

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
March 4, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 12:20 p.m. on March 4, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Bailey, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Bowman, D.V.M.
Richard Godine, D.V.M.
Steven Linas, O.D.
Jeffrey Newman, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, D.V.M.
Patricia Seeger, L.V.T.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Executive Director
Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy 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: Christine Corey, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, Department of Health Professions

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES : Katie Land, Sr. Investigator, Enforcement Division

APPLICANT WITNESSES: Stephanie Keevis
Judy Viglietta

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Parsons, J.D., Deputy Director, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Anna Zaccaria, Veterinarian Technician Reinstatement Applicant**

Ms. Zaccaria appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated December 11, 2025, and letter of continuance dated January 5, 2026, to consider her application for reinstatement to practice as a veterinary technician in Virginia and to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Ms. Zaccaria was represented by Nora Ciancio, Esq. and Nicholas Beck, Esq. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Ms. Zaccaria's counsel regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Newman 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 **Anna Zaccaria, Veterinary Technician Reinstatement Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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 Ms. Rucker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE: Dr. Newman 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. Rucker and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION: Dr. Newman moved to continue the indefinite suspension of Ms. Zaccaria's license to practice as a veterinary technician. The suspension shall be stayed contingent upon continued compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program. The basis for this decision will be set

forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Ms. Zaccaria at her address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bowman 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 3:12 p.m.

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director