

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
MINUTES**

**Date:** April 8-9, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. CST

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

**Board Members Present:** Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT, Board Chair (Day 2 only)  
Montgomery McInturff, DVM, Vice Chair  
Mark Garrett, DVM  
Sarah Spidel, DVM  
Marissa Lee, CPA, Consumer Member (Day 2 only)  
Cathryn Youmans, DVM, Secretary (Day 1 only)

**Board Members Absent:** Angela Zinkus, DVM  
Samantha Beaty, DVM, State Veterinarian, ex officio member

**Staff Present:** Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director II  
Lyndsey Boone, Regulatory Board Administrative Director I  
Destiny Brown, Regulatory Board Admin Assistant I (Day 1 Only)  
Ronda Webb-Stewart, Senior Associate Counsel (Day 1 Only)  
Ellen Gose, Associate Counsel  
Timothy Peters, Senior Associate Counsel (Day 2 Only)  
Kertyssa Smalls, Senior Associate Counsel (Day 1 Only)

**DAY 1 - APRIL 8, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Dr. McInturff called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM CST. A roll call of Board Members was made, and a quorum was present at the Call to Order with Dr. McInturff, Dr. Garrett, Dr. Spidel, and Dr. Youmans in attendance. Board administrative and legal staff were also introduced.

**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**

There were no finance reports or items for the Board to review in this meeting.

**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**

*Copies of the ratified Consent Orders are attached to these minutes.*

**Consent Orders**

*Jeffery Wilson Keele, DVM, License #4455 - Appendix A*

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to approve the consent order for Jeffrey Wilson Keele, DVM, License #4455, as presented. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Appalachian Animal Hospital, License #1775 - Appendix B*

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to approve the consent order for Appalachian Animal Hospital, License #3844, as presented. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Aine Chambliss, DVM, License #3844 - Appendix C*

The attorney informed the Board that they intend for this consent order to be presented on Day 2 of the meeting.

Order of Compliance

Robert Jacob Barnett License #6044 - Appendix D

This consent order was previously presented to the Board and approved, however, the order did not get signed, so the attorney presented it again to the Board for their consideration and formalization.

A motion was made by Dr Garrett to approve the Order of Compliance for Robert Jacob Barnett, DVM, License #6044, 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**

Marie DeCaire, DVM

The applicant was present in person to discuss her application for reinstatement with the Board.

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> submission of an application for reinstatement. Her first application was heard by the Board in their August 2024 meeting. She stated that she has recovered and submitted additional Continuing Education (CE) certificates since her last application submission and interview with the Board. She would like to take on animals from a shelter that would be in a hospice-care situation and to care for her own animals. She is open to adopting these shelter animals to make them her own.

The Board expressed that their purpose is to ensure the safety of the public and patients of TN and had concern for her desire to care only for her own animals and questioned the request for reinstatement for the purpose of caring only for her own animals. Dr. DeCaire cited doing volunteer work and having had bad outcomes when taking her own animals to other veterinarians and would prefer to treat her own animals herself.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to accept the waiver of active/continuous practice for Dr. DeCaire. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Garrett asked if anyone at the Blount County shelter has provided any type of letter of recommendation for Dr. DeCaire. She did not have any recommendation letters. The Board considered her submissions of the additional CE certificates in making their decision.

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

- Garrett – NAY
- McInturff – AYE
- Spidel – AYE
- Youmans - AYE

The motion passed by majority roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to approve the reinstatement application for Dr. DeCaire. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Garrett expressed appreciation for Dr. DeCaire's appearance before the Board. Dr. DeCaire discussed a personal experience with one of her animals. Dr. Youmans expressed concern for Dr. DeCaire being proactive in her care for her own mental health while caring for sick animals. Dr. Garret stated it was unfortunate that she could not find a local licensed veterinarian that she could consider to be able to provide satisfactory care for her animals.

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

- Garrett – NAY
- McInturff – AYE
- Spidel – AYE
- Youmans - AYE

The motion passed by majority roll call vote.

Philip Baxter, DVM

The applicant was not present in person and stated he could be available by phone if the Board wished to call him. The Board did not place a call.

The Board discussed Dr. Baxter's length of time in practice and National Exam considerations at the time in which he would have completed his examinations.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to waive the production of the exam score requirement and accept the application for licensure by reciprocity. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The Board discussed Dr. Baxter's unencumbered practice under an AL license since 1978 as being evidence of having passed the required examinations at the time of initial licensure, and the types of examination and licensure records that were produced at that time.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

James Young, DVM

The applicant was not present in person and stated he could be available by phone if the Board wished to call him.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to accept the waiver of active practice hours. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The Board called Dr. Young to discuss his application. He has been practicing but does not meet the average of twenty-five (25) hours each week. He has been working as an advisor and consultant regarding records standardization over the last five (5) years and has been actively practicing since February 2024 in general practice in another state. He has nearly thirty (30) years of previous active practice leading up to 2018 when he sold his practice and began work in other aspects of veterinary medical care focusing on medical records. He wishes to move to TN and work a few hours each week. He intends to work part-time actively in the veterinary profession in TN and is currently licensed in CA in good standing.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dalia Smith-Harr, DVM

The applicant was present in person to discuss her request with the Board.

Dr. Smith-Harr recounted the events that led to her receiving discipline on her KY veterinary license regarding a record-keeping incident in 2020 and the remediation steps that have been taken since that time. She is currently licensed in KY and in OH.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to accept the reciprocity application. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Robert Martin, DVM

The applicant was present in person to discuss his request with the Board.

He discussed his military career and his veterinary experiences during his time in active military service as well as time spent in educational pursuits. He has submitted 80 hours of CE and has spent over 200 hours shadowing with a veterinary practice in preparation for reinstatement of licensure.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to accept the waiver of active practice. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Martin clarified that the 200 hours of time has been spent in a shadowing capacity only, to sharpen his skills and prepare for license reinstatement.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to approve the application for reinstatement. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Jean Rogers, DVM

The applicant was present in person to discuss her application with the Board.

The applicant recounted the events that led to her voluntary surrender of her DEA license and license discipline in IL. She stated that in IL, she was a co-owner of a veterinary practice, where she experienced a facility tax-related event due to the misfiling of forms that resulted in her license being suspended. The suspension lasted over the period of a single weekend, until the tax office re-opened and she could get the issue resolved.

Regarding her DEA license voluntary surrender, she stated that at the time that her co-owned facility disbanded, she left a master key at the facility for the drug safe and a former employee accessed drugs using that key; an event she deeply regrets. After relocating to NY for educational pursuits, she relinquished her IL DEA license in order to obtain her NY DEA license and has continued to hold a DEA license in each state of residence since that time without incident.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to accept the application for reciprocity. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Johnny Gobble, DVM

The applicant was present to discuss his application with the Board.

The applicant discussed his submission of 81.5 hours of CE in conjunction with his application for reinstatement and his positive response to the application question regarding the results of his previous criminal indications. One indication was related to a military incident from 1994, which the Board previously reviewed in conjunction with his initial application for licensure, and the other was related to a DUI from 2004, which has since been cleared without further incident. He sold his practice and then retired his license and since that time, he has been serving as a consultant - particularly for exotic animals - and would now like to return to active practice in addition to serving in an educational role in mentoring and training new graduates for a veterinary corporate entity.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to waive the active continuous practice requirement. 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. Spidel to approve the license reinstatement. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The Board expressed appreciation for the applicant's desire to mentor others. Dr. Gobble stated that he has a position lined up in a dual role, to begin doing relief work as well as serving as a professional mentor, pending reinstatement of his license.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Kara Peyton (Lane), DVM

The applicant was present in person to discuss her request with the Board.

The applicant discussed her previous NAVLE exam attempts and request for a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) temporary license while making that exam attempt and approval for the ICVA's NAVLE re-take appeal form to be completed on behalf of the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to approve the Administrative Office to complete the appeal documentation for a NAVLE re-take attempt. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The Board took no action on a third temporary license for Dr. Peyton.

Susan Renee Hensley

The applicant was present to discuss her application with the Board.

The applicant discussed her response to the criminal indication question on the application for licensure as a veterinary technician regarding a felony conviction as well as her application question response regarding an associated prior license discipline of her teaching certificate revocation.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to accept the application for licensure. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Garrett expressed the need for technicians and referenced the positive documentation in the applicant's file.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Kathryn Sharer

The applicant was present to discuss her application with the Board.

The applicant discussed her request for waiver of the active practice requirement for an applicant by reciprocity. She does not have any current CE, however, is registered for an upcoming Vet conference in May 2025 to obtain CE and has presented a letter of reference in support of her licensure. Her IN license is expired.

Ms. Gose advised the Board that their rules do not require CE presentation for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinary technician.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to approve the waiver of the active practice requirement. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to approve the application by reciprocity. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Jaclyn Payne

The applicant was present to discuss her application with the Board.

The applicant discussed her response to the criminal indication question on the application for licensure as a certified euthanasia technician license and the events that led to a misdemeanor conviction in 2008. She states she has had no further incidents since that time.

The Board discussed DEA licensure, drug safety, and record-keeping for the shelter at which the applicant works.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to approve the application. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

Discussion of CE Course Approval Processes

Ms. Boone presented an inquiry from the Administrative Office to the Board requesting clarification by the Board of the submission of CE course requests submitted by outside parties, such as licensees or course providers, for the timing of the receipt of course approval requests.

Ms. Gose noted the 30-day approval rule and that other boards have individual board members assigned to CE course review and as the Board designee, and they are authorized by the boards to make individual determinations for CE course requests. In this scenario, the board member has the authority to give the Administrative Office the authorization to communicate an approval of the CE courses they have reviewed, which then do not require furtherance to a board meeting.

The OGC will research and present additional information in the next Board meeting on what their potential options may be for handling of this item.

CE Waiver Request, Lenore Thorne, LVMT, License #2103

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to approve the CE Waiver request for Lenore Thorne, LVMT, License #2103, of the in-person CE requirement for calendar year 2025. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies**

CACA Rule Discussion. Re: Xylazine

Dr. Garret presented information he has learned regarding federal regulations surrounding the potential rescheduling of Xylazine. He wanted to provide this for the Board's awareness.

