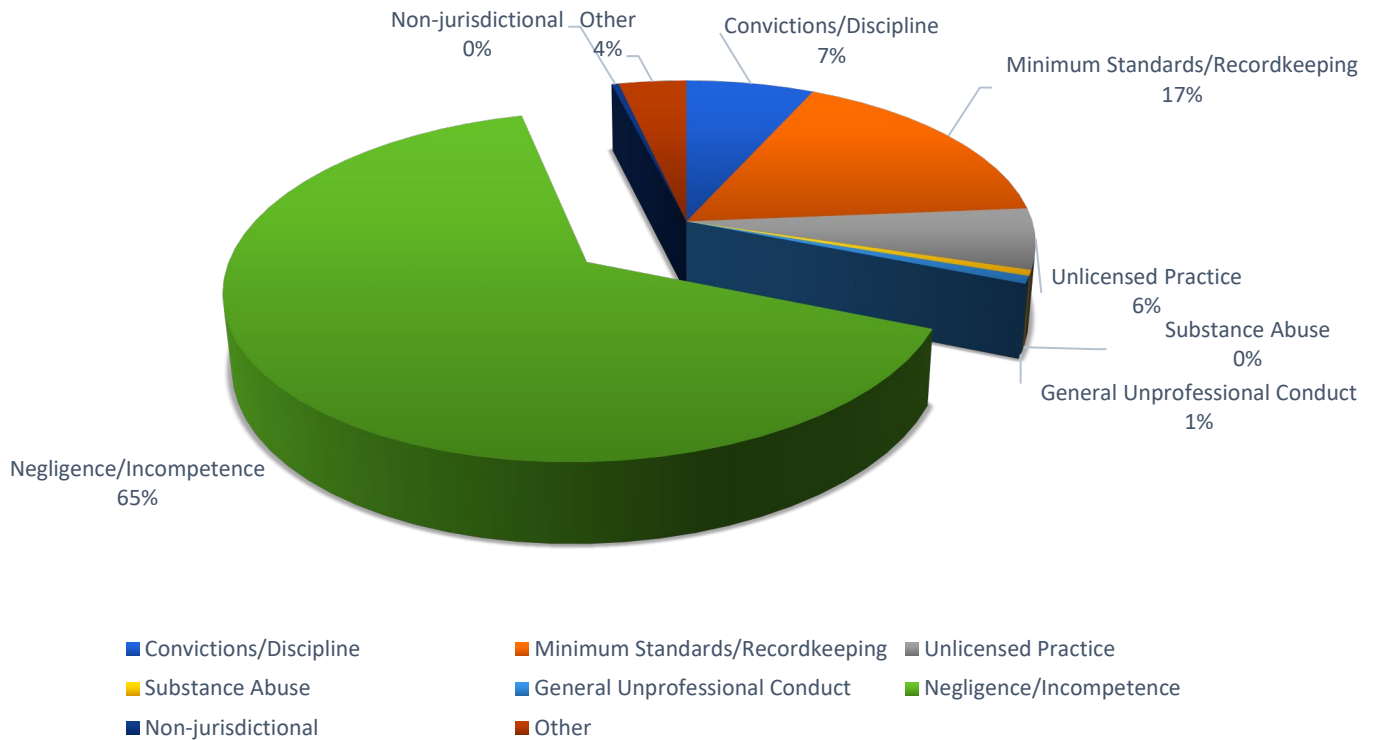
Harbinder Randhawa, DVM (Case No. 4602021001331)	8 – Adopt	Adopt
DEFAULT DECISION		
Leon Thiessen, DVM (Case No. 4602020000226)	7 -Adopt 1 – Recuse	Adopt
PROPOSED DECISIONS		
Bartholomew Bottoms, DVM (Case No. 4602020000542)	8 – Adopt 1 – Hold	Adopt
Daniel Slaton, DVM (Case No. 4602021001611)	8 – Adopt 1 – Hold	Adopt
James Clark, DVM (Case No. 4602025000830)	7 – Adopt 1 – Abstain 1 – Recuse	Adopt
PETITION	VOTE	RESULT
Diana L. Jones, DVM (Case No. 4602019000142)	1 – Adopt 7 - Deny	Denied

STIPULATED SURRENDERS (Pursuant to California Code of Regulations § 2003)		
David Harris, DVM (Case No. 4602025000662)		
Hong Kim, DVM (Case No. 4602021001270)		
Gay Naiditch, DVM (Case No. 4602021001321)		
Christopher Griffin, VACS (Case No. 4602025000994)		
Brooke Hertel, VASC (Case No. 4602025001806)		

