

Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine
Draft Minutes of February 11, 2026, Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Donald Hoenig called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Donald Hoenig, D.V.M., Chair
Peter Davis, D.V.M., Complaint Officer
Douglas Andrews, D.V.M., Complaint Officer
Charmaine Brown, D.V.M, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Townsend, D.V.M., Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Randy Dow, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Penny Vaillancourt, Director
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner II

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

November 26, 2025

Davis moved to accept the minutes of November 26, 2025, as amended to clarify date of 11/26/25 as agenda listed 11/19/25, seconded by Brown. Vote 4-0-1 Hoenig, Davis, Andrews, and Brown in favor, Townsend absent.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTION

2025-VET-20979

Brown moved to dismiss 2025-VET-20979 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Davis. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Davis, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Andrews abstained; Townsend absent.

2025-VET-20989

Davis moved to dismiss 2025-VET-20989 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Brown. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Davis, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Andrews abstained; Townsend absent.

2025-VET-21021

Davis moved to dismiss 2025-VET-21021 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Brown. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Davis, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Andrews abstained; Townsend absent

2025-VET-21035

Davis moved to dismiss 2025-VET-21035 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Brown. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Davis, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Andrews abstained; Townsend absent.

2025-VET-21023

Andrews moved to dismiss 2025-VET-21023 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's law and rule, seconded by Brown. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Andrews, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Davis abstained; Townsend absent.

2025-VET-20786

Andrews moved to find a violation of the Board rules regarding standards of care as it relates to 1) failure to refer to an oncology specialist and 2) failure to read the radiology/x-ray correctly. Seconded by Brown. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Andrews, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Davis abstained; Townsend absent.

Brown moved to schedule 2025-VET-20786 for an adjudicatory hearing and to offer a Consent Agreement to include the following 1) A Warning. 2) Admission to violation of 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(4) Board Rule Chapter 5 Section 2 standards of care 3) 6 CEU units in oncology with units to include some with a focus on melanoma; 4) 6 CEU units in radiology to include some with a focus on chest and thoracic radiology; 5) 12 months to complete and submit documentation of completed CEU's to the board. These 12 CEU's will not be used to count towards the already required annual CEU's for license renewal; seconded by Andrews. Vote 3-0-1 Brown, Andrews, Hoenig in favor; Complaint Officer Davis abstained; Townsend absent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Davis motioned the following slate of officers for 2026:

Board Chair: Hoenig

Board Vice Chair: Townsend

Complaint Officer: Davis

Complaint Officer: Andrews

Slate of officers seconded by Brown. Vote 4-0-1 Davis, Brown, Andrews, Hoenig in favor. Townsend absent.

Andrews spoke about the issue of board membership and lack of nominations being approved, particularly that of a Public Member. Davis and Brown shared same concerns as it relates to a potential public member interested in joining the Board. Andrews indicated desire to retire from board in future with Townsend intending to run for public office which may preclude his ability to be a member. Davis spoke to possibility of Board not being to meet required quorum in future without full membership. Andrews spoke of upcoming rules making proposals from AVMA that may come before the legislature in a future session. Director Vaillancourt committed to following up with Governor's office on pending nominations and will report back to board in future meetings.



APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

TC10011303 Jocelyn Strassel (Initial)

Davis moved to issue initial license to Jocelyn Strassel, seconded by Brown. Vote 4-0-1 Andrews, Davis, Brown, Hoenig in favor; Townsend absent.

VT1133 Shawn Caron (Renewal)

Davis moved to preliminary deny renewal application submitted by Shawn M. Caron, seconded by Andrews. Vote 4-0-1 Andrews, Davis, Hoenig and Brown in favor; Townsend absent.

VT2643 Janna Guerette (Renewal)

Davis moved to grant renewal application submitted by Janna Guerette, seconded by Brown. Vote 4-0-1 Andrews, Davis, Hoenig and Brown in favor; Townsend absent

10 DAY REPORTING NOTIFICATIONS

VT2564 Elizabeth Lordan

Andrews moved to grant application submitted by Elizabeth Lordan, seconded by Davis. Vote 4-0-1 Andrews, Davis, Hoenig and Brown in favor; Townsend absent

Davis moved to authorize Board staff to grant renewal application when submitted provided no new information reported on renewal application. Seconded by Andrews. Vote 4-0-1 Andrews, Davis, Brown, Hoenig in favor; Townsend absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Director Vaillancourt informed the board of three (3) communications regarding the NAVLE examination. No Board action required.

Board considered a request for a sixth (6th) attempt at taking the VTNE examination submitted by Ryleigh Lally. Board rules do not define how many attempts can be made. Exam provider allows for additional attempts beyond five (5) with submission of authorization form. Director Vaillancourt requested additional time for Board staff to review if OPOR contract with exam provider defines number exam attempts allowed. Davis motioned to table request to future meeting to allow Board staff time to review contract. Second by Brown. Vote 4-0-1 Brown, Davis, Andrews, Hoenig in favor. Townsend absent.

OPOR DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Vaillancourt discussed current legislative session and thanked Board members for their participation in the stakeholder meetings regarding LD1220. Legislature committee is moving to work sessions to continue review. Brown inquired regarding wording of proposed bill as related to complaints that may arise from care provided. Brief discussion as currently the wording is for that the Board of Chiropractic will oversee complaints. Complaints would be reviewed and advised by an outside expert that is selected jointly by OPOR and the AAG office. Director Vaillancourt also discussed OPOR Comprehensive Planning and said that Board members will be invited to take part in a survey and/or discussion work session to gather information and feedback. Further information to be provided as plans develop.



PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

No members of the public requested opportunity to comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Davis moved to adjourn at 11:49 am., seconded by Brown
Vote 4-0-1. Andrews, Hoenig, Davis, and Brown in favor; Townsend absent.

Prepared By: Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II

Board approved: April 29, 2026