Ms. Gose stated the OGC will monitor the matter and apprise the Board of any necessary information or updates that may arise in the future in this regard.

NAVLE Retake Policy

Ms. Boone presented an inquiry to the Board regarding the ICVA's policy for NAVLE additional re-take attempts past the first five (5) attempts.

Ms. Gose provided information to the Board regarding T.C.A. 4-19-102 which restricts the Board from limiting the number of exam attempts for a licensure applicant.

Dr. McInturff noted his experiences with exam applicants requiring multiple attempts, and his appreciation for opportunities for applicants to re-test if necessary.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to authorize the Administrative Office to complete any NAVLE exam appeal forms submitted by applicants on behalf of the Board. A second was made by Dr. Spidel.

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows  
The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VTNE Retake Policy

Ms. Boone presented an inquiry to the Board regarding the AAVSB's policy for VTNE additional re-take attempts past the first three (3) attempts.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to authorize the Administrative Office to complete any VTNE exam appeal forms on behalf of applicants on behalf of the Board. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### 3rd Temporary License Policy

Ms. Boone presented an inquiry to the Board regarding TCA 63-12-113 and the issuance of third temporary licenses, asking whether the Board would like to continue to request these applicants to appear before the full board or if they would like to have that process handled administratively; this would require the Board to consider implementing a policy statement establishing the criteria the Administrative Office would use for consistent handling of the requests.

The Board discussed and determined they would like to have applicants requesting a third temporary license to continue to appear before the Board for an individual interview and did not need a policy statement at this time; thus, making no changes to current procedure and taking no action on this item.

### Consent Agenda

*Copies of the ratified Agreed Citations, Departmental Reports, and the Ratification List are attached to these minutes.*

- Approval of December 5, 2024, Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Meeting Minutes
- Ratification of all licensure and file types – *Appendix E*
- Administrative Office issued Agreed Citations:
  - Mallory Edwards, LVMT #1869, Continuing Education – *Appendix F*
  - Kristina Herbison, LVMT #1214, Continuing Education – *Appendix G*
  - Abbey Hodge, LVMT #1417, Continuing Education – *Appendix H*
  - Alexis Ward, LVMT #2239, Continuing Education – *Appendix I*
  - Alexis Ward, LVMT #2239, Lapsed License – *Appendix J*
  - Erin Holmes, LVMT #2295, Lapsed License – *Appendix K*
  - Robert Moore, LVMT #1006, Lapsed License – *Appendix L*
  - Genie Mardis, DVM #3165, Continuing Education – *Appendix M*
  - Tiffany Chapman, DVM #5153, Continuing Education – *Appendix N*
- Departmental Reports
  - OGC Report – *Appendix O*
  - Administrative Office Statistical Report – *Appendix P*

- Office of Investigations Complaints Report – *Appendix Q*
- Continuing Education Course Approval Requests:
  - VCA Murphy Road Animal Hospital
  - Animal Care and Control Association of TN
  - Jessica Larson, DVM
- Review of Notices:
  - Notice – AVMA Notice of Accreditation
  - Notice – AVMA COE – Loss of Accreditation
  - Notice – NAVLE Fee update
  - Notice – NAVLE Technical Report

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to approve all items on the consent agenda, as presented. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Garret inquired about CAET licensure, asking if there was a separate course or certification for a companion animal euthanasia certification; it was confirmed that there is no separate designation as such for licensure. The information regarding the change in NAVLE exam fees was noted.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **Review of Correspondence**

#### **Animal Policy Group**

The Animal Policy Group submitted a letter of correspondence regarding licensure requirements for veterinarians wishing to practice across state lines and expressing their stance on licensure by reciprocity.

Ms. Gose confirmed that statutory changes require legislative action, and a Board does not lobby the legislature.

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to take no action on this correspondence item. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events Review**

### **AAVSB Annual Meeting**

A motion was made by Dr. Youmans to sponsor attendance at the AAVSB Annual Meeting by

- 1 Administrative Staff attendee and/or
- 1 legal staff attendee

A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **Discuss Old/New Board Business**

### **Veterinary CE Requirements**

Dr. Youmans asked the Board to consider the ability for CE to have a roll-over provision on when hours are obtained. The Board reviewed their CE Policy Statement that is currently in place.

A review of the CE rules will be added to the next meeting in August.

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Boone informed the Board that no requests for public comment have been received by the Administrative Office for this meeting. She then read the public comment policy into the record, as it appears on the Public Notice, as follows:

*In order to participate in the period of public comment before a Governing Body, a member of the public must notify the Governing Body ten business days prior to a scheduled meeting that the individual desires to address the Governing Body. The individual must also notify the Governing Body of the topic from the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting on which the individual wishes to speak. This notice by the member of the public to the Governing Body shall be directed to the email given in the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting.*

*If the Governing Body amends the published agenda or sunshine notice within ten business days prior to the meeting, any member of the public desirous of addressing the Governing Body must give notice that they desire to speak on the added agenda topics no later than twenty-four hours prior to the Governing Body's meeting. All reasonable attempts are made to include all items submitted up to one day prior to the meeting. Please note that items submitted within one day of the meeting are not guaranteed to have been timely reviewed and may not be able to be included.*

Dr. McInturff then inquired about adding additional Administrative Staff for the Vet Board and the number of staff that currently works for this Board. Ms. Wallace informed the Board that the Administrative Office has taken steps to request additional staff and are working through that process. The Board expressed their support for adding staff to the team and cited the growing number of upcoming veterinary graduates and expanding veterinary education programs that will continue to increase the demand for licensure in TN and the need for additional staff to process this licensure.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Spidel to adjourn. A second was made by Dr. Youmans

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36PM CST

### **DAY 2 - APRIL 9, 2025**

#### **Call to Order**

Ms. Wereszczak called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM CST. A roll call of Board Members was made, and a quorum was present at the Call to Order with Ms. Wereszczak, Dr. McInturff, Dr. Garrett, Dr. Spidel, and Ms. Lee in attendance. Board administrative and legal staff were also introduced.

#### **Contested Case Hearings**

*Copies of the Final Orders are attached to these Minutes.*

Mr. Peters called for Burgess and Shephard, neither respondent nor representation were present.

#### **Shepard, Evan 17.25-244035A – Appendix R**

Administrative Judge Alex Rieger was present to preside over the case.

Another call was made, and no one was present for the Shepard case, neither the respondent nor representation.

Board Members introduced themselves for the record, including Ms. Lee, Dr. Garrett, Ms.

Wereszczak, Dr. McInturff, and Dr. Spidel.

No Board Members had disclosures to make about outside knowledge or need for recusal regarding this case.

Mr. Peters requested to proceed in default on this case and provided notice of proof of service.

Judge Rieger finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to proceed in default. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

Following presentation of proof, arguments, and deliberation, the Board determined the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Disciplinary Order, and Policy Statement for their decision on this case.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept all areas of the State’s proposed order as presented.

A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

Mr. Peters requested the Board consider individual motions for each section of the proposed order.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept the proposed Findings of Fact as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept the proposed Conclusions of Law as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept the proposed Order as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept the proposed Policy Statement as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

This matter was adjourned at 9:53am CST.

Burgess, Melba 17.25-241778A – Appendix S

10:04 am CST Called to Order

Administrative Judge Alex Rieger was present to preside over the case.

Another call was made, and no one was present for the Burgess case, neither the respondent nor representation.

Board Members introduced themselves for the record, including Ms. Lee, Dr. Garrett, Ms. Wereszczak, Dr. McInturff, and Dr. Spidel.

No Board Members had disclosures to make about outside knowledge or need for recusal regarding this case.

Mr. Peters requested to proceed in default on this case and provided notice of proof of service.

Judge Rieger finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to proceed in default. A second was made by Dr. McInturff  
Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

Following presentation of proof, arguments, and deliberation, the Board determined the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Disciplinary Order, and Policy Statement for their decision on this case.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to accept the proposed Findings of Fact as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Garrett  
Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Garrett to accept the proposed Conclusions of Law as presented by the State. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to update the State's proposed order to have a discipline of a 6-month probationary period with inspection at the end of that period to make sure the premise permit is in order. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Spidel suggested the probationary period should be extended to one (1) full year. The Board discussed with Ms. Gose the procedures for handling a probationary period.

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
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Ms. Lee  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Dr. McInturff, DVM  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Dr. Spidel, DVM  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT

The motion failed  unanimously OR  by majority  
 by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. Spidel to update the State’s proposed order to have a discipline of a one (1) year probationary period with inspection of the respondent’s veterinary clinic at the end of that period prior to them appearing before the Board to request lifting of the probation. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

Dr. Garrett inquired about inspection periods. It was clarified that it is the individual veterinarian’s license under review in this case.

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Ms. Lee  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Dr. McInturff, DVM  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Dr. Spidel, DVM  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT  
 Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT  AYE  NAY  ABSTAIN  RECUSED  ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
 by roll call vote.

The Board further discussed the Disciplinary Order, determining a need to clarify the motion to ensure all provisions they deemed appropriate would be included.

A revised motion was made by Ms. Lee to amend the State’s proposed Order to require a discipline of a one (1) year probationary period for Dr. Burgess, License #4373; as a pre-requisite to lifting the probation from the Respondent’s license, the Respondent must obtain an initial premise permit for the Respondent’s clinic; and the Respondent’s clinic must successfully pass an additional premise inspection within one (1) year of obtaining the initial premise permit; and the Respondent must appear before the Board. A second was made by Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to accept the proposed Policy Statement as presented by the State with amendments reflecting the Board's approved Disciplinary Order. A second was made by Dr. Spidel

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

This matter was adjourned at 11:27am CST.

*Bechler, Kari Jenkins 17.25-242307A*

This item was not heard in this meeting.

*Mangum, Larry 17.25-244553A*

This item was not heard in this meeting.

