



**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES¹
JANUARY 20, 2026**

Physical Location:

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

Additional Member and Public Participation:

Teleconference/WebEx Events

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Agenda Items 1-9 (<https://youtu.be/qgTHHOS613U>)

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2026

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

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

Committee Chair, Cheryl Waterhouse, 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 or public comment on this item.

3. **[Review and Approval of October 14, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes](#)**

This item was tabled to be brought back to the Board in April 2026.

Meeting materials available [here](#).

4. **[Committee Chair Report](#)—*Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM***

There was no action or public comment on this item.

5. **Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Recommendations from the Veterinary Practice Subcommittee—*Richard Sullivan, DVM, and Marie Ussery, RVT***

A. **[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](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Marie Ussery, RVT, seconded a motion to recommend to the Board submission to the California State Legislature the legislative proposal to amend BPC sections 4825.1, 4826.6, 4830, and 4840.5 regarding veterinarian-client-patient relationship and electronic veterinary services.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 8-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	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			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

B. **[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](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

Motion: Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and Marie Ussery, RVT, seconded a motion to recommend to the Board submission to the California State Legislature the 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.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 8-0.

Members	Vote			
	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Chair	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			
Marie Ussery, RVT	X			

C. California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Meeting

There was no action or public comment on this item.

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

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, California Veterinary Medical Association

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

There was no action or public comment on this item.

8. Future Agenda Items and Meeting Dates

There was no action or public comment on this item.

9. Adjournment

Dr. Waterhouse adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

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