

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 1  
HENRICO, VA  
December 2, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 9:21 a.m. on December 2, 2024, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia. Dr. Massie stated for the record that all the same board members, staff members, and parties were in attendance as were at the first day of the hearing on October 21, 2024.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Thomas Massie, D.V.M., President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Bailey, D.V.M.  
Jeffery Newman, D.V.M.  
Patricia Seeger, L.V.T.

**QUORUM:** With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Executive Director  
Claire Foley, Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Brent Saunders, Assistant Attorney General

**COURT REPORTER:** Joshua Delauter

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Emily Tatum, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, Department of Health Professions

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Margaret Crayton

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Chelsey LaMendola, Veterinary Technician**

Ms. LaMendola appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated November 8, 2024, for the second day of the hearing. She was represented by Nora Ciancio, Esq. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Ms.

LaMendola and her counsel regarding the allegations in the Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Bailey moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(16) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical records of Chelsey LaMendola that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by the Code of Virginia, § 2.2-3705.5. Additionally, Dr. Bailey moved that Kelli Moss, Claire Foley, and Brent Saunders attend the meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and/or will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Bailey moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded by Ms. Seeger and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Bailey moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Chelsey LaMendola, Veterinary Technician**. Additionally, Dr. Bailey moved that Kelli Moss, Claire Foley, and Brent Saunders attend the meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and/or will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and carried unanimously.

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The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to

§ 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

Dr. Bailey moved to revoke the license of Chelsey LaMendola, Veterinary Technician, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Ms. LaMendola at her address of record. The motion was seconded by Ms. Seeger and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decision of this quorum of the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director