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**PUBLIC BOARD MEETING**  
**January 18, 2023**  
**Tentative Agenda**

Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation  
Gardiner Annex – 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner, ME

**Location:** In accordance with Title 1, Section 403-B of the Maine Revised Statutes and the Board Member Remote Participation Policy adopted by the Board on September 15, 2021, board members may participate remotely in Board meetings under certain circumstances and using certain methods of remote participation.

On December 21, 2022, the Board chair issued an Emergency Declaration whereby due to circumstances described in the declaration, members of the Board, for this board meeting will meet remotely. There will be no physical location where members of the public may attend this meeting, however, members of the public may attend the meeting remotely via Zoom as it has successfully done since May 2020.

Information to listen in to this meeting will be posted on the Board's website at:  
<https://www.maine.gov/pfr/professionallicensing/professions/board-veterinary-medicine/home/board-meeting-information>

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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

1. September 21, 2022

**III. COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS**

1. 2022-VET-18609



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OFFICE LOCATION: GARDINER ANNEX  
76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

2. 2022-VET-18654
3. 2017-VET-13078
4. 2022-VET-18117
5. 2022-PHA-18264
6. 2022-VET-18654
7. 2022-VET-18657

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Rachel Fiske, Assistant State Veterinarian, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry regarding whether applying a microchip to a companion animal or equine is considered the practice of veterinary medicine.

**V. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAM FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF VETERINARY EDUCATION EQUIVALENCE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS (PAVE)**

**VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023**

**VII. PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT**

(Board Chair Statement) Under this item, the Board will offer an opportunity to members of the public in attendance to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the Board. While the Board cannot take action on any issues presented, nor can it respond to or debate decisions made today, including matters relating to complaints cases. The board will listen to comments and may ask staff to place the issue on a subsequent agenda. At the discretion of the Board a time limit on comments may be set.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §406 public notice has been met by publication in an area newspaper where the meeting is held and in the Maine Legislative Calendar. Meetings are open to members of the public for observation, but not for public participation. Please contact Jessica Gowell if you wish to confirm this meeting date or check our web site at [www.maine.gov/professionallicensing](http://www.maine.gov/professionallicensing)

The Board may address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid in the efficiency of effectiveness of the meeting. The Board may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Board may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.