

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 4
HENRICO, VA
October 21, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 11:03 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia.

FIRST HEARING

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jeffery Newman, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Godine, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, 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
Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL: Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Colleen Gregory-Gettel

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Keilman, Sr. Investigator, Enforcement Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **John Fabish, Veterinarian**

Dr. Fabish appeared via video call before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 20, 2025. He was not represented by counsel. The Board received evidence from Dr. Fabish and the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Rucker 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 **John Fabish, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Kelli Moss 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. Godine and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Rucker 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 Dr. Godine and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION:

Dr. Rucker moved to revoke the license of John Fabish, Veterinarian, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Dr. Fabish at his address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Godine 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 12:52 p.m.

SECOND HEARING

Called to order at 1:46 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Jeffery Newman, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bailey, D.V.M.
Richard Godine, 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
Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL: Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Colleen Gregory-Gettel

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

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Gary Dehne, Veterinarian Reinstatement Applicant**

Dr. Dehne appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated September 5, 2025, to consider his application for reinstatement of his license to practice as a veterinarian in Virginia. He was not represented by counsel. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Dr. Dehne regarding the allegations in the Notice.

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 **Gary Dehne, Veterinarian Reinstatement Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Bailey moved that Kelli Moss 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 Ms. Seeger 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.

DECISION: Dr. Bailey moved to deny the application for reinstatement for Gary Dehne, Veterinarian Reinstatement Applicant. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Dr. Dehne at his 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 2:15 p.m.



Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director