

TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS MINUTES

Date: December 2, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. CST

Location: Office of Health-Related Boards
Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

Board Members Present: Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT, Board Chair
Montgomery McInturff, DVM, Vice Chair
Mark Garrett, DVM
Sarah Spidel, DVM
Cathryn Youmans, DVM, Secretary
Samantha Beaty, DVM, State Veterinarian, ex officio member

Board Members Absent: Marissa Lee, CPA, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director II
Lyndsey Boone, Regulatory Board Administrative Director I
Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel
Ellen Gose, Associate Counsel
Timothy Peters, Senior Associate Counsel

Call to Order

Ms. Wereszczak called the meeting to order at 9:01AM CST. A roll call was conducted with the Board Member attendance as follows:

Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Montgomery McInturff, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Mark Garrett, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Sarah Spidel, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Marissa Lee, CPA	☐ Present	OR	☒ Absent
Cathryn Youmans, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Samantha Beaty, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent

Administrative and legal staff were also present, including Ms. Kimberly Wallace, Ms. Lyndsey Boone, Ms. Kertyssa Smalls, Ms. Ellen Gose and Mr. Tim Peters. Justin Harleman introduced himself as new Deputy General Counsel.

Contested Case Hearings

Judge Steve Darnell presiding. Docket # 17.25-242307A. Respondent: Kari Jenkins Bechler. Mr. Christopher Beauchamp, attorney, appeared for Respondent, Kari Bechler, DVM, who was not present. Tim Peters, Senior Associate General Counsel, appeared for the State of Tennessee. A Roll Call was conducted with Board Member attendance as follows:

Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Montgomery McInturff, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Mark Garrett, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Sarah Spidel, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Marissa Lee, CPA	☐ Present	OR	☒ Absent
Cathryn Youmans, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Samantha Beaty, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent

Dr. McInturff requested to call the respondent prior to the preceding. Contact was unsuccessful.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff

To move forward in default

A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Judge Darnell gave the charge to the Board for their deliberations and decision-making on the case and their requirement to determine:

- Findings of Fact
- Decision of Civil Penalty
- Conclusions of Law
- Policy Statement for the Board's Decision

Mr. Tim Peters and Mr. Christopher Beauchamp presented opening statements. Mr. Peters presented his findings of facts and exhibits to the Board.

Mr. Thomas Lane, a sworn witness, was questioned by both Mr. Peters and Mr. Beauchamp. The Board had no questions for the witness.

Mr. Robert West, a sworn witness, was questioned by both Mr. Peters and Mr. Beauchamp. The Board had questions for the witness.

A break was taken at 10:08am and the hearing resumed at 10:16am CST. The attorneys presented their closing arguments.

Mr. Peters provided a proposed order to the Board for their consideration.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the Findings of Facts as prepared by Mr. Peters
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett
To approve the Conclusions of Law as presented by Mr. Peters
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☐None OR ☒ As Follows
The Board discussed the concept of fraud associated with the practice of veterinary medicine.
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans
To change the Section 3 of the order presented by Mr. Peters, item #10, to reflect 200 days
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans
To accept Section 3 of the order presented by Mr. Peters, as modified, regarding civil penalties of \$200,000
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett
To approve the order as presented by Mr. Peters, with a requirement for the Respondent to pay costs of the case, up to a maximum of \$10,000
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans
To accept Section 4 of the order presented by Mr. Peters, the Policy Statement
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The contested case hearing was adjourned at 11:33am CST.

Contested Case Hearing – Respondent, Julie Blasidell

Judge Steve Darnell presiding. Docket # 17.25-255411A. Respondent Julie Blasidell, DVM, was not present and had no representation present on her behalf. Ellen Gose, Associate General Counsel for the State of Tennessee, was present. A roll call was conducted with Board Member attendance as follows:

Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Montgomery McInturff, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Mark Garrett, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Sarah Spidel, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Marissa Lee, CPA	☐ Present	OR	☒ Absent
Cathryn Youmans, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent
Samantha Beaty, DVM	☒ Present	OR	☐ Absent

Ms. Gose provided documentation of proof of service to the Board. Judge Darnell noted that the proof of service was appropriate.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel

To proceed in default

A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Judge Darnell reiterated the charge for the Board hearing and handling this case.