**Consent Order**

Aine Chambliss, DVM, License #3844 – Appendix C

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to approve the consent order for Aine Chambliss, License #3844, as presented. A second was made by Dr. Dr. Garrett

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

A roll call vote was conducted, as follows:

Dr. Garrett, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. McInturff, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Dr. Spidel, DVM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT
Ms. Wereszczak, LVMT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AYE	<input type="checkbox"/> NAY	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> ABSENT

The motion passed  unanimously OR  by majority  
by roll call vote.

**Adjournment**

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

Discussion:  None OR  As Follows

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am CST.

**These Minutes were ratified by the Board on August 13, 2025.**



**Board Chair**



**Date**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	
	)	<b>BEFORE THE TENNESSEE</b>
<b>JEFFERY WILSON KEELE, DVM</b>	)	<b>BOARD OF VETERINARY</b>
<b>VETERINARIAN LICENSE NO. 4455</b>	)	<b>MEDICAL EXAMINERS</b>
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	)	
	)	<b>CASE NUMBER 2023019331</b>

**CONSENT ORDER**

Comes now the Tennessee Department of Health (“Department”), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Jeffery Wilson Keele, DVM (“Respondent”), and respectfully moves the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent’s license to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Tennessee.

**I. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

The Board regulates and supervises veterinarians, veterinary technicians, certified animal control agencies, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and veterinary facilities pursuant to the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act (“Practice Act”), Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“TENN. CODE ANN. §”) 63-12-101, *et seq.*, including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Practice Act and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (“Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.”), 1730-01-.01, *et seq.* The Board enforces the Practice Act and the rules to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; accordingly, it is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the law and to apply the law to preserve the quality of veterinary

care provided in Tennessee.

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## II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

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1. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 4455 on May 19, 2004, with a current expiration date of July 31, 2026.
2. On August 14, 2024, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“the Board”) ratified a Consent Order finding that All Creatures Veterinary Clinic, located at 244 Finger Bluff Road in Morrison, Tennessee, had failed to obtain its premises permit. Further, the Board found that, between August 31, 2021, and May 16, 2023, the unpermitted practice of veterinary medicine was conducted at the facility.
3. On or about May 16, 2023, the Morrison location of All Creatures Veterinary Clinic applied for a new premises permit and listed Respondent as the supervising veterinarian<sup>1</sup> for the facility. Accordingly, between August 31, 2021, and May 16, 2023, Respondent practiced veterinary medicine as a supervising veterinarian at a facility that did not have a valid premises permit.

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<sup>1</sup> The Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act defines supervision as the control, direction, and regulation by a licensed veterinarian of the duties involving veterinary services that such veterinarian delegates to such veterinarian’s personnel. Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“Tenn. Code Ann. §”) 63-12-103(12). The Board’s published statement regarding supervision of veterinary personnel under Tennessee Compilation of Rules and Regulations (“Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.”) 1730-03-.10 notes its position that a supervising veterinarian is not required to physically be on the same premises as the person being supervised while veterinary services are being provided to fulfill these supervisory obligations.

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### III. STIPULATED GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

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4. The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Practice Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-101, *et seq.* and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.01, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.
  
5. The facts stipulated in paragraph three (3) constitute a violation of Tenn. Code Ann. §63-12-124, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:
  - (a) The Board, pursuant to the procedure prescribed in this section, has the power to deny, suspend, or revoke any license or to otherwise discipline an applicant or licensee who is found guilty by the board of one (1) or more of the following:
    - (12) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct as defined in this section or prescribes by the rules of the board[.]
  
6. The facts stipulated in paragraph three (3) constitute a violation of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-01-.13, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

Unprofessional conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

  - (11) Practicing in a facility without a premises permit.

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#### IV. STIPULATED DISPOSITION

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7. **NOW THEREFORE**, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent, **veterinarian license number 4455**, agrees to pay **one (1) Type B CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00)**, representing one hundred dollars (\$100) for each month between August 31, 2021 and May 16, 2023, that Respondent engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at an unpermitted facility beyond the six-month grace period.
8. **All civil penalties shall be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the entry of this Consent Order unless other arrangements are made with the disciplinary coordinator. Payment can be made by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee. Personal and business checks will not be accepted.** Payment may be mailed to the following address:
- Disciplinary Coordinator  
Division of Health Licensure and Regulation  
665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
- A notation including the Respondent's name and case number, 2023019331, must be placed on the check to ensure it is applied correctly.
9. Respondent understands the ratification of this Consent Order is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency **as a civil penalty**. Respondent further understands that a failure to comply with all

terms of this Consent Order shall constitute a **separate violation** which may result in further disciplinary action.

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## V. NOTICE

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10. Respondent understands and freely, voluntarily, and intelligently admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order.
11. Respondent understands the rights found in the Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101, *et seq.*, including the right to a hearing on a Notice of Charges to contest the charges and allegations, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review.
12. Respondent freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives each and every right set forth in paragraph eleven (11) above.
13. Respondent, by signing this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and

statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

14. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands by signing this Consent Order, Respondent is allowing the Board to issue this Consent Order without further process. If the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.
15. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings, including a formal disciplinary hearing.
16. Respondent agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Consent Order, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.
17. Respondent agrees that Respondent has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.
18. A **violation** of this Order shall constitute a **separate violation** of the Act, TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-12-101 *et. seq.*, and is grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

Jeffery Wilson Keele

Dr. Jeffery Wilson Keele  
Veterinarian License Number 4455  
Respondent

03/14/2025

DATE

Kertyssa D. Smalls

Kertyssa D. Smalls, BPR Number 028323  
Senior Associate General Counsel  
Office of General Counsel  
Tennessee Department of Health  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
[Kertyssa.D.Smalls@tn.gov](mailto:Kertyssa.D.Smalls@tn.gov)

04.08.2025

DATE

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**APPROVAL BY THE BOARD**

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Upon the agreement of the parties and the record as a whole, this **CONSENT ORDER** was approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Board at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that the agreements of the parties will, and hereby do, become the Final Order of the Board.

[Signature]  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that true and correct copies of this document have been served upon Respondent, Jeffery Wilson Keele, 596 Carr Road, Manchester, TN 37355, by United States Certified Mail No. 9589 0710 5270 2144 0765 66, return receipt requested, and by United States First-Class Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach their destinations.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



Kertyssa D. Smalls  
Senior Associate General Counsel

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	<b>BEFORE THE TENNESSEE</b>
	)	<b>BOARD OF VETERINARY</b>
<b>APPALACHIAN VETERINARY</b>	)	<b>MEDICAL EXAMINERS</b>
<b>HOSPITAL</b>	)	
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	)	
	)	<b>CASE NUMBER 2024007281</b>
<b>VETERINARY FACILITY</b>	)	
<b>LICENSE # 1775</b>	)	

**CONSENT ORDER**

Comes now the Tennessee Department of Health (“Department”), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Appalachian Veterinary Hospital (“Respondent”), and Respectfully moves the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent’s license to operate as a veterinary facility in the state of Tennessee,

**I. AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

The Board regulates and supervises veterinarians, veterinary technicians, certified animal control agencies, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and veterinary facilities pursuant to the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act (“Practice Act”), Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“TENN. CODE ANN. §”) 63-12-101, *et seq.*, including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Practice Act and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (“Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.”), 1730-01-.01, *et seq.* The Board enforces the Practice Act and the rules to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; accordingly, it is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the law and to apply the law to preserve the quality of veterinary

care provided in Tennessee.

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## II. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

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1. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinary facility in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 1775 on September 23, 2015. This license has a current expiration date of September 30, 2025.
  2. On or about April 9, 2024, the Board's administrative office sent an email informing the documented supervising veterinarian that Respondent's premises permit had expired on September 30, 2021—a lapse of thirty-one (31) months. An application for reinstatement was submitted on that same date. However, the new premises permit was not received and/or displayed during a site visit conducted on or about September 3, 2024.
  3. Respondent's license has not been previously disciplined by the Board.
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## III. STIPULATED GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE

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4. The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Practice Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-101, *et seq.* and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.01, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.
5. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-12-124(a) (12), the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

The board, pursuant to the procedure prescribed in this section, has the power to deny, suspend, or revoke any license or to otherwise discipline an application or licensee who is found guilty by the board of one (1) or more of the following:

(12) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct as defined in this section or prescribed by the rules of the board[.]

6. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of TENN. CODE ANN. § §63-12-139, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(a) Any person who owns or operates any veterinary facility, including mobile clinics, or any other premises where a licensed veterinarian practices or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs shall apply for and secure a premises permit from the board prior to the commencement of any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under this chapter. Any premises in operation on January 1, 1997, shall register with the board by filling out an application as required by the board.

7. The facts stipulated in paragraph two (2) constitute a violation of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-02-.12 *et. seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(1) The due date for renewal is the expiration date on the most current facility premises permit/renewal permit.

(2) A renewal application form will be mailed to each facility registered with the Board

to the last address provided to the Board. Failure to receive such notification does not relieve the facility of the responsibility of timely meeting all requirements for renewal.

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#### IV. STIPULATED DISPOSITION

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8. **NOW THEREFORE**, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, and pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-12-106 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-02-.15, Respondent, **veterinary facility license number 1775**, agrees to pay, pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1730-02-.15 and Board policy, one (1) **Type C Civil Penalty of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00)**, representing one hundred dollars (\$100) for each month or portion thereof that the facility engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine with a lapsed premises permit from October 2021 through April 2024 beyond the six-month grace period.
9. **All civil penalties shall be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the entry of this Consent Order. No business or personal checks will be accepted. Payment can be made by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee**, mailed to the following address:

Disciplinary Coordinator  
Division of Health Licensure and Regulation  
665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

A notation including the Respondent's name and case number, 2024007281, must be placed on the check to ensure it is applied correctly.

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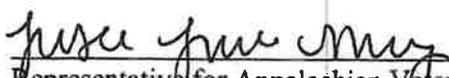
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12. Respondent freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives each and every right set forth in paragraph eleven (11) above.
13. Respondent, by signing this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

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18. A **violation** of this Order shall constitute a **separate violation** of the Act, TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-12-101 *et. seq.*, and is grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

  
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Representative for Appalachian Veterinary Hospital  
Veterinary Facility License Number 1775  
Respondent

12-30-24  
DATE

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**APPROVAL BY THE BOARD**

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Upon the agreement of the parties and the record as a whole, this **CONSENT ORDER** was approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Board at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that the agreements of the parties will, and hereby do, become the Final Order of the Board.