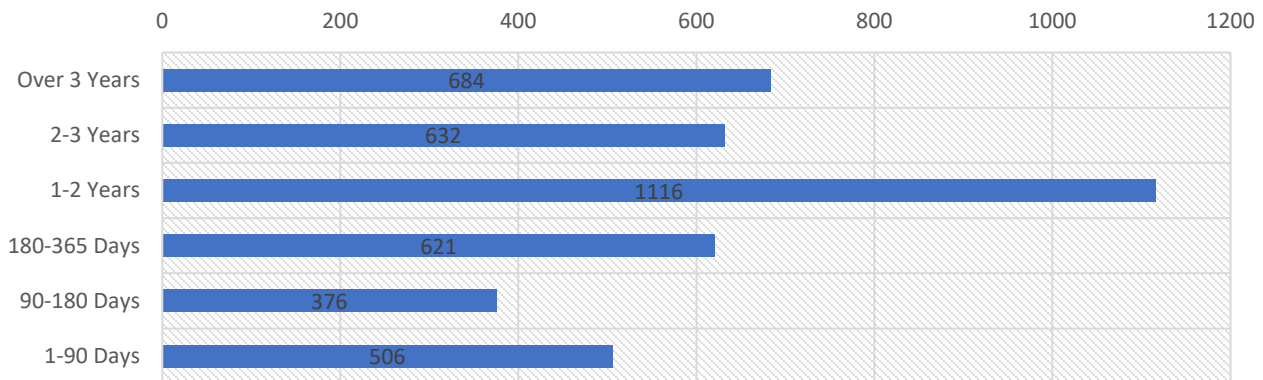
Attachments

1. Enforcement Statistics

FY 26/27 YTD Complaints Received by Violation Type



Pending Cases



Summary of Enforcement Activity									
Enforcement Activity	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27			
Complaints – Intake (+ Conviction Arrest Notification Complaints)	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	July	August	September	YTD
Received	1,696	1,808	1,871	2,163	2,300	225	208	185	618
Closed Without Referral for Investigation	80	70	95	122	247	26	3	1	30
Referred for Investigation	1,634	1,716	1,790	2,057	2,049	187	130	241	558
Pending	10	33	17	4	10	22	104	47	47
Inspections									
Conducted	41	116	182	203	309	30	29	20	79
Citations Issued	10	5	3	3	1	0	0	1	1
Disciplinary Action Taken	1	1	3	1	6	1	3	0	4
Investigations									
Open	1,634	1,716	1,790	2,057	2,049	187	130	241	558
Closed	1,279	1,942	2,023	2,167	1,912	157	148	134	439
Pending	3,848	3,722	3,565	3,487	3,718	3,756	3,755	3,866	3,866
Cases Closed within Timeframe to Complete Intake and Investigations									
Up to 90 Days	263	446	387	560	534	58	51	57	166
91 to 180 Days	67	79	102	133	182	18	20	11	49
181 Days to 1 Year	118	171	158	221	220	7	8	14	29
1 to 2 Years	151	307	309	343	301	17	19	10	46
2 to 3 Years	166	300	415	353	408	37	29	22	88
Over 3 Years	514	639	652	556	267	20	21	20	61
Average Number of Days from Receipt of Complaint to Assignment of Investigator (start of investigation)	9	7	8	3	4	3	9	15	9
Average Number of Days for All Investigation Outcomes (from start investigation to referral for prosecution or case closure without referral for prosecution)	772	705	767	662	563	550	519	487	520
Average Number of Days from Receipt of Complaint to Referral for Prosecution or Case Closure Without Referral for Prosecution	789	721	777	669	567	553	522	493	524
Citations and Fines									
Issued without a Fine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Issued with a Fine	42	23	18	31	13	0	0	1	1
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Reduced	6	10	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Average Number of Days to Issue a Citation and Fine (from complaint receipt/inspection conducted to citation issued)	1,308	1,456	1,386	1,415	1,253	0	0	426	426
Administrative Fines	2	8	11	5	12	2	3	0	5
Total Amount of Fines									
Assessed	\$198,250	\$131,000	\$115,178	\$164,000	\$149,500	\$10,000	\$12,500	\$5,000	\$27,500
Withdrawn/Dismissed/Reduced	\$2,501	\$22,251	\$60,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Collected	\$129,366	\$103,208	\$111,457	\$119,637	\$59,228	\$21,463	\$7,748	\$17,195	\$46,406
Criminal/Civil Actions									
Referrals for Criminal/Civil Action	3	2	7	13	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Actions Filed	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Civil Actions Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Office of the Attorney General/ In-House/ Disciplinary Actions									
Cases Opened/Initiated (total)	64	71	130	226	109	1	3	1	5
Cases Closed (total)	20	38	65	42	126	3	18	17	38
Consolidated Cases Closed	5	20	44	8	95	1	13	13	27
Cases Pending - AG Pre-Filing	55	76	128	303	133	127	123	112	112
Cases Pending - AG Post-Filing	34	34	40	42	171	171	160	150	150
Number of Days to Complete AG or In-House Cases									
Up to 1 Year	8	14	35	30	21	2	3	2	7
1 to 2 Years	3	19	26	10	55	1	5	8	14
2 to 3 Years	2	4	4	1	14	0	10	3	13
Over 3 Years	5	0	0	1	36	0	0	4	4
Formal Actions Filed/Withdrawn/Dismissed									
Restraining/Restriction/Suspension Orders Sought	1	1	5	4	5	0	0	1	1
Restraining/Restriction/Suspension Orders Granted	1	1	2	0	6	0	0	1	1
Accusations Filed	25	21	31	29	39	2	1	1	4
Petitions to Revoke Probation and Accusations, and Petitions to Revoke Probation Filed	0	13	4	9	6	0	0	0	0
Accusations Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Petitions to Revoke Probation and Accusations, and Petitions to Revoke Probation Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Administrative Outcomes/Final Orders									
