

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: PVL Exam Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Webinar
<https://youtu.be/LiHPhBKxoPM>

Members Present: Marcella Chock, Chairperson
Lisa Wood, D.V.M., Vice-Chairperson
Tiffany Hummel, D.V.M. Member
Aileen Wada, Public Member

Members Excused: Kimberley Thomson-Kerr, D.V.M., Member
Gabrielle Asay, D.V.M., Member

Staff Present: Adrian Stinardo, Executive Officer ("EO Stinardo")
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG Wong")
David Winber, Administrative Assistant
Toni Arzaga, Technical Support

Guests: Scott Young
Dr. Candace Denham

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).

A brief video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: Chair Chock proceeded with roll call. All Board members confirmed they were present. Those joining by videoconference confirmed they were present and alone. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m.

Agenda Correction: There was a typo on agenda item number 5; "Senate Bill 483" was clarified to be "Senate Bill 2158".

Approval of the
December 10, 2025

Minutes:

The Board discussed corrections to the dates shown on the meeting minutes of December 10, 2025.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wada, seconded by Dr. Hummel, it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes, as is, of the December 10, 2025, meeting.

New Business:

Dr. Candace Denham, a licensed Hawaii veterinarian, provided testimony. Dr. Denham asked for clarification on telemedicine legislation, specifically regarding the establishment of a veterinarian-client-patient relationships (VCPRs) for prescriptions. The Board acknowledged Dr. Denham's inquiry and indicated it would be discussed further in Executive Session.

A. Appointment of Legislative Liaisons

EO Stinardo described the role of the Legislative Liaisons as primary contacts for the Legislature on behalf of the Board, especially for bills that may require testimony in advance of scheduled Board meetings. Dr. Wood expressed willingness to continue in the role. Dr. Hummel volunteered to be the second liaison.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wada, seconded by Dr. Chock, it was voted on and unanimously carried to designate Dr. Wood and Dr. Hummel as the primary and secondary Legislative Liaisons for the Board.

B. Board discussion on Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) requirements for telemedicine

Dr. Denham, a licensed veterinarian in Hawaii, requested clarification on legislative language regarding the establishment of a VCPR for prescription purposes. Specifically, she sought guidance on the provision allowing an on-call veterinarian with access to full medical records to establish the necessary relationship, even when an in-person visit is typically required. To illustrate, Dr. Denham presented a scenario involving a patient on an outer island who had been seen within the past year and had a history of chronic urinary tract infections. She questioned whether having full medical records available for review would suffice to establish a VCPR for immediate antibiotic prescription purposes, or if stricter in-person requirements would still apply.

The Board deferred further discussion on this matter to Executive Session.

Adjudicatory Matters: Request for removal of license restriction – Candice Denham

Dr. Denham formally requested the removal of the condition on her license and gave background on how she received disciplinary action against her license in Nevada, stating that her State and Federal Drug

Enforcement Administration licenses are currently compliant with regulations.

Ms. Wada moved to enter Executive Session to discuss items 2.B. and 3.A. and 4, Dr. Hummel Seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously at 10:40 a.m.

Ms. Wada moved to leave Executive Session, Dr. Hummel seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously at 11:26 a.m.

After returning from executive session, the board discussed Agenda Item 2B. Informally, the interpretation of the VCPR requirements for telemedicine, based on existing statutes, is that the veterinarian should have knowledge to initiate a general or preliminary diagnosis and be personally acquainted with the care, implying an examination or a relationship with the animal within the past year. The Board further clarified that a positional statement would be drafted by EO Stinardo, and approved by Dr. Wood to be posted to the Board's website.

A motion was made by Ms. Wada to accept Dr. Denham's request for removal of license restrictions, seconded by Dr. Wood. Dr. Hummel recused herself from the vote. Due to insufficient quorum, the motion did not carry, and the decision was deferred by the Board to a later meeting date. Despite the deferral, EO Stinardo clarified that the existing settlement agreement, requiring Dr. Denham to be supervised by a licensed veterinarian, remains in effect.

Applications:

A. Ratification of Issued Licenses

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| i. | VE-1307 | KAITLIN COLLEEN ESSON |
| ii. | VE-1308 | ZACHARIAS GARDENFORS |
| iii. | VE-1309 | CYNTHIA LYNN MITCHELL |
| iv. | VE-1310 | AMY LEIGH DOUGLAS |
| v. | VE-1311 | RACHEL ANN RUBENSTIEN |
| vi. | VE-1312 | JENNA THI PHAM |
| vii. | VE-1313 | RAJEEV K MISHRA |
| viii. | VE-1314 | LAURA GHIN MEI OKAZAKI |
| ix. | VE-1315 | KELSI CHRISTINE EARLY DOSTAL |
| x. | VT-286 | ROSELLE VALIENTE GUARIN |
| xi. | VT-287 | SIERRA SAGE DAVIS |
| xii. | VT-288 | SARAH L SIEGEMUND |
| xiii. | VT-289 | DEANNAEN R. C. LATOSKY |

B. Ratification of Courtesy/Relief Permits

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| i. | VECR-138 | KATRINA ABAD BILLOTE |
| ii. | VECR-139 | TAYLOR ANNE GOLDMAN |
| iii. | VECR-140 | SAMNTHA SUE WONG |

Dr. Wood motioned to approve the RAT lists, Dr. Hummel seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion carried unanimously.

- C. Application Review -None
- D. Ratification of Military/Spouse Licenses - None
- E. Ratification of Courtesy/Relief Permits - None
- F. Restored Licenses - None

Legislative Session
2026:

EO Stinardo gave background of Bill 2158 and outcome of the Public Hearing. The Board maintained their position from the 2025 session, appreciating the bill's intent but noting their lack of structure or staffing to administer a special fund of the suggested scale.

Executive Officer
Report

EO Stinardo reported the results for the State Veterinary Licensing Board Examinations for the months of November, December, and January.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting (TBA)
and
In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Adrian Stinardo

/s/ David Winber

Adrian Stinardo
Executive Officer

David Winber
Administrative Assistant

04/28/2026

[] Minutes approved as is.

[X] Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of May 20, 2026 Meeting