

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
February 10, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on February 10, 2026, at 9:19 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:19 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffery Newman, DVM, Chairperson
Patricia Seeger, LVT, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist,
Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Olivia Colbert, Veterinary Technician
Case 244210**
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Colbert appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 30, 2025, and letter of continuance dated November 3, 2025, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary medicine in Virginia. Ms. Colbert was represented by Tori Bramble, Esq.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee 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 regarding Olivia Colbert, Veterinary Technician. Additionally, Ms. Seeger moved that Ms. Foley attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- RECONVENE:** Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee 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 public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

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

**DECISION:
Case Nos. 244210**

Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee refer the matter of Olivia Colbert, Veterinary Technician, to be considered by the full Board at a formal administrative hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 10:50 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

11:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeffery Newman, DVM, Chairperson
Patricia Seeger, LVT, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist,
Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Rachel Arnold, Veterinarian Applicant
Case No. 239559**

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Arnold appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 22, 2025, to consider her application for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Dr. Arnold was represented by John Conrad, Esq.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Rachel Arnold, Veterinarian Applicant. Additionally, Ms. Seeger moved that Ms. Pote attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed

meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee 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 public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

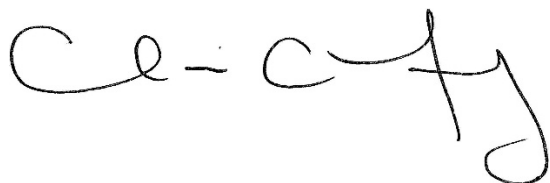
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Case No. 244416

Ms. Seeger moved that the Committee grant Dr. Arnold a license to practice as a veterinarian in Virginia contingent upon continued compliance with the Order issued by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners and the Alabama Veterinary Professionals Wellness Program or transfer of monitoring and compliance to Virginia's Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program. Ms. Seeger further moved that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order sent to Dr. Arnold. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 1:21 p.m.



Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director