  
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Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that true and correct copies of this document have been served upon Respondent, Appalachian Veterinary Hospital, ATTN: Business Licensing, P.O. Box 3369, Westlake Village, CA 91359, by United States Certified Mail No. 9589 0710 5270 2144 0765 35, return receipt requested, and by United States First-Class Mail, with sufficient postage thereon to reach their destinations.

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
Kertyssa D. Smalls  
Senior Associate General Counsel

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF:</b>	)	
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<b>AINE CORRIDON CHAMBLISS, DVM</b>	)	
	)	
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	)	<b>CASE NO.: 2024026461</b>
	)	
<b>LICENSE NO.: 3844</b>	)	
	)	
<b>SPRINGFIELD, TN 37172</b>	)	

**CONSENT ORDER**

Comes now the Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health (“State”), by and through the Office of General Counsel, and Respondent, Chambliss, Aine Corridon, DVM (“Respondent”), a veterinarian, and respectfully moves the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) for approval of this Consent Order affecting Respondent’s license to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee.

**I. Authority and Jurisdiction**

The Board regulates and supervises veterinarians, veterinary technicians, certified animal control agencies, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and veterinary facilities pursuant to the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act (“Practice Act”), Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“Tenn. Code Ann. §”) 63-12-101, *et seq.*, including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Practice Act and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (“Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.”), 1730-01-.01, *et seq.* The Board enforces the Practice Act to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; accordingly, it is the policy of the Board to require strict compliance with the law and to apply the law to preserve the quality of veterinary care provided in Tennessee.

## **II. Stipulations of Fact**

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 3844 on 08/22/1999, which currently has an expiration date of 07/31/2026.
2. At all times pertinent hereto Respondent was working as a veterinarian in Springfield, Tennessee.
3. On or about October 30, 2023, Respondent opened her own veterinary clinic in Springfield, Tennessee. An investigator for the Office of Investigations for the State of Tennessee (“Investigators”) contacted Respondent concerning Respondent’s premises permit for her clinic. Respondent admitted that she had not applied for or received a premises permit for her clinic in Springfield, Tennessee. On September 4, 2024, Respondent applied for her premises permit and obtained her permit soon thereafter. Between October 30, 2023, and September 4, 2024, Respondent was practicing veterinary medicine at an unpermitted veterinary clinic.

## **III. Stipulated Grounds for Discipline**

4. The Board has the authority to revoke, suspend, or impose other lawful disciplinary action, including a civil penalty for any violation of the Practice Act and/or the Board’s rules pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-124, § 63-12-128, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Reg. 1730-01-.15.
5. The Stipulations of Fact are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-101, *et seq.* and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.01, *et seq.*, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.

6. The facts stipulated in paragraph three (3) constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline a Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §63-12-124(a), the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(1) Willful or repeated violation of any provisions of this chapter or any rules of the board;

(12) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct as defined in this section or prescribed by the rules of the board;

7. The facts stipulated in paragraph three (3) constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline a Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-01-.13, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

Unprofessional conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

(11) Practicing in a facility without a premises permit.

#### **IV. Stipulated Disposition**

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative actions with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the following:

8. Respondent agrees to pay a **CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)**, which represents \$100.00 for each of ten months (10) months that Respondent engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at an unpermitted clinic.

9. Respondent understands the ratification of this Consent Order is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar

agency, **as a Civil Penalty**. Respondent further understands that a failure to comply with the terms of this order shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

#### V. Notice

10. The Respondent understands and freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order.
11. Respondent agrees that they have not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.
12. The Respondent, by their signature to this Consent Order, waives the right to a contested case hearing and any and all rights to judicial review in this matter. Respondent agrees that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order by the Board for ratification and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members shall be prejudiced to the extent that requires their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. Likewise, all matters, admissions and statements disclosed or exchanged during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.
13. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Order. Respondent understands that by signing this Consent Order the Respondent is allowing the Board to issue this Consent Order without further process. In the event the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.
14. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that the presentation and consideration of this Consent Order shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings, including a

formal disciplinary hearing.

15. Furthermore, Respondent acknowledges that Respondent understands the rights found in the Practice Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing on the Petition, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review.
16. Respondent freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives each and every right set forth in paragraph fifteen (15) above.
17. Respondent agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Consent Order, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.
18. A violation of this Order shall constitute a separate violation of the Practice Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-124(a)(12) & Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-01-.13(13), and is grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent's license.
19. Within sixty (60) days from the entry of this Consent Order all civil penalties shall be paid in full. Payment shall be made by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee, and addressed to Disciplinary Coordinator, The Division of Health-Related Boards, Tennessee Department of Health, 665 Mainstream Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Respondent's names and case number, 2024026461, must be placed on the check or money order to ensure it is applied correctly. Payment shall not be made by personal check.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

*Aine Corridon Chambliss*  
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Chambliss, Aine Corridon

*12/6/24*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Veterinarian License No. 3844  
Respondent



Timothy J. Peters (BPR # 021636)  
Senior Associate Counsel  
Tennessee Department of Health  
Office of General Counsel  
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
(615) 741-5575

4/9/25  
DATE

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**Approval by the Board**

Upon the agreement of the parties and the record as a whole, this **CONSENT ORDER** was approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 9th day of April, 2025.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that the agreements of the parties will, and hereby do, become the Final Order of the Board.

  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that true and correct copy of this Document has been served upon Respondent, Chambliss, Aine Corridon, DVM, by Certified and First-Class Mail, or April 10, 2025, at the following locations:

1703 Memorial Blvd, Springfield, TN 37172

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 0070 1534 5520 41

  
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Timothy Peters  
Senior Associate Counsel



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## II. FACTS

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1. Licensee has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian and was licensed to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine in the State of Tennessee by the Tennessee State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners having been issued license number 6044.
2. On August 3, 2022, Licensee entered into an Agreed Order wherein Robert Jacob Barnett's license was suspended, the suspension was stayed, and his license was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. Under the Order, Licensee was to complete (10) hours of anger management and he was to pay costs not to exceed \$1,000.00.
3. On or about July 29, 2023, Licensee filed a Petition for Order of Compliance in order to lift the order of suspension and probation in this case.
4. On August 7, 2023, the Board voted that the licensee was in compliance and ordered the suspension and probation in this case lifted.

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## III. DISPOSITION

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5. This matter came before the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on the 8th Day of August, 2023, wherein, the Board voted that Licensee, Robert Jacob Barnett, is in compliance and the Order of Suspension and Probation in this matter is hereby lifted.
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**IV. NOTICE**

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6. Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Consent Order, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.
  7. A violation of this Order shall constitute a separate violation of violation of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-01-.13(13), Unprofessional Conduct, and is grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board against Licensee's license.
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**V. APPROVAL BY THE BOARD**

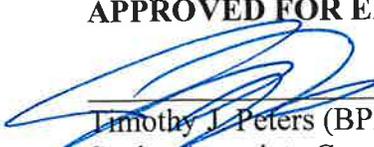
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This **ORDER** was approved as a **FINAL ORDER** by a majority of a quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board and signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED** that the agreements of the parties will, and hereby do, become the Final Order of the Board.

  
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Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
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# RATIFICATION LIST

11/25/2024 – 4/3/2025

## Veterinary Facilities

### Initial Licensure

- 2567 Animal Dermatology Group Inc  
Arlington Pet Hospital (Vetcor Of Tennessee
- 2590 Llc)
- 2585 Boyd'S Creek Animal Hospital
- 2579 Eastborne Animal Center
- 2576 Ferguson Animal Hospital
- 2584 Hvp Of Tennessee
- 2591 Hvp Of Tennessee Llc
- 2568 Macon County Veterinaryhospital
- 2572 Montgomery County Animal Control
- 2603 Prioritypet Urgent Care - Hermitage
- 2586 Tipton Community Animal Clinic- Brighton
- 2582 Animal Medical Center Of Cleveland
- 2587 Baum Equine
- 2597 Canine Transplant & Apheresis
- 2581 Eastside Animal Clinic
- 2580 Mcewen Animal Clinic
- 2578 Mnb Veterinary Services Llc
- 2588 Morgan County Animal Hospital
- 2555 Mountains View
- 2589 Poplar View Pet Hospital Pllc
- 2575 Root On The Ridge Animal Clinic
- 2606 Southside Veterinary Clinic
- 2593 Spring City Pet Care

### Reinstatement

- 1987 Powell Animal Hospital
- 1923 Vip Petcare
- 1867 Vip Petcare
- 1971 Vip Petcare
- 2021 Vip Petcare
- 1972 Vip Petcare
- 2073 Vip Petcare Clinic At Pet Food Center
- 2074 Vip Petcare Clinic At Pet Supplies Plus#4248

2276 Vip Petcare Clinic At Tractor Supply Co #2584  
2275 Vip Petcare Clinic At Tractor Supply Co#2591  
532 Crownover Animal Clinic  
1445 Humane Society Of The Tennessee Valley  
1161 Jackson Pet Emergency Clinic Llc  
385 Keith Street Animal Clinic  
1491 The Pet Doctor Mobile Practice  
1010 Value Vet  
2028 Vip Petcare  
2229 Vip Petcare Clinic At Petsense 7198-Dyersburg  
2194 Petworks Animal Services

## **Veterinarian**

### Closed Application

Brucker Derek  
William  
Foster Anna  
Green Randolph  
Luebeck Caylee  
Moorhead Brittany

### Initial Licensure

8360 Allie Samuel  
8379 Anderson Timothy Dewayne  
8394 Baumgarten Cassandra  
8383 Bennett Karen Ann  
8338 Bowser Pauline Erin  
8302 Brooks Emma  
8392 Butler Angela  
8363 Coon Hailey  
8408 Csomos Rebecca  
8376 Dickey Hanna  
8388 Duffy Stacy L  
8385 Fraser Justin  
8409 Freemyer Clarissa  
7857 Garcia Bonilla Alvaro Antonio  
8340 Gauthier Piper  
8398 Gordon Ira Kenneth  
8380 Grosko Hannah Elizabeth  
8396 Hagan Ruth Mcconathy  
8399 Hardesty David Jr.  
8359 Heaton Tiffany

8373 Heuerman Scott Allan Jr.  
8371 Humphrey Michael Preston  
8410 Isham Karlee  
8390 Ivancic Marina  
8401 Knight Jennifer Rae Pittman  
8370 Krauss Hana  
8395 Krute Jordyn Paige  
Kubicek-Regev Lyndsay  
8405 Nichole  
8364 Mcintyre Lisa Wolff  
8402 Michael Christina  
8367 Miller Alexis  
8384 Millis Darryl L  
8416 Murray-Price Jess  
8374 Negrelli Audrey  
8368 Nelson James Henry Jr  
8354 Neufang Lisa Tice  
8366 Oller Nicole  
8369 Paradizo Pierina  
8372 Powers Olivia Baker  
8365 Risalvato Jacqueline  
8357 Rogers Luke Benjamin  
8413 Rosenbloom Benjamin Leigh  
3304 Salleng Kenneth Jams  
8400 Schlueter Andrew Harrison  
7276 Shaker Mariam W  
8415 Sloan Pearce  
8381 Smith Anna Elizabeth  
8386 Suter Steven E.  
8361 Swilley Cody Lynn  
8412 Taylor Cole William  
8278 Taylor Trigg Madison Leigh  
8397 Tester Shawn Alec  
8393 Thompson Corinne  
8417 Turner Kaela  
8375 Worsfold Chantal Marie

#### Reinstatement

6267 Bardroff Veronica Kay  
7849 Dunlap David Richbourg  
7593 Fuentes Roman Jailene M.  
6947 Marstin Laura Elizabeth  
7687 Miceli Ashley Campeaux  
2652 Rogers-Scarlett Susan C

7575 Smartt Whitnie Michelle  
2750 Thompson Michael A.  
5963 Tuttle Trent Aaron  
3384 Wheeler Frances Evelyn  
5389 Carlomagno Andrea J.  
4691 Kulpa Cheryl Fite

## **Animal Control Agency Certification**

### Reinstatement

Jackson-Madison  
County Rabies  
28 Control  
Lebanon Animal  
102 Control

## **Veterinary Technician**

### Initial Licensure

2648 Austin Bonnie E  
2668 Baldwin Pauline  
2620 Ballard Jeanie  
2664 Bartolo Carly  
2626 Beasley Elizabeth Kay  
2634 Bell Bailey  
2602 Billings Kayleigha Faith  
2629 Blair Alexis  
2659 Born Elizabeth  
2674 Castro Hayley  
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2649 Downing Sarah Katlin  
2643 Estrada Cristian D  
2639 Gordon Deborah E  
2647 Jackson Matthew Donald  
2652 Janis Sabrina  
2656 Johnson Lauren Elizabeth  
2645 Kelsey Abbie Nicole  
2653 Loebig Jacqueline  
2635 Lundy Sandra  
2574 Mcnealy Kaylea Breann  
2636 Miller Elizabeth Carol  
2641 Moore Abbye  
Nyhus Emmanuelle Claire  
2621 Beaulieu

2637 Pfaff Cassandra Rae  
2615 Reagan Hise Brooke Elizabeth  
2642 Roundtree Maklain  
2631 Sanders Amy Marie  
2632 Shultz Nicole Lynn  
2666 Simon Joshua  
2628 Smith Annalee  
2673 Stephens Kristen Leigh  
2654 Stewart Stephanie Ann  
2459 Supernault Nicole  
2657 Truax Madison Blake  
2650 Vollbracht Madison  
2646 Whitehead Audrey  
Wilbanks Courtney Dianne  
2660 Lafaye  
2658 Witt Mckenzie Leigh  
2630 Woodall Emma Rose  
2638 Wright Danielle Dea  
2640 Wright Jasmine

#### Reinstatement

1172 Douglass Stefanie Nicole  
1869 Edwards Mallory  
2295 Holmes Erin  
1078 Leedham Candace Lee  
2206 Miller Clinton Dewitt  
2236 Moore Lauren Maddison  
1006 Moore Robert Hayden  
717 Sexton Stephanie Jean  
1919 Thomas Leigha Paige  
2239 Ward Alexis

#### **Animal Euthanasia Technician Certification**

##### Closed Application

Williams Alejandro

##### Initial Certification

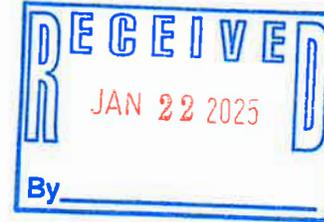
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1277 Cameron Amanda Ellen  
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1289 Cozatt Makayla  
1267 Davis Chelsea Alexandra  
1282 Flinn Tiffany  
1266 Flippen Novelle Simone  
1256 Gerritsen Alexandria  
1265 Hogan David Wayne  
1280 Jensen Jackelyn  
1269 Lawson Emily M.  
1279 Malcolm Kathryn Amanda  
Onanina Bodiong Armel  
1274 Gael  
1291 Pratt Brittany Nicole  
1287 Raffauf Kimberly Ann  
1285 Ralston Aubrey Kendall  
1201 Sorrell Hannah  
1281 Taglia Sophia  
1262 Veals Trinity A  
1268 Yancheck Christina Marie

#### Reinstatement

558 Anderson Lauren Victoria  
305 Ellison Jessie Lynn  
855 Foster Christian Danielle  
1024 Scott Courtney Taylore

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Civil Penalty



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RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP  
COMMISSIONER

## Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

### AGREED CITATION

Mallory Edwards  
LICENSE # 1869

December 9, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.12, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Mallory Edwards (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 1869; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain sixteen (16) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) and providing proof of completion of the required number of continuing education credits, Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees that Licensee has not received any threats or promises of any kind by the State or any agent or representative thereof, except such as is detailed herein.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee acknowledges and understands that if Licensee does not sign this Agreed Citation and return it along with a check or money order made out to the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for the prescribed amount within **thirty (30) days**, a formal contested case hearing may be initiated in which the Board is authorized to assess civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), with each day of continued violation constituting a separate violation. Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-1-134. Additionally, the Board may refuse to renew Licensee's license, or the Board may suspend or revoke Licensee's license.

**THEREFORE**, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00). Licensee further agrees to provide proof to the Board of completion of **sixteen (16) hours** of continuing education, the amount determined to be deficient, within **ninety (90) days** of signing this citation. Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website and may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), or similar agency.



**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

Mallory Edwards

Mallory Edwards  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 1869  
Licensee

1/6/25  
Date

[Signature]  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary  
Medical Examiners

4/8/25  
Date





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**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
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665 MAINSTREAM DRIVE, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
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**RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP**  
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**AGREED CITATION**  
Kristina Herbison, LVMT  
LICENSE # 1214

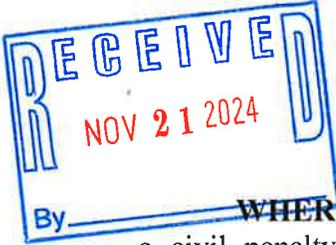
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**WHEREAS**, Kristina Herbison (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 1214; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain nineteen (19) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2021 and 2022, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and



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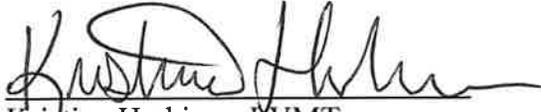
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**THEREFORE**, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950.00). Licensee further agrees to provide proof to the Board of completion of **nineteen (19) hours** of continuing education, the amount determined to be deficient, within **ninety (90) days** of signing this citation. Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website and may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), or similar agency.



**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**



Kristina Herbison, LVMT  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 1214  
Licensee

11/6/24  
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Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary  
Medical Examiners

4/8/25  
Date



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## Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

### AGREED CITATION

Abbey Hodge  
LICENSE # 1417

December 10, 2024

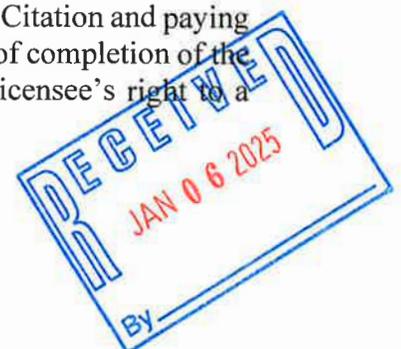
**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.12, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Abbey Hodge (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 1417; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain sixteen (16) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2022 and 2023, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) and providing proof of completion of the required number of continuing education credits, Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein.



**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees facsimile/PDF copies of this Agreed Citation, including facsimile/PDF signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as originals.

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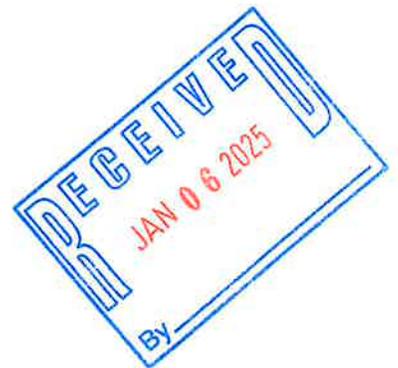
**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

Abbey Hodge  
Abbey Hodge  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 1417  
Licensee

12.30.24  
Date

[Signature]  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
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4/8/25  
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23-1200 Appendix I  
civil/pen.



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## Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

### AGREED CITATION

Alexis Ward  
LICENSE # 2239

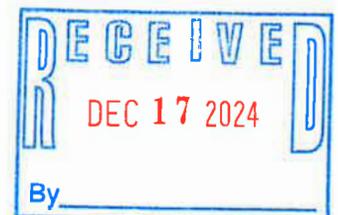
October 10, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.12, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Alexis Ward (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 2239; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2022 and 2023, in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and



**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) and providing proof of completion of the required number of continuing education credits, Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein.

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

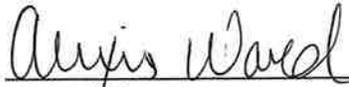
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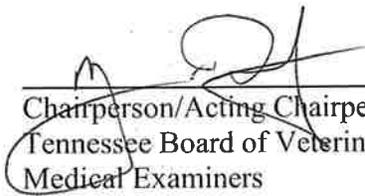
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**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**



Alexis Ward, LVMT  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 2239  
Licensee

12/04/2024  
Date

  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
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Medical Examiners

4/8/25  
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Appendix J

BILL LEE  
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**AGREED CITATION**  
Alexis Ward, LVMT  
LICENSE # 2239

October 28, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.09, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Alexis Ward (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 2239; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee's veterinary medical technician license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.09; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-119 for 10 months; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and



**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00), Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein. This civil penalty represents a penalty of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for every month Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician in this state on an expired license past the Board's six (6) month grace period; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

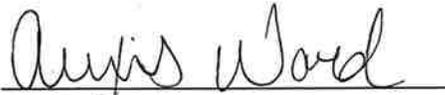
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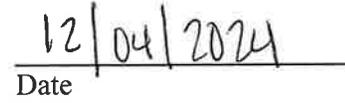
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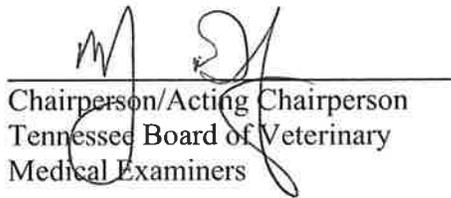
**THEREFORE**, by signing below, Licensee agrees to the terms of this Agreed Citation and hereby remits a civil penalty in the amount of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00). Furthermore, Licensee executes this Agreed Citation for the purpose of avoiding further administrative proceedings with respect to this violation. Licensee further understands that this Agreed Citation will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) or similar agency, on the Department of Health's Disciplinary Action Report and appear on the Department of Health's Website.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**



Alexis Ward  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 2239  
Licensee

  
Date

  
Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary  
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Date



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Appendix K

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## Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

### AGREED CITATION

Erin Holmes, LVMT  
LICENSE # 2295

October 28, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.09, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Erin Holmes (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 2295; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee's veterinary medical technician license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.09; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-119 for 7 months; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of Three Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$350.00), Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein. This civil penalty represents a penalty of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for every month Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician in this state on an expired license past the Board's six (6) month grace period; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee agrees presentation of this Agreed Citation to the Board and the Board's consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Agreed Citation not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against the Licensee in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. If the Board rejects this Agreed Citation for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.; and

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**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

Erin Holmes

Erin Holmes  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 2295  
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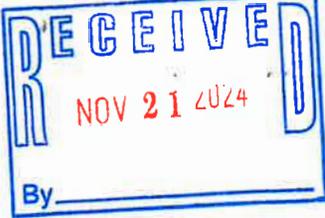
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Medical Examiners

4/8/25

Date





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Appendix L

**BILL LEE**  
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**RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP**  
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**AGREED CITATION**  
Robert Hayden Moore  
LICENSE # 1006

October 7, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinary medical technicians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-03-.09, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Hayden Moore (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinary medical technician in the State of Tennessee, license number 1006; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee failed to timely renew Licensee's veterinary medical technician license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120, and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-03-.09; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician on an expired license in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-119 for twelve (12) months; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and



**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands that by signing this Agreed Citation and paying a civil penalty of three hundred dollars (\$300.00), Licensee waives Licensee's right to a hearing as described herein. This civil penalty represents a penalty of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month for every month Licensee practiced as a veterinary medical technician in this state on an expired license past the Board's six (6) month grace period; and

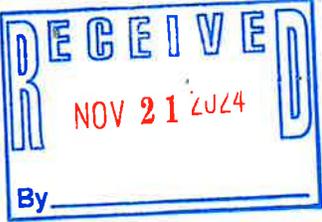
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**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**



Robert Hayden Moore  
Veterinary Medical Technician  
License No. 1006  
Licensee

10-16-24

Date



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary  
Medical Examiners

4/8/25

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Appendix M



BILL LEE  
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RALPH ALVARADO, MD, FACP  
COMMISSIONER

Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**AGREED CITATION**  
Genie Mardis, DVM  
LICENSE # 3165

October 9, 2024

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinarians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-01-.12, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Genie Mardis (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, license number 3165; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain seven (7) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2022 in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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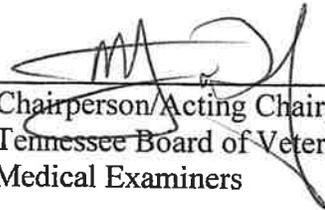


**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

*Genie Mardis, DVM*

Genie Mardis, DVM  
Veterinary License No. 3165  
Licensee

10/27/2024  
Date

  
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Appendix N



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### Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

#### AGREED CITATION

Tiffany Chapman  
LICENSE # 5153

December 10, 2024



**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board), regulates and supervises veterinarians licensed to practice pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated Section (Tenn. Code Ann. §) 63-12-101, *et seq.* (Code), including the discipline of licensees, as well as those who are required to be licensed, who violate the Code and the Rules promulgated by the Board, Official Compilation of Rules and Regulations of the State of Tennessee (Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs.), 1730-01-.12, *et seq.* (Rules); and

**WHEREAS**, Tiffany Chapman (Licensee) is licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, license number 5153; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee admits to the failure to obtain seven (7) hours of continuing education (CE) credits during calendar year(s) 2022 in violation of Tenn. Code Ann. § 63-12-120 and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.12; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensee understands the rights found in the Code, Rules, and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 4-5-101 thru 4-5-404, including the right to a hearing, and to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Licensee, the right to testify and to present evidence on Licensee's own behalf, as well as the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review of or to challenge or contest the validity of this Agreed Citation; and

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**APPROVED FOR ENTRY:**

*T. Chapman*

Tiffany Chapman  
Veterinary License No. 5153  
Licensee

3/4/2025  
Date

*[Signature]*

Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary  
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4/8/25  
Date





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COMMISSIONER

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

FROM: Ellen E. Gose, Associate Counsel

DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: Office of General Counsel Report/ Disciplinary Report

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### Conflict of Interest

If you have any personal or financial interest in the outcome of an issue before this board that may suggest bias, please disclose it. This allows us to determine if recusal is necessary. The board's duty is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennessee's citizens, and it's crucial to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

### Public Comment/ Notice Requirements

To participate in the period of public comment before a Governing Body, a member of the public must notify the Governing Body **ten business** days prior to a scheduled meeting that the individual desires to address the Governing Body. The individual must also notify the Governing Body of the topic from the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting on which the individual wishes to speak. This notice by the member of the public to the Governing Body shall be directed to the email given in the published agenda or sunshine notice for the meeting.

If the Governing Body amends the published agenda or sunshine notice within ten business days prior to the meeting, any member of the public desirous of addressing the Governing Body must give notice that they desire to speak on the added agenda topics **no later than twenty-four hours** prior to the Governing Body's meeting.

### Litigation:

There are thirty-two (32) open cases in the Office of General Counsel. Three (3) cases are pending resolution for consent order ratification.

### Rules:

Currently, OCG is completing its internal review of Rules # 1730-05-.03 Qualifications for Certification; 1730-05-.08, Renewal Application and Reinstatement/Reactivation of Expired or Retired Certificate,

1730-02-.03 Veterinary Facility Inspections to Obtain a Premises Permit, and 1730-03-.12 Continuing Education.

**Office of General Counsel: Summary of Currently Monitored Providers**  
March 2025 Disciplinary Report for the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**Summary:** This report provides the total number of licensees currently being monitored for discipline.

The total number of Veterinarians being monitored for discipline is **9**.

The total number of Veterinarians on reprimand is **1** with terms. **\$0.00** fines and fees

The total number on probation is **5** with terms. **\$0.00** fines and fees.

The total number on suspension is **0**.

The total number revoked/surrendered is **3**.

The total number of Vet. Techs being monitored for discipline is **1**.

The total number of CAET's being monitored for discipline is **1**.

The total number of Veterinarian Facilities being monitored for discipline is **5**.

## TN Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Administrators Report

**As of April 3, 2025, the Board has the following number of active licensees:**

Veterinarian	3325
Veterinary Technician	1254
Veterinary Facility	880
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	315
Certified Animal Control Agencies	65
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	1
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	0

### Licensing Activities between November 25, 2024 – April 3, 2025

	Expired	Initial License	Reinstate	Retired	Facility Closed	Closed File	Renewed via online	Renewed via paper	Renewal Total
Veterinarian	32	55	12	3	N/A	5	398	162	560
Vet Tech	36	42	10	5	N/A	0	172	33	205
Vet Facility	10	23	19	0	22	0	21	61	82
CAET	23	24	4	0	N/A	1	28	11	39
CACA	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	9	9
Chem. Capture Facility	1	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	0

### Inspection Status Report

This report covers the number of inspections from November 25, 2024 – April 3, 2025

	East	Middle	West
<b>Initial</b>	11	10	4
<b>Renewal</b>	49	52	13
<b>Reinspection</b>	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	60	62	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>139</b>		

### Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

August 13, 2025	Iris Room
August 14, 2025	Poplar Room – Additional Date
December 2, 2025	Poplar Room

### GSA Lodging Reimbursement Rates:

April 2025	- \$217
August 2025	- \$217



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

Appendix Q

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										49
Total Closed Complaints		8	8	0										16
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	3	0										4
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0										1
9 - Complaint Closed		3	4	0										7
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		1	1	0										2
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	0										2
Currently Open Complaints	46	56	59	79										

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	8	2	6										16
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	1										2
26-Unprofessional Conduct	10	6	6										22
36-Lapsed License	0	1	5										6
45-CE Violation	0	0	1										1



## 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
47-Outside INV Scope	0	1	1										2
<b>Total:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>										<b>49</b>

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	2	2	5										9
MIDDLE	3	1	2										6
WEST	3	3	1										7
Out of State	0	0	0										0
Unknown	3	1	5										9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>										<b>31</b>



## 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										14
Total Closed Complaints		1	2	0										3
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	1	0										1
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0										1
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	1	0										1
Currently Open Complaints	12	14	14	23										

### 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										2
26-Unprofessional Conduct	2	1	3										6
36-Lapsed License	0	1	5										6
Total:	3	2	9										14

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2303 - Veterinary Facility

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Unknown	0	0	3										3
Total:	0	1	6										7



## 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										32
Total Closed Complaints		6	6	0										12
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	2	0										3
9 - Complaint Closed		2	4	0										6
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		1	0	0										1
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	0										2
Currently Open Complaints	32	40	42	52										

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	7	2	5										14
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	0										1
26-Unprofessional Conduct	7	4	3										14
45-CE Violation	0	0	1										1
47-Outside INV Scope	0	1	1										2
Total:	14	8	10										32

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	1	1	3										5



# Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2317 - Veterinarian

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
MIDDLE	3	1	2										6
WEST	3	2	0										5
Out of State	0	0	0										0
Unknown	3	1	2										6
Total:	10	5	7										22



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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										3
Total Closed Complaints		1	0	0										1
9 - Complaint Closed		1	0	0										1
Currently Open Complaints	1	1	2	3										

### 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										1
26-Unprofessional Conduct	1	1	0										2
Total:	1	1	1										3

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0										0
None		0	0	0										0
Currently Open Complaints	1	1	1	1										

### 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

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0										0
None		0	0	0										0
Currently Open Complaints	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

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0										0
None		0	0	0										0
Currently Open Complaints	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

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0										0
None		0	0	0										0
Currently Open Complaints	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

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

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License Type: 23 - VETERINARY BOARD

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		7	13	9	11	16	8	10	20	7	15	8	6	130
Total Closed Complaints		15	2	14	17	1	13	20	16	10	13	8	8	137
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	0	0	2	0	9	0	2	4	2	4	2	26
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	3	0	1	13
9 - Complaint Closed		10	2	12	12	0	2	10	12	2	8	1	4	75
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	1	3	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	11
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	12
Currently Open Complaints	53	45	56	51	45	60	55	45	49	46	48	48	46	

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	0	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	2	6	1	0	17
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	9
26-Unprofessional Conduct	5	7	3	7	8	7	8	14	5	8	5	3	80
36-Lapsed License	0	4	1	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	3	15
41-Drug Diversion	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



## 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
45-CE Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
47-Outside INV Scope	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>130</b>

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	1	4	1	3	2	5	3	3	4	3	1	1	31
MIDDLE	1	3	4	4	3	1	2	3	1	3	4	2	31
WEST	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	6
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2303 - Veterinary Facility

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		3	6	3	4	1	2	1	3	0	4	5	3	35
Total Closed Complaints		4	0	2	4	0	2	6	2	3	4	0	2	29
62 - Closed - Insufficient		1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5
9 - Complaint Closed		3	0	2	3	0	0	5	1	1	3	0	1	19
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Currently Open Complaints	6	5	11	12	12	13	13	8	9	6	6	11	12	

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
26-Unprofessional Conduct	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	15
36-Lapsed License	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	2	11
47-Outside INV Scope	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Total:	3	6	3	4	1	2	1	3	0	4	5	3	35

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	3	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	13



# Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2303 - Veterinary Facility

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
MIDDLE	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	11
WEST	0	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	0
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Total:	1	6	2	4	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	3	26



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2317 - Veterinarian

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		3	7	6	4	10	5	5	16	7	11	3	2	79
Total Closed Complaints		10	2	12	11	1	7	12	10	3	8	7	6	89
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	1	3	2	14
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	6
9 - Complaint Closed		7	2	10	8	0	2	5	7	0	5	1	3	50
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	7
94 - Closed - Warning Ltr		2	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	0	12
Currently Open Complaints	42	35	40	34	27	36	34	27	33	37	40	36	32	

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
24-Malpractice/Negligence	0	0	4	0	2	0	1	0	2	4	1	0	14
25-Unlicensed Practice	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5
26-Unprofessional Conduct	3	6	2	4	4	5	4	13	5	6	2	2	56
45-CE Violation	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
47-Outside INV Scope	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total:	3	7	6	4	10	5	5	16	7	11	3	2	79

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
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## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2317 - Veterinarian

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
EAST	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	3	4	1	1	0	16
MIDDLE	1	0	3	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	0	17
WEST	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
Out of State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	8
Total:	2	4	4	1	3	4	4	5	6	8	3	1	45



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2318 - Cert. Animal Control Agencies

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		1	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	10
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	1	0	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	10
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
9 - Complaint Closed		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
93 - Closed - Ltr of Concern		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Currently Open Complaints	1	2	2	2	1	4	2	5	3	2	2	1	1	

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
26-Unprofessional Conduct	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	9
47-Outside INV Scope	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total:	1	0	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	10

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2318 - Cert. Animal Control Agencies

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



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2326 - Veterinary Medical Technician

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Total Closed Complaints		1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	8
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
7 - Closed BIV,EMS,HCF,AW		1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
9 - Complaint Closed		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
Currently Open Complaints	4	3	3	3	4	6	5	4	3	0	0	0	1	

### 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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
36-Lapsed License	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Total:	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5

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	0
MIDDLE	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
WEST	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Out of State	0	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	0



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2326 - Veterinary Medical Technician

By Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Total:	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2327 - Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
New Complaints Opened		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total Closed Complaints		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
62 - Closed - Insufficient		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Currently Open Complaints	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	

### ANALYSIS OF NEWLY OPENED COMPLAINTS

By Allegation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
41-Drug Diversion	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total:	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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	0
MIDDLE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WEST	0	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	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2328 - Cert Animal Chem Capture Tech

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	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	0
Total Closed Complaints		0	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	0
Currently Open Complaints	0	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	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	0
MIDDLE	0	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	0
Out of State	0	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	0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## Tennessee Department of Health Board Statistical Complaint Report

License Type: 2329 - Animal Chemical Capture Cert.

Complaint Activity	Dec 2023	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	0
Total Closed Complaints		0	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	0
Currently Open Complaints	0	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	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	0
MIDDLE	0	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	0
Out of State	0	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	0
Total:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD  
OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
 )  
**EVAN SHEPARD** ) **DOCKET NO.: 17.25-244035A**  
**RESPONDENT** )  
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**LICENSE #856** )  
**CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE** )

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**FINAL ORDER**

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This matter came to be heard before the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (“Board”) on April 9, 2025, pursuant to a Notice of Hearing and Charges and Memorandum for Assessment of Civil Penalties and Costs (“NOC”) issued against the above-captioned Respondent by the Tennessee Department of Health (“State”). Presiding at the hearing was the Honorable Alexander S. Rieger, Administrative Law Judge, assigned by the Secretary of State. The Division of Health Related Boards of the Tennessee Department of Health was represented by Timothy J. Peters, Senior Associate Counsel. The Respondent was neither present nor represented by counsel. Counsel for the State made a motion pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated (TENN. CODE ANN.) § 4-5-309 to proceed against the Respondent in default. In support of its motion, the State introduced evidence through its affidavit that Respondent was informed of the hearing date and time by certified mail and by first class mail to Respondent’s address of record and that the State made other efforts to contact the Respondent. By majority

vote, the Board GRANTED the State's motion to find the Respondent in DEFAULT and to conduct the proceeding without the participation of the Respondent.

After consideration of the Notice of Hearing and Charges, testimony of witnesses, exhibits, affidavits, arguments of counsel, and the record as a whole, the Board finds as follows:

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a certified animal euthanasia technicians in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 856 on 05/03/2018, which currently has an expiration date of 11/30/2024.
2. At all times pertinent hereto Respondent was working as a certified animal euthanasia technicians at a veterinary facility located in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
3. Respondent's Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician ("C.A.E.T.") License expired on or about 11/30/20. Respondent filed an incomplete renewal application for 11/30/2020 which expired incomplete. Respondent wrote a letter to the Board dated 6/30/2021, explaining that he continued to perform euthanasia within his job responsibilities in the State of Tennessee, during the time his license was expired. On or about 7/9/21, Respondent submitted a reinstatement application with payment and renewed his license. The Board sent Respondent an agreed citation on or about 8/6/2021 for working as a C.A.E.T. on an expired license beyond the 6<sup>th</sup> month grace period, but Respondent never signed and returned it to the Board. On or about June 1, 2023, the State made contact with the Respondent using his Board phone number and Respondent explained he had moved to 3535 Mountain Creek Road, Apt 303, Chattanooga, TN 37415. The State sent new documentation to the Respondent on about June 6, 2023, to the Mountain Creek Road address. The Board address has not been updated with the new address and the State has

been unable to contact the Respondent since the June 1, 2023 phone conversation.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Findings of Fact above are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated or allowed to be violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act, Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“Tenn. Code Ann. §”) 63-12-101, et seq., and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.01, et seq., for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.

5. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent’s license to practice as a certified animal euthanasia technician pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §63-12-124(a), the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(1) Willful or repeated violation of any provisions of this chapter or any rules of the board;

(12) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct as defined in this section or prescribed by the rules of the board;

6. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent’s license to practice as a certified animal euthanasia technician pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-05-.11, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

Unprofessional conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

(2) Practicing as a C.A.E.T. in this state on an expired, retired, suspended, or revoked certificate.

5. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent's license to practice as a certified animal euthanasia technician pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-05-.13, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(2) Change of Address - A licensee or certificate holder must notify the Board of a change of address within thirty (30) days of such change. The notification must be in writing and include both the old and new addresses along with the licensee's name, profession, and license or certificate number.

### **III. ORDER**

THEREFORE, in consideration of the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** as follows:

7. Respondent's License is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.
8. Respondent shall pay a **CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00)**, which represents \$25.00 for each of two (2) months that Respondent practiced as a certified animal euthanasia technician, "(C.A.E.T.)" in the State of Tennessee, beyond the six (6) month grace period.
9. The Respondent shall pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-1-144, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law including all costs assessed against the Board by the Division's Bureau of Investigations in connection with the prosecution of this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. Said costs shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).

10. Within sixty (60) days from Assessment of Costs being sent to Respondent, Respondent must either pay all costs in full OR make arrangements for a payment plan with the Disciplinary Coordinator. Costs shall be paid by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee to the address below:

**Office of General Counsel  
Attn: Disciplinary Coordinator  
Tennessee Department of Health  
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

**or  
disciplinary.coordinator@tn.gov**

Payment by personal or business check will not be accepted. Respondent's name and case number 17.25-244035A must be placed on the check or money order to ensure it is applied correctly.

11. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

#### **IV. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is statutorily tasked in creating and enforcing the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act. The Board takes this necessary action today in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the animal population and all of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, and those visiting the State by ensuring that veterinary facilities and individuals are regularly inspected and licensed as required by law. We believe there is sufficient evidence for a **REPRIMAND AND CIVIL PENALTY** this day based upon the proof and our conclusions.

This **FINAL ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of

Veterinary Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Apr. 1, 2025.

  
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Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**RECONSIDERATION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
RELIEF AND JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Within fifteen (15) days after the entry of an initial or Final Order, a party may file a petition to the Board for reconsideration of the Final Order. If no action is taken within (20) days of filing the petition with the Board it is deemed denied. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-317.

In addition, a party may petition the Board for a stay of the Final Order within seven (7) days after the effective date of the Final Order. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-316.

Finally, a party may seek judicial review by filing a petition of review in the in the chancery court nearest to the place of residence of the person contesting the agency action or alternatively, at the person's discretion, in the chancery court nearest to the place where the cause of action arose, or in the chancery court of Davidson County within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Final Order. A petition for reconsideration does not act to extend the sixty (60) day period; however, if the petition is granted, then the sixty (60) day period is tolled and a new sixty (60) day period commences from the effective date of the Final Order disposing of the petition. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-322.

Prepared for Entry:

 4/6/25  
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Office of General Counsel  
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Nashville, Tennessee 37243  
(615) 741-5575

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this FINAL ORDER and Charges has been served upon Respondent, Evan Shepard, by certified and first class mail on

April 10, 2025, at the following locations:

516 E. 5th Street, Chattanooga, TN 37403

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 5270 1534 5598 94

3535 Mountain Creek Road, Apt 303, Chattanooga, TN 37415

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 5270 1534 5572 34

20 Mason Dr Apt 510, Chattanooga, TN 37415

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 5270 1534 5572 27

1105 John Ross Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37412-1621

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 5270 1534 5571 35



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Timothy J. Peters  
Senior Associate Counsel

**STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BEFORE THE TENNESSEE BOARD  
OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:** )  
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**MELBA JILL BURGESS, DVM,** ) **CASE NO.: 17.25-241778A**  
**RESPONDENT** )  
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 )  
**LICENSE NO: 4373** )  
**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE** )

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**FINAL ORDER**

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After consideration of the Notice of Hearing and Charges, testimony of witnesses, exhibits, affidavits, arguments of counsel, and the record as a whole, the Board finds as follows:

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 4373 on 05/28/2003, which currently has an expiration date of 04/30/2026.
2. At all times pertinent hereto Respondent was the owner and was working as a veterinarian at a veterinary facility located in Nashville, Tennessee.
3. On or about January 12, 2023, during an unannounced visit to Respondent's veterinary facility located in Nashville, Tennessee, Tennessee Department of Health, Office of Investigations, investigators ("Investigators") found that Respondent had several medications on her shelves and in her veterinary facility's refrigerator which were expired. Staff explained that they were going to throw out the expired medications. Further, the Investigators found that some of the expired medications were left at this location from the prior veterinary clinic owner in 2020, and some were brought with Respondent from her old clinic to her new clinic in 2020. Also, Investigators found that Respondent did not have a premises permit at her new location. In 2019, Respondent was previously disciplined for practicing at a veterinary facility without a valid premises permit for approximately 15 months, from March 2017 to July 2018. Furthermore, as the owner of Respondent's new facility, she failed to apply for and secure a premise permit/license where a licensed veterinarian practiced or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurred. Further, while your facility has been unpermitted, you have been working as a veterinarian at this facility.

## II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Findings of Fact above are sufficient to establish that Respondent has violated or allowed to be violated the following statutes or rules which are part of the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act, Tennessee Code Annotated Section (“Tenn. Code Ann. §”) 63-12-101, et seq., and Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs., 1730-01-.01, et seq., for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized.
  
5. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent’s license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §63-12-124(a), the relevant portion of which reads as follows:
  - (1) Willful or repeated violation of any provisions of this chapter or any rules of the board;
  - (12) Unprofessional or unethical conduct or engaging in practices in connection with the practice of veterinary medicine that are in violation of the standards of professional conduct as defined in this section or prescribed by the rules of the board;
  - (13) Conduct reflecting unfavorably upon the profession of veterinary medicine;
  
1. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent’s license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §63-12-139, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:
  - (a) Any person who owns or operates any veterinary facility, including mobile clinics, or any other premises where a licensed veterinarian practices or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs shall apply

for and secure a premises permit from the board prior to the commencement of any services that would subject the provider of those services to licensure under this chapter. Any premises in operation on January 1, 1997, shall register with the board by filling out an application as required by the board.

2. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-02-.02, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(5) Any facility, permanent or mobile, where a licensed veterinarian practices must have a premises permit issued by the board. Upon application and payment of fees as set by rule of the board, the board shall cause such facility to be inspected, with re-inspections as necessary. A premises permit shall be issued if the facility meets minimum standards including, but not limited to sanitary conditions, recordkeeping, physical plant and equipment, method of operation, services required, and surgical area.

3. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §53-10-106, for which disciplinary action by the Board is authorized, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

(a)(1) Any drug or device that is misbranded, out of date, old, deteriorated, not kept under proper refrigeration as required, or that has been exposed to

fire, heat, smoke, water, flood or windstorm damage is deemed to be adulterated, and the possession, sale, or distribution of those drugs or devices is prohibited.

4. The Findings of Fact above constitute grounds for which the Board may discipline Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian pursuant to Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1730-01-.13, the relevant portion of which reads as follows:

Unprofessional conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

(11) Practicing in a facility without a premises permit.

### **III. ORDER**

THEREFORE, in consideration of the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** as follows:

6. Respondent's licensed to practice as a veterinarian, **LICENSE NO. 4373** shall be placed on PROBATION for (1) one Year,
7. As a prerequisite to lifting the Probation of Respondent' license, the Respondent must:
  - a. Obtain an initial premise permit for the Respondent's clinic,
  - b. The Respondent's clinic shall successfully pass an additional premise inspection within one (1) year of obtaining the initial premise permit, and
  - c. The Respondent shall appear before the Board.
8. Respondent agrees to pay a **CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900.00)**, which represents one (1) Type B civil penalty of \$100.00 for each of nineteen (19) months that Respondent engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at an unpermitted facility, beyond the six (6) month grace period.
9. Respondent agrees to pay a **CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of five thousand dollars**

(\$5,000.00), which represents one (1) Type B civil penalty of \$200.00 for each of twenty-five (25) months that Respondent failed to apply for and secure a premises permit for a veterinary facility that was owned and operated by the Respondent.

10. Respondent agrees to pay a **CIVIL PENALTY in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)**, which represents one (1) Type A civil penalty for possessing expired medications which were located on Respondent's facility shelves and in her facility refrigerator.
11. The Respondent shall pay, pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 63-1-144, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law including all costs assessed against the Board by the Division's Bureau of Investigations in connection with the prosecution of this matter. These costs will be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. Said costs shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00).
12. Within sixty (60) days from Assessment of Costs being sent to Respondent, Respondent must either pay all costs in full OR make arrangements for a payment plan with the Disciplinary Coordinator. Costs shall be paid by submitting a certified check, cashier's check, or money order payable to the State of Tennessee to the address below:

**Office of General Counsel  
Attn: Disciplinary Coordinator  
Tennessee Department of Health  
665 Mainstream Drive, Second Floor  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243**

or  
**disciplinary.coordinator@tn.gov**

Payment by personal or business check will not be accepted. Respondent's name and case number **17.25-241778A** must be placed on the check or money order to ensure it is applied correctly.

13. Respondent understands that this is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency.

#### **IV. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is statutorily tasked in creating and enforcing the Tennessee Veterinary Practice Act. The Board takes this necessary action today in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the animal population and all of the citizens of the State of Tennessee, and those visiting the State by ensuring that veterinary facilities and individuals are regularly inspected and licensed as required by law. We believe there is sufficient evidence for **PROBATION AND CIVIL PENALTIES** this day based upon the proof and our conclusions.

This **FINAL ORDER** was approved by a majority of a quorum of the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at a public meeting of the Board signed this 9th day of April, 2025.



Chairperson/Acting Chairperson  
Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

#### **RECONSIDERATION, ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF AND JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Within fifteen (15) days after the entry of an initial or Final Order, a party may file a petition to the Board for reconsideration of the Final Order. If no action is taken within (20) days of filing the petition with the Board it is deemed denied. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-317.

In addition, a party may petition the Board for a stay of the Final Order within seven (7) days after the effective date of the Final Order. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-316.

Finally, a party may seek judicial review by filing a petition of review in the in the chancery court nearest to the place of residence of the person contesting the agency action or alternatively, at the person's discretion, in the chancery court nearest to the place where the cause of action arose, or in the chancery court of Davidson County within sixty (60) days after the effective date of the Final Order. A petition for reconsideration does not act to extend the sixty (60) day period; however, if the petition is granted, then the sixty (60) day period is tolled and a new sixty (60) day period commences from the effective date of the Final Order disposing of the petition. TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-5-322.

Prepared for Entry:

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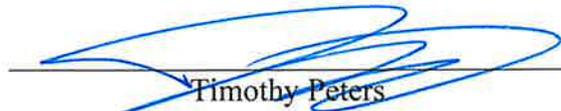
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of this Final Order has been served upon Respondent, Dr. Melba Jill Burgess, by certified and first-class mail at the following locations:

6514 Highway 100, Nashville, TN 37205

Certified Mail Number: 9589 0710 5270 1534 5599 00

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
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Timothy Peters  
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