Ms. Gose made an opening statement to the Board, followed by the admittance of exhibits, then made a closing statement.

Ms. Gose provided a proposed order to the Board for their consideration.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett

To approve the Findings of Fact from the proposed order as presented

A second was made by Dr. McInturff

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff

To approve the Conclusions of Law from the proposed order as presented

A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the Disciplinary Order from the proposed order as presented
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the Policy Statement from the proposed order as presented
A second was made by Dr. Youmans
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The hearing adjourned at 12:09pm CST.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Legislation

There were no legislative items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation

Matthew McSpadden, Fiscal Director, was present to provide the FY2025 Fiscal Report, with highlights, as follows:

- Revenue: \$793,841.34
- Expenditures: \$760,752.26
- Reserve Balance: \$1,875,964.12
- Revenue is not two times greater than expenditures for two consecutive fiscal years
- Reserve balanced exceeds two times the three-year average of operating expenditures for two consecutive fiscal years
- Technology Projections: (\$271,302.25)

Receive Reports and take action as needed regarding CSMD Committee Reports

Dr. Spidel stated there was nothing to report to the Veterinary Board from the CSMD.

Presentation of Orders, Agreed Citations, and Other Disciplinary Items

Agreed Orders

Michael Hoover, DVM #2927

Mr. Ned Babb, attorney for the Respondent, was present. Mr. Tim Peters reviewed the Agreed Order. Ms. Wereszczak asked a question. Mr. Babb responded.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the agreed order for Michael Hoover, DVM, License #2927, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☐None OR ☒ As Follows
The Board discussed the anger management requirement of the steps required by the agreed order.
Dr. Garret voted Nay.
All others voted Aye.

The motion passed by a majority voice vote.

Consent Orders

Livingston Veterinary Clinic #1232

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the consent order for Livingston Veterinary Clinic, License #1232, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote

Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro, PLLC #1218

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel
To approve the consent order for Veterinary Services of Murfreesboro, License #1218, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. McInturff
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIP Petcare #1867

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel
To approve the consent order for VIP Petcare, License #1867, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIP Petcare #1971

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the consent order for VIP Petcare, License #1971, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIP Petcare #1972

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel
To approve the consent order for VIP Petcare, License #1972, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. McInturff
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Pet Doctor #1491

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the consent order for The Pet Doctor, License #1491, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☐ None OR ☒ As Follows
The Board noted that there were two similar violations for this facility and that facilities need to be mindful of their permit expiration date.
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Jacksboro Veterinary Services #1917

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett
To approve the consent order for Jacksboro Veterinary Services, License #1917, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Alan Gassel, DVM #1556

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the agreed order for Alan Gassel, DVM, License #1556, as presented.
A second was made by Dr. Spidel
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews/Waivers & Other Requests

Trevor Ashley, DVM

The applicant was present to discuss his application with the Board due to having experienced disciplinary action on an other-state veterinary license. He did not initially disclose the discipline on his application for TN licensure; it appeared on the licensure verification provided by the other state.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the application for Dr. Ashley
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously.

Andrea Bame, LVMT

The applicant was present in person to discuss her application with the Board due to a criminal conviction that was discovered on her criminal background check report received by the Administrative Office for her file.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff
To approve the application for Ms. Bame
A second was made by Dr. Garrett
Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows
The motion passed unanimously.

Frances Grubb, DVM

The applicant was present by phone to discuss her application with the Board due to having experienced disciplinary action on an other-state veterinary license, which she did self-report on her application.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett
To approve the application for Dr. Grubb
A second was made by Dr. Youmans
Discussion: ☐ None OR ☒ As Follows
The Board discussed the violations experienced by Dr. Grubb on her other-state license.
The motion failed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett
To table the application with a request for additional documentation clarifying the nature and scope of intended practice in TN
A second was made by Dr. Youmans
Discussion: ☐ None OR ☒ As Follows
The Board discussed their desire to know more about the intended scope of practice for Dr. Grubb's position and practice in TN.
The motion passed unanimously.

