



LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Date: January 20, 2026

To: Dr. Mike Strain, Louisiana Dept of Agriculture
Michelle Ribera, Louisiana Dept of Agriculture
Cade Tolar, Dir of Boards & Commissions, Governor's Office
Melanie Talley, Louisiana Veterinary Medicine Association
All Active DVM Licensees
All Active RVT & CAET Certificate Holders
All Other Interested Parties and General Public

From: Jared B. Granier, MBA, Executive Director

RE: BOARD MEETING

Dr. Christine McHughes Bar, Board President, has called a regular meeting of the Members of the Board of Veterinary Medicine as follows:

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026

TIME: Call to order - 8:30am

PLACE: LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry
5825 Florida Blvd
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

A finalized meeting agenda is attached and a book of meeting materials has been sent to all Board members. This meeting notification and agenda has been made via email notification and is available online at www.lsbvm.org/meetingdates.

Board meetings are open to the public unless closed pursuant to a statutory exception, such as set forth in R.S. 42:16 – 42:18, which authorizes closed executive sessions. Written comments to the Board regarding items on the agenda may be submitted in writing (via email to director@lsbvm.org - preferred - or mailed to the Board office) and must be received at least 48 hours prior to the meeting date in order to be presented to the Board. First name, last name, mailing address, phone number, and a valid email address must be included with any written comments submitted to the Board.

Continuing Education Hours Available for Licensees! Fill out the short online form at www.lsbvm.org/board-meeting-ce to register if you wish to earn CE hours for attendance. A maximum of three (3) CE hours can be earned from each meeting attendance. The licensee must be present for at least three hours to earn all three CE credits for that particular meeting attendance. A maximum of six (6) CE hours can be earned annually from board meeting attendance. Attendees will be emailed a CE Reporting Form after the meeting.

In accordance with LAC 4:I.Chapter 8, disability accommodation requests may be submