

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING<sup>1</sup>**

Date: May 20, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Webinar  
<https://youtu.be/dtT3eGR0xpo?si=Zt2j42Wllw8p5V1P>

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

Members Excused: Kimberley Thomson-Kerr, D.V.M., Member  
Tiffany Hummel, D.V.M., Member

Staff Present: Adrian Stinardo, Executive Officer (“EO Stinardo”)  
Chrissy Hoogland, Executive Officer (“EO Hoogland”)  
Ashley Tanaka, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Tanaka”)  
David Winber, Administrative Assistant  
Toni Arzaga, Technical Support

Guests: Dr. Beth Venit  
Tim Kolb  
Dr. Candace Denham  
Scott Young

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

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<sup>1</sup> Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

present and alone. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

Agenda Correction: There was a typo on agenda item number 3A; "AAVBS" which was clarified to be "AABSB" and agenda item number 8B; "November, December 2025, and January 2026" which was clarified to be "February, March, and April 2026".

Approval of the Minutes:

**Approval of the Executive Session and Open Session Minutes of February 18, 2026 Meeting**

EO Hoogland noted a typo under the approval of the December 10, 2025, minutes, requesting that "Dr. Asay" be corrected to "Dr. Hummel." DAG Tanaka added that the parentheses around "Drug Enforcement Administration" should be removed and the acronym "DEA" deleted. Ms. Wada requested that "Dr. Wada" be corrected to "Ms. Wada" in both the Open Session and Executive Session minutes.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wada, seconded by Dr. Asay, it was unanimously carried to approve the Open Session and Executive Session minutes of the February 18, 2026, meeting, with corrections.

New Business:

**Presentation by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) on the benefits and value of its membership as presented in a May 2026 outreach, presented by Dr. Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer, AAVSB.**

Dr. Beth Venit, AAVSB Chief Veterinary Officer, and Dr. Tim Kolb, President of the AAVSB Board of Directors, delivered an outreach presentation regarding their services and efforts to improve board efficiency and effectiveness. Services included data exchange programs for licensure and disciplinary actions, standardized continuing education and international equivalence assessments, and regulatory support and networking opportunities.

EO Stinardo acknowledged the usefulness of the disciplinary notifications Hawaii receives from the AAVSB. He noted that while Hawaii statutes require licensees to report their own discipline, they often fail to do so, making the AAVSB's notifications valuable. He discussed technical barriers in submitting disciplinary data and bulk license information.

Ms. Wada shared an experience volunteering with AAVSB committees, noting that it was a source of valuable ideas. Dr. Hummel stated that the AAVSB practice models are excellent resources.

Old Business:

**Discussion on the Guidance Regarding Vet Client-Patient Relationship and Prescription Requirements**

EO Hoogland provided background information regarding an inquiry from a prior meeting regarding Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)

requirements for telemedicine, noting that the draft positional statement generally follows guidelines recommended by the AAVSB.

Dr. Wood affirmed that the guidance's requirement for at least one physical, in-person exam aligned with organizations like the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). She questioned whether the disclaimer in the draft stating "that this is not an official opinion or decision" needs to be included. DAG Tanaka offered to consult with the incoming permanent DAG regarding this specific language.

Dr. Candace Denham asked for clarification regarding whether a veterinarian could establish a valid VCPR and prescribe medications by relying on third-party medical records for patients on outer islands with chronic conditions. Dr. Wood clarified that while an in-person exam by a colleague or associate within the same practice is acceptable, national regulatory standards do not recognize a valid VCPR when a veterinarian prescribes based entirely on an examination conducted by an unrelated, third-party practice. Dr. Wood noted that the draft language would be reviewed to ensure this distinction is clear.

The agenda item was deferred pending further review of the draft text and consultation with the incoming DAG.

**Adjudicatory Matters: Request for removal of license restrictions – Candice Denham**

Dr. Asay moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the removal of restrictions, Ms. Wada Seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion carried unanimously at 10:51 a.m.

Ms. Wada moved to leave Executive Session, Dr. Wood seconded the motion, the Board voted and the motion carried unanimously at 11:13 a.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Wada to accept Dr. Denham's request for removal of license restrictions, seconded by Dr. Wood. Dr. Asay 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.

**Applications: Ratification Lists**

A. Ratification of Issued Licenses

- i. i. VE-1316-0 JENNIFER LYNNE WILCOX
- ii. ii. VE-1317-0 Sara Dodd
- iii. iii. VE-1318-0 SHANNON MICHELLE BERTOLINO
- iv. iv. VE-1319-0 DANIEL ROBERT FRENCH
- v. v. VE-1320-0 Brooke Marie Hall
- vi. vi. VE-1321-0 MARTHA ELLEN EDWARDS
- vii. vii. VE-1322-0 Roxanna Bell Cornelius

- viii. viii. VE-1323-0 Alyssa Brynn Carpenter
- ix. ix. VE-1324-0 TANIA WHITE

B. Ratification of Courtesy/Relief Permits

- i. VECR-141-0 Jesslyn Nathania
- ii. VECR-142-0 Kelsey Piper McCoy

Ms. Wada motioned to approve the RAT lists, Dr. Asay seconded the motion, the Board voted, and the motion carried unanimously.

Legislative Session  
2026:

**SB874**

EO Hoogland provided background and a status update on Senate Bill 874, explaining that the bill requires veterinarians to provide a written prescription upon a client's request so it can be filled at an outside pharmacy. Having passed both the House and the Senate, the bill is currently awaiting the Governor's signature.

During the discussion, Dr. Asay inquired whether charging for a prescription is permitted under the bill. EO Stinando clarified that language regarding payment or fees for writing prescriptions is not included in the current text. Dr. Asay noted that while she understands the differing perspectives on the matter, she ultimately disagrees with the practice of charging clients a fee to write prescriptions.

Dr. Asay expressed concern that some practices may overcharge for medications, which drives consumers to look outside the practice for more affordable options. However, she noted that filling prescriptions outside a veterinary office carries risks, such as clients inadvertently obtaining non-pharmaceutical or incorrect products from online or compounding pharmacies. She added that pharmacies catering primarily to human medicine can sometimes struggle with veterinary-specific prescriptions.

The Chair noted that fulfillment experiences depend heavily on the specific pharmacy, adding that pharmacies have always been legally able to fill veterinary prescriptions, though some veterinarians remain unaware that they must allow clients to use outside pharmacies. Dr. Asay clarified that while some human pharmacies utilize specialized reference books and are highly skilled in dispensing animal medications, others employ pharmacists who are new to veterinary scripts and may struggle. The Chair concluded by emphasizing that the core objective of the bill is to grant consumers the option to shop around.

Executive Officer  
Report:

**Notice of Accreditation Actions by the American Veterinary Medical Association Council on Education Spring 2026**

EO Hoogland noted the notice contains accreditation actions taken in Spring 2026.

There was no public testimony or board comment.

**Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination for February, March, April 2026**

EO Hoogland reported the results for the State Veterinary Licensing Board Examinations for the months of February, March, and April. Ms. Wada noted that there were an increased number of failed tests in April.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Meeting (TBA)  
and  
In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Adrian Stinardo

/s/ Chrissy Hoogland

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Adrian Stinardo  
Executive Officer

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Chrissy Hoogland  
Executive Officer

05/21/2026

- [ ] Minutes approved as is.  
[ ] Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of