Ryan Bray, DVM

The applicant was present by phone to discuss his application with the Board due to a criminal conviction that was discovered on his criminal background check report received by the Administrative Office for his file.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff

To approve the application for Dr. Bray

A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion: ☐ None OR ☒ As Follows

The Board discussed, generally, applicants making statements that do not take responsibility for their actions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Kristine Love, LVMT

The licensee submitted a request for an extension on her Continuing Education. The Board reviewed and considered the request.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff

To approve the extension as requested for Ms. Love

A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously.

Autumn Winchester, LVMT

The licensee submitted a request for waiver of 8 hours of Continuing Education for 2025. The Board reviewed and considered the request.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff

To approve the waiver for Ms. Winchester

A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously.

Advisory Opinion Request

There were no requests for the Board to review in this meeting.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Review and consider Continuing Education and Other Course Requests

Ms. Smalls informed the Board that their current rulemaking package is in the final stages of the review process and is expected to go into effect in January 2026.

Ms. Smalls informed the Board of a statutory amendment to T.C.A. 63-1-169 that is now in effect, regarding a board holding an executive session.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of August 13th and 14th 2025, Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Meeting Minutes
- Ratification of all licensure and file types
- Administrative Office issued Agreed Citations:
 - Dawn Rector, LVMT #1208, Continuing Education
 - LeAnna Scott, LVMT #2112, Continuing Education
 - Ralph Pope Jr, DVM #2041, Continuing Education
 - Bedford County Animal Control #45, Lapsed License
 - Jennifer Chiasson, DVM #6471, Lapsed License
 - David Prescott #4326, Continuing Education
- Departmental Reports
 - OGC Report
 - Administrative Office Statistical Report
 - Office of Investigations Complaints Report
- Continuing Education Course Approval Requests:
 - Craig Louder, DVM – Calf Health Forum
 - Maria Glover, DVM – Abdominal Ultrasound Training
 - Maria Glover, DVM – Abdominal Ultrasound Training
 - Zoetis – Asheville Summit
- Review of Notices:
 - Notice – AVMA Accreditation Updates
 - Notice – ICVA 2025 Report
 - Notice – AAVSB Practice Act Update
 - Notice – Innovative Readiness Training Program

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett

To approve all the items on the consent agenda as presented.

A second was made by Dr. McInturff

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Correspondence

Kelly Wang, DVM

Dr. Kelly Wang submitted a letter of correspondence to the Board requesting for them to review and update the Continuing Educational requirements for veterinarians.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the correspondence item and referenced their previous meeting discussions.

Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events Review

AAVSB Annual Meeting – Kimberly Wallace

Ms. Wallace gave a brief presentation regarding her experience at the AAVSB Annual Meeting.

Discuss Old/New Board Business

There were no old or new business items for the Board to review that were not discussed elsewhere in the agenda.

Election of Officers

Dr. McInturff made a motion to nominate the following individuals:

- President: Ms. Wereszczak
- Vice Chair: Dr. Garrett
- Secretary: Dr. Youmans
- CSMD: Dr. Spidel

A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. McInturff to adjourn

A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion: ☒ None OR ☐ As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board during their meeting held on April 1-2, 2026.



Board Chair



Date

TN Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Administrators Report

As of November 20, 2025, the Board has the following number of active licensees:

Veterinarian	3449
Veterinary Technician	1327
Veterinary Facility	902
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	328
Certified Animal Control Agencies	63
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	1
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	0

Licensing Activities between August 7, 2025 – November 20, 2025

	Expired	Initial License	Reinstate	Retired	Facility Closed	Closed File	Renewed via online	Renewed via paper	Renewal Total
Veterinarian	44	46	13	6	N/A	5	321	98	419
Vet Tech	19	44	4	1	N/A	1	116	15	131
Vet Facility	8	16	7	0	10	0	73	62	135
CAET	22	9	1	0	N/A	2	22	9	31
CACA	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	10	10
Chem. Capture Facility/Tech	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0

Inspection Status Report

This report covers the number of inspections from August 7, 2025 – November 20, 2025

	East	Middle	West
Initial	6	11	2
Renewal	40	76	25
Reinspection	0	0	0
Total	46	87	27
Grand Total	160		

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

April 1, 2026	Poplar Room
April 2, 2026	Poplar Room
August 19, 2026	Iris Room
August 20, 2026	Iris Room
December 2, 2026	Poplar Room

