

### **Call to Order**

The Regulatory Advisory Panel (Panel) meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order on February 3, 2026, at 10:01 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 5, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

### **Chair**

Bruce M. Bowman, DVM, Board member

### **Attendees**

Thomas Massie, Jr., DVM, Large animal veterinarian

Melinda McCall, DVM, Large animal veterinarian

Matt Nuckols on behalf of Jake Tabor, Legislative Specialist, Governmental Relations, Virginia Farm Bureau

### **Staff Present**

Kelli Moss, Executive Director

Claire Foley, Deputy Executive Director

Matt Novak, DHP Regulatory Coordinator

Laura L. Jackson, Board Administrator

Charles "Chip" Atkins, Licensing Specialist

### **Establishment of Quorum**

With four out of four Panel members present, a quorum was established.

### **Introduction**

Dr. Bowman welcomed attendees and introductions followed.

### **Ordering of Agenda**

Dr. Bowman opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

**Discussion**

Ms. Moss reviewed the 2025 Large Animal Veterinarian Shortage Study Report, which included the work group's recommendation to develop a regulatory framework for haul in veterinary establishments. She provided historical information regarding the Board's recognition of and ongoing efforts to create a registration pathway for this type of establishment to allow greater access to veterinary care for large animals. She affirmed this Panel's purpose to draft proposed regulations for haul-in veterinary establishments to recommend to the Board.

Mr. Novak stated that a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action is pending publication and the next step in the regulatory process will be to develop proposed regulations for haul in establishments that will allow for a registered and inspected shared or third-location facility as there is currently no regulatory provision for this. He projected the Panel would provide its recommendation of the proposed regulations no earlier than the Board meeting scheduled in July 2026.

The Panel discussed the minimum standards to consider for this new establishment type, including definitions, prerequisites and VIC requirements for a haul in establishment.

**Next Steps**

The Panel will reconvene in late March at a date and time to be determined to review a draft of the proposed regulations developed from the information gathered at the meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no objection, Dr. Bowman adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Kelli Moss  
Executive Director