



**CALIFORNIA VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD  
 MEETING MINUTES<sup>i</sup>  
 JANUARY 21-22, 2026**

**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 1-14 (<https://youtu.be/eB4lAqOD3Y4>)  
 Agenda Items 15-17 (<https://youtu.be/PaAtokx0wVc>)

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

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

**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 or public comment on this item.

3. [Review and Approval of October 15-16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes](#)

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

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

There was no action or public comment on this item.

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

A. [Overview of January 20, 2026 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)

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](#)

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**Motion:** C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM, moved and Christina Bradbury, DVM, seconded a motion to submit 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.

Public comment was received from:

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

The motion carried 8-0.

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

**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](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**Motion:** Christina Bradbury, DVM, moved and C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM, seconded a motion to submit 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
<b>Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President</b>	X			
<b>Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President</b>	X			
<b>Christina Bradbury, DVM</b>	X			
<b>Patrick Espinoza, Esq.</b>	X			
<b>Steven Manyak, DVM</b>	X			
<b>Evelyn Mitchell, Mayor</b>	X			
<b>Anna Orlowski, Esq.</b>	X			
<b>C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM</b>	X			

**6. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on 2025-206 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**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action or public comment on these items.

**B. [Legislative Proposal to Amend BPC Sections 130, 801, 802, 4839.5, and 4840.6, and Repeal BPC Sections 4840.9, 4841.4, and 4842 to Make Minor and Technical Revisions Regarding Veterinary Medicine](#)**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**Motion:** Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, moved and C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM, seconded a motion to submit to the California State Legislature the legislative proposal to amend BPC sections 130, 801, 4839.5, and 4840.6, and repeal BPC sections 4840.9, 4841.4, and 4842 to make minor and technical revisions regarding veterinary medicine.

There was no public comment on this item.

The motion carried 8-0.

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			
Anna Orlowski, Esq.	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

**C. [Other Potential 2026 Legislation](#)**

- Continuing Education for Pro-Bono Spay and Neuter Services**
- Registered Veterinary Technician Scope of Practice**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

There was no action on this item.

Public comment was received from:

- [Stephen Niño Cital](#), RVT, Director, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association (CaRVTA)
- [Grant Miller](#), DVM, Director of Regulatory Affairs, CVMA

**7. 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 2036.5, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, and 2094 Regarding Veterinary Drug Compounding**

This item was not discussed.

**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**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**C. Call for Nominations**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**Motion:** Christina Bradbury, DVM, moved and C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM, seconded a motion to nominate Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, for the AAVSB Nominating Committee.

There was no public comment on these items or on the motion.

The motion carried 8-0.

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			
Anna Orlowski, Esq.	X			
C. Mike Tomlinson, DVM	X			

**9. Student Liaison Reports**

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

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

There was no action or public comment on these items.

**10. Board President Report—Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**11. Registered Veterinary Technician Report—Kristi Pawlowski, RVT**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**12. 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.

**13. Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates**

There was no action or public comment on this item.

**14. Recess Open Session until January 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Dr. Solacito recessed open session at 3:04 p.m.

**9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2026**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Management Staff Present:</b>
Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, President	Jessica Sieferman, EO
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, Vice President	Matt McKinney, Deputy EO
Christina Bradbury, DVM	Patty Rodriguez, Enforcement Manager
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	<b>Other Staff and Guests Present:</b> On File

**15. Reconvene Open Session – Establishment of a Quorum**

Board President, Maria Preciosa S. Solacito, DVM, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. EO, Jessica Sieferman, called roll a quorum was established.

**16. Special Order of Business**

**A. Hearing on Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of Ryan Carpenter, DVM, License No. 15878**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**B. Hearing on Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of Cathaleen Canfield, DVM, License No. 12992**

Meeting materials available [here](#).

**17. Recess Open Session**

Dr. Solacito recessed open session at 11:16 a.m.

**18. Convene Closed Session**

Dr. Solacito convened Closed Session on January 21, 2026, at 3:17 p.m.

Dr. Solacito reconvened Closed Session on January 22, 2026, at 11:22 a.m.

**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**

In the Matter of the Accusation Against Lauryn Harker, RVT Registration No. 9242; Board Case No. 4602022001335; OAH Case No. [not provided]

The Board rejected the stipulated settlement and proposed a counteroffer.

In the Matter of the Accusation Against Grace Roberts, DVM, Veterinarian License No. VET 13411, and Veterinary Premises Registration No. 6885; Board Case No. 4602019001345; OAH Case No. 2025061083

The Board rejected the stipulated settlement and proposed a counteroffer.

In the Matter of the Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of Ryan Carpenter, DVM, License No. VET 15878; Board Case No. 4602021000379; OAH No. [missed].

The Board granted the petition for early termination of probation.

In the Matter of the Petition for Early Termination or Modification of Probation of Cathaleen Canfield, DVM, License No. VET 12992; Board Case No. 4602021; OAH No. 2025090678.

The Board granted the petition for early termination of probation.

**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 Legislation**

**A. *Gurdeep Deol, DVM v. Veterinary Medical Board, Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. CVPS2402058***

The Board was advised that a decision was rendered and that no further Board action was needed.

**B. *Amy Edelen v. Department of Consumer Affairs, Veterinary Medical Board, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 25WM000190***

This item was not discussed.

**21. Adjourn Closed Session**

Dr. Solacito recessed Closed Session on January 21, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Solacito adjourned Closed Session on January 22, 2026, at 11:49 a.m.

**22. Adjournment**

Dr. Solacito adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

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