GSA Lodging Reimbursement Rates:

December 2025- \$217

April 2026 - \$217

August 2026 - \$217

Ratification Report

Veterinary Facilities

Closed Facilities

2455 Avg Of Tennessee Llc DbA Urgent Vet
2484 Hvp Of Tennessee Llc
2476 Hvp Of Tennessee Llc
2572 Montgomery County Animal Control
2195 Vca Mckay'S Mill Animal Hospital
2427 Vetco #291
2376 Vip Petcare Clinic At Pet Supermarket #293
481 Animal Hospital For Rhea County
1438 Macon County Veterinary Hospital
2151 My Pets Wellness

Initially Licensed

2625 Bluepearl Operations Llc
2640 Cherokee Hospital For Animals
2641 Hvp Of Tennessee Llc
2624 Nva Nashville Oncology Llc
2633 Riverside Veterinary Hospital
2646 Southern Veterinary Partners Llc
2637 Vca Mckay'S Mill Animal Hospital
2627 Vipets Franklin Animal Clinic
2622 Alitura Veterinary Care
2631 All 4 Paws Llc
2639 Angelvet
2642 Apex Veterinary Surgery Memphis
2623 Baker Veterinary Service
2634 Davis Family Veterinary Hospital
2619 Vetopia Animal Health Llc
2613 Wild Magnolia Mobile Vet

Reinstated Licenses

2297 Bellshire Family Veterinary
2058 Sequatchie Valley Low Cost Spay/Neuter
1911 Duckworth Animal Hospital
1487 Lebanon Animal Hospital
2298 Morristown Animal Hospital Pc
1415 New Hope Pet Vet
1919 New Hope Pet Vet

Veterinarians

Closed Files

Brown Chalise Brown
Cimer Robert Gesner
Searcy Allison
Tonero Matthew Edward
Turner Alexander Kingston

Initially Licensed

8618 Barrett Cierra Davis
8566 Bowers Edward R
8556 Cairns Hunter Nicole
8637 Carlisle Sarah
8595 Cassibry Lindsay Kay
8606 Chan Kore H
8633 Chen Parks Monica Noelle
8607 Chlada Kaci
8628 Christl Elisabeth
8567 Cuiffi Alana
8614 Darling-Justus Morgan
8619 Davey Robert
8616 Dooley Sydney Michaela
8590 Ewald Margaret
8622 Fullagar Bronwyn Anne
8593 Gary Allison Michelle
8610 Gomez Jessica
8604 Halliburton Meredith Grace
8589 Harris Deanna
8627 Higson David Jonathan
8638 Houston Joshua Dallas
8603 Humke-Lohr Rachael Elise
8479 Lee Katelyn Marie Washart
8625 Light Caitlin
8490 Lynn Gabriella Elise
8592 Marti Kathryn
8611 Maxwell Kristen
8613 Mcalexander Heath Walker
8615 Monteon Negrete Daniel Alejondro
8492 Moore Bret A
8612 Nolitt Danielle
8617 Payne Gabrielle
8600 Pupp Corry
8601 Robert Rebekah Joyner
8605 Santos Robert
8545 Schug Ashley
8561 Sharp Lindy
8596 Shoolman Aaron L
8602 Stopper Leah
8594 Swarm Caroline
8631 Unger Jennifer M
8539 Van Voorhis Brendan Stuart
8598 Warner Angela Angrist
8564 Weatherton Linda
8636 West Whitney Brooke
8587 Wright Molly Rose

Reinstated Licenses

5204 Anderson Andrena Jane
4265 Bennett Martha
7467 Bevelock Thomas John Jr.
1155 Burkhart James H
6471 Chiasson Jennifer Broussard
5738 Everett Sarah Ellen
7217 Hayes Jessica
7488 Lewis Lily R
7979 Lynn Tiffany
6862 May Ricci Marie
7457 Odom William Patrick
7308 Riffe Cody
4009 Lucas Jennifer Noel
3934 Cunningham Deborah Mitchell

