



**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD  
 MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>  
 OCTOBER 14, 2025**

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

**Additional Public Participation:**  
 Teleconference/WebEx Events

**Recording of the webcast is available here:**  
 Agenda Items 1-12 (<https://youtu.be/-qg9hn-zRuY>)

**10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Management Staff Present:</b>
Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair	Jessica Siefertman, Executive Officer (EO)
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice Chair	Matt McKinney, Deputy EO
Kathy Bowler	Alicia Hernandez, Administration/Licensing Manager
Jeni Goedken, DVM	Patty Rodriguez, Enforcement Manager
Mark Nunez, DVM	Justin Sotelo, Policy Specialist
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Board Liaison	Robert Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager
Leah Shufelt, RVT	
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, Board Liaison	<b>Legal Affairs Division Staff Present:</b>
Richard Sullivan, DVM	Elizabeth Dietzen-Olsen, Regulations Counsel, Attorney III
	Tara Welch, Board Counsel, Attorney IV
	<b>Other Staff and Guests Present: On File</b>

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

Committee Chair, Marie Ussery, RVT, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. EO, Jessica Siefertman, called roll, and a quorum was established. Mark Nunez, DVM, was absent from roll call, but arrived at 10:58 a.m.

**2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**3. Review and Approval of July 15, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Kathy Bowler moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to approve the July 15, 2025 Committee meeting minutes, as amended.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 7-0-1, with Dr. Sullivan abstaining. Dr. Nunez was absent for the vote.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair	X			
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM				X
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM			X	

**4. Committee Chair Report—Marie Ussery, RVT**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**5. Presentation Regarding Mobile Animal Sterilization Hospital (MASH) Clinics—Emma Clifford, Founder/Director, Animal Balance, Dina Allison, DVM, Medical Director, Animal Balance and Bruce Wagman, Esq., San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF SPCA)**

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)
- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst
- [Chazney Johnson](#), Pharmacy Technician

**6. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee—Mark Nunez, DVM, and Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM**

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

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**Motion:** Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, moved and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, seconded a motion to recommend to the Board submission to the California State Legislature the legislative proposal to amend BPC section 4827 regarding unlicensed practice.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Carrie Ann Calay](#)
- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst

The motion carried 9-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
.Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair	X			
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			

**B. [Animal Shelter Community Challenges Related to Licensure and/or Practice Requirements](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

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

**7. [Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Veterinary Practice Subcommittee](#)—*Richard Sullivan, DVM, and Marie Ussery, RVT***

**A. [MASH Clinics and Minimum Standards for Alternate Veterinary Premises Rulemaking](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst

**B. Challenges Related to Licensee Manager Requirements**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst
- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Chazney Johnson](#), Pharmacy Technician

**C. Condition Specific Veterinarian–Client–Patient Relationship**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA
- [Bonnie Lutz](#), Esq., Klinedinst

**8. Update and Discussion from the Enforcement Subcommittee—*Jeni Goedken, DVM, and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM***

**A. Consultant and Subject Matter Expert (SME) Roundtables**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**B. Post–Discipline SME Reviews and Feedback**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**C. Inspection Checklists**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on these items.

**9. Update and Discussion from the Outreach Subcommittee—*Kathy Bowler and Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM***

**A. Spectrum of Care Presentation to the Central California Veterinary Medical Association (CCVMA)**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**10. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**11. Election of 2026 Committee Officers**

**Motion:** Richard Sullivan, DVM, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to appoint Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, as the 2026 Committee Chair.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 9-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
.Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair	X			
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice Chair	X			
Kathy Bowler	X			
Jeni Goedken, DVM	X			
Mark Nunez, DVM	X			
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT	X			
Leah Shufelt, RVT	X			
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM	X			
Richard Sullivan, DVM	X			

**Motion:** Marie Ussery, RVT, moved and Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, seconded a motion to appoint Kathy Bowler as the 2026 Committee Vice Chair.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 9-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
<b>.Marie Ussery, RVT, Chair</b>	X			
<b>Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice Chair</b>	X			
<b>Kathy Bowler</b>	X			
<b>Jeni Goedken, DVM</b>	X			
<b>Mark Nunez, DVM</b>	X			
<b>Kristi Pawlowski, RVT</b>	X			
<b>Leah Shufelt, RVT</b>	X			
<b>Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM</b>	X			
<b>Richard Sullivan, DVM</b>	X			

## 12. Adjournment

Ms. Ussery adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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