

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 4
HENRICO, VA
July 30, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 9:07 a.m. on July 30, 2025, 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 Bailey, D.V.M.
Steven Linas, O.D.
Thomas Massie, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, D.V.M.

QUORUM: With five 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: Juan Ortega

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Rogers, DPA, Director of Enforcement Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Kristen Mitchell, Veterinary Technician**

Ms. Mitchell did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated June 26, 2025, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Newman ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Ms. Mitchell and that the formal hearing would proceed. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Massie 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 **Kristen Mitchell, Veterinary Technician**. Additionally, Dr. Massie 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. Rucker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Massie 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. Rucker and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION:

Dr. Massie moved to revoke the license of Kristen Mitchell, Veterinary Technician, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Ms. Mitchell at her address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker 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 9:40 a.m.

SECOND HEARING

Called to order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER:

Jeffery Newman, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bailey, D.V.M.
Steven Linas, O.D.
Thomas Massie, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, D.V.M.

QUORUM:

With five 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: Juan Ortega

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

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Dawn Barton, Veterinary Technician**

Ms. Barton did not appear before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated June 17, 2025, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Newman ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Ms. Barton and that the formal hearing would proceed. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Massie 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 **Dawn Barton, Veterinary Technician**. Additionally, Dr. Massie 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. Bailey and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE: Dr. Massie 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. Rucker and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION: Dr. Massie moved to revoke the license of Dawn Barton, Veterinary Technician, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Ms. Barton at her address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker 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 10:22 a.m.

THIRD HEARING Called to order at 1:08 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Bailey, D.V.M.
Steven Linas, O.D.
Thomas Massie, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, D.V.M.

QUORUM: With five 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

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Ashworth, Sr. Inspector, Enforcement Division
Taryn Singleton, LVT, Board staff
Chip Atkins, Board staff
Jocelyn Miller

COURT REPORTER: Juan Ortega

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

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services, Stationary Veterinary Establishment**

Alexandra Bedford, veterinarian-in-charge of Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services, appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated May 28, 2025, to inquire into allegations that the establishment may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services was represented by Matthias Kaseorg, Esq. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Dr. Bedford and Mr. Kaseorg regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Massie 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 **Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services, Stationary Veterinary Establishment**. Additionally, Dr. Massie 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. Rucker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Massie 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. Bailey and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION:

Dr. Massie moved to place the registration of Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services, Stationary Veterinary Establishment on probation with terms, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Providence Square Veterinary Clinic and Referral Services. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker 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 4:27 p.m.

Kelli G. Moss

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director