Revocation	3	2	4	5	8	0	2	1	3
Surrender of License	4	3	9	7	13	0	2	3	5
Probation with Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probation Only	8	13	14	10	18	3	6	0	9
Public Reprimand/Public Reprimand/Public Letter of Reprimand	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	18	27	23	39	3	10	4	17
Average Number of Days from Closure of Investigation to Imposing Formal Discipline	707	514	514	376	574	513	607	607	600
Average Number of Days to Impose Discipline	1496	1402	1800	1455	1781	1900	2583	1063	1849
Probation									
Probations Completed	19	18	18	8	13	4	2	1	7
Probationers Pending	58	55	52	57	61	59	60	59	59
Cease Practice Orders Issued	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	1
Substance Abusing Licensees									
Probationers Subject to Drug Testing	25	20	10	7	12	12	12	12	12
Drug Tests ordered	773	497	281	196	371	50	45	48	143
Positive Drug Tests	198	158	49	32	76	9	7	4	20
Subsequent Discipline									
Probations Revoked	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Probationers License Surrendered	0	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Additional Probation with Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Probation Only	1	0	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
Other Conditions Added Only	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Probation Outcome	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Applicant Action									
License Application Denied (No Appeal)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statement of Issues Filed	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
License Applications Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued with Probation or Probationary License Issued	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
License Granted (Statement of Issues Denied)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(License Issued with a Public Letter of Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statement of Issues Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation									
Granted	0	2	0	4	4	1	0	0	1
Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License/Registration/Certification									
Granted	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued with No Restrictions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued and Placed on Probation	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Issued and Placed on Probation with Precedent Condition	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other Decisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denied	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Administrative/Criminal Cost Recovery									
Administrative Cost Recovery Ordered (Total)	\$106,625	\$319,398	\$220,298	\$233,948	\$151,216	\$10,623	\$55,419	\$0	\$66,042
Ordered with Revoked/Surrendered Decision	N/A	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ordered with All Other Decisions	\$106,625	\$319,398	\$220,298	\$233,948	\$151,216	\$10,623	\$55,419	\$0	\$66,042
Administrative Cost Recovery Collected	\$29,193	\$100,876	\$340,969	\$255,930	\$181,519	\$4,259	\$14,868	\$12,566	\$31,694
Criminal Cost Recover Ordered	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Criminal Cost Recover Collected	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Restitution to Consumers/Refunds/Savings									
Restitution Ordered	\$13,251	\$18,683	\$6,328	\$3,578	\$12,973	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Amount Refunded	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rework at no Charge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Adjustments/Returns/Exchanges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Savings Achieved for Consumers	\$13,251	\$18,683	\$6,328	\$3,578	\$12,973	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0