Certified Animal Control Agencies

Closed Facilities

56 City Of East Ridge Animal Services
115 Jackson Animal Care Center
80 Montgomery County Animal Control

Initially Licensed

133 Jackson Animal Care Center
132 Sevier Animal Care Center

Reinstated Licenses

45 Bedford County Animal Control

Veterinary Technicians

Closed Files

Downing Marlie

Initially Licensed

2764 Anderson Allie Gray
2745 Ankrum Kathryn
2742 Battig Tara Lynn
2720 Bevis Hanna Faith
2739 Billings Hanna Faye
2738 Boyd Kaitlin Alexa
2770 Christenson Sidney Lee
2744 Conrad Mary
2681 Dunkin Savanna Dacruz
2757 Goodson Lainey
2762 Hawks-Young Rheannon Nicole
2728 Hollifield Kailey
2755 Howard Oliver Jermaine
2753 Hughes Taylor Renea
2735 Hunt Leah
2766 Jorgensen Miranda
2743 Lane Alexandria Ragan
2750 Lizzo Kelly Ann
2758 Lockwood Shelby Lynn
2740 Lopez Eveanelle Celeste
2741 Lopez Santos Maria A
2760 Lovett Katelin Brook
2759 Lowe Bailey
2737 Morgan Mckenna Munro
2763 Nichols Alexalisa
2756 O'Brien Jessica Mcgregor
2695 Oliveira-Brown Victoria
2754 Owens Hannah Grace
2560 Powell Bonnie Marie
2767 Priest Cheyenne
2751 Rader Lindsay Neil
2752 Seagroves Sara Reann
2765 Skirchak Lisa M
2749 Smith Mackenzie
2678 Stack Charles E.
2726 Sullivan Alexandria Danielle
2703 Sword Lucy
2748 Taylor Blakelee Mccall
2736 Tiesler Isabelle Jordan
2769 Wade Madison
2746 Warstler Jessie Leigh
2724 Williamson - Savard Alyvia Roselynn
2651 Wyckoff Olivia
2761 York Emma

Reinstated Licenses

529 Flores Tressa Leeanne
2219 Gooch Michaela Parish
1208 Rector Dawn Hickey
2112 Scott Leanna

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians**Closed Files**

Cohoe Hailey Anneka
Jackson Steve Morris Jr.

Initially Licensed

1339 Agness Bailey Lynne
1336 Chong Zenbyn Megan
1334 Couch Cydney Grace
1332 Galvan Lynn Richelle
1338 Greene Jamie
1335 Hawbaker Bailey
1327 Jones Chloe Abbygale
1337 Lankford Ashley Marie
1319 Smith Amber Nichole

Reinstated Licenses

785 Van Ausdal Jennie Lee



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MEMORANDUM

To: Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
From: Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel
Date: December 2, 2025
RE: Office of General Counsel Report

➤ **Conflict of Interest Reminder:**

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this Board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this Board to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

- Department's Conflict of Interest Policy was updated in June 2025. Board members should execute a new form and return to the administrative office.

➤ **Rules:**

The packet amending rules on continuing education, premises permits, and certified animal euthanasia technicians was filed with the Secretary of State on October 27, 2025.

- Pending no issues with the joint government operations committee, rules should become effective January 15, 2026

➤ **Litigation:**

There are currently 37 cases open with OGC. Of these cases, 11 anticipated to be resolved during the December meeting.

➤ **Quarterly Disciplinary Report:**

- **Total number of Veterinarians being monitored for discipline: 7**
 - Probation: 5
 - Revoked/Surrendered: 2
- **Total number of Vet Technicians being monitored for discipline: 0**
- **Total number of Euthanasia Technicians being monitored for discipline: 2**
 - Reprimand: 1
 - Revoked/Surrendered: 1
- **Total number of Vet Facilities being monitored for discipline: 5**
 - Reprimand: 5



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

Parameters selected: Lic Type: 23 - VETERINARY BOARD, 2303 - Veterinary Facility, 2317 - Veterinarian, 2318 - Cert. Animal Control Agencies, 2326 - Veterinary Medical Technician, 2327 - Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech, 2328 - Cert Animal Chem Capture Tech, 2329 - Animal Chemical Capture Cert.; Case Type: CMP - Complaint; Calendar year: 2025

License Type: 23 - VETERINARY BOARD

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		18	11	20	17	13	15	8	19	19	12	3		155
Total Closed Complaints		8	8	0	39	5	18	23	15	26	14	3		159
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	3	0	19	4	8	1	0	5	3	2		46
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0	8	0	1	10	0	6	3	0		29
9 - Complaint Closed		3	4	0	10	1	9	8	15	9	8	1		68
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0		8
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0		8
Currently Open Complaints	46	56	59	79	57	65	62	47	51	44	42	42		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
19-Substance Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
21-Action In Another State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
23-Criminal Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
24-Malpractice/Negligence	8	2	6	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	1		24
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	0		12



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 23 - VETERINARY BOARD

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
26-Unprofessional Conduct	10	6	6	5	9	11	6	10	11	7	1		82
27-Violation of Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
28-Medical Record Request	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		3
36-Lapsed License	0	1	5	5	0	1	0	4	1	1	0		18
45-CE Violation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		3
47-Outside INV Scope	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1		9
Total:	18	11	20	17	13	15	8	19	19	12	3		155

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	2	2	5	1	3	3	2	4	3	2	0		27
MIDDLE	3	1	2	8	4	8	0	6	7	2	0		41
WEST	3	3	1	1	1	2	0	4	1	5	1		22
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	3	1	5	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		14
Total:	11	7	13	11	8	13	4	14	13	9	1		104



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2303 - Veterinary Facility

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		3	2	9	8	1	4	5	4	4	1	1		42
Total Closed Complaints		1	2	0	12	0	5	12	1	11	3	1		48
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	1	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	1		10
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0	5	0	0	10	0	6	2	0		24
9 - Complaint Closed		0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	4	1	0		11
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		2
Currently Open Complaints	12	14	14	23	19	20	19	12	15	8	6	6		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0		4
26-Unprofessional Conduct	2	1	3	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	1		14
28-Medical Record Request	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
36-Lapsed License	0	1	5	5	0	1	0	4	1	1	0		18
47-Outside INV Scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0		2
Total:	3	2	9	8	1	4	5	4	4	1	1		42



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License Type: 2303 - Veterinary Facility

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0		8
MIDDLE	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	1	1	0		8
WEST	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		4
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		4
Total:	0	1	6	6	1	3	1	4	1	1	0		24



Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2317 - Veterinarian

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		14	8	10	9	9	9	2	15	15	8	2		101
Total Closed Complaints		6	6	0	26	5	11	11	10	14	10	2		101
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	2	0	15	4	5	0	0	5	2	1		35
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0		5
9 - Complaint Closed		2	4	0	7	1	5	8	10	4	7	1		49
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0		6
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0		6
Currently Open Complaints	32	40	42	52	35	39	37	28	33	34	32	32		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
19-Substance Abuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1
21-Action In Another State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
23-Criminal Charges	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
24-Malpractice/Negligence	7	2	5	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1		21
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0		6
26-Unprofessional Conduct	7	4	3	4	5	8	1	10	11	7	0		60
27-Violation of Order	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1



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License Type: 2317 - Veterinarian

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
28-Medical Record Request	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0		2
45-CE Violation	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		2
47-Outside INV Scope	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		6
Total:	14	8	10	9	9	9	2	15	15	8	2		101

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	1	1	3	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	0		14
MIDDLE	3	1	2	4	3	6	0	5	6	0	0		30
WEST	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	4	1		17
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0		10
Total:	10	5	7	5	6	8	2	10	12	5	1		71



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License Type: 2318 - Cert. Animal Control Agencies

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0		7
Total Closed Complaints		1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0		6
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
9 - Complaint Closed		1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0		5
Currently Open Complaints	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	2	2	2		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
26-Unprofessional Conduct	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0		5
47-Outside INV Scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Total:	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0		7

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		3
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0		2
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0



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License Type: 2318 - Cert. Animal Control Agencies

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total:	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0		6



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License Type: 2326 - Veterinary Medical Technician

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		2
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
Currently Open Complaints	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
45-CE Violation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		2

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		1
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		2



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License Type: 2327 - Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		3
9 - Complaint Closed		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		3
Currently Open Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
26-Unprofessional Conduct	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		3
Total:	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0		3

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		1
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total:	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		1



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License Type: 2328 - Cert Animal Chem Capture Tech

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Currently Open Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0



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License Type: 2329 - Animal Chemical Capture Cert.

Complaint Activity	Dec 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
None		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Currently Open Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
MIDDLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
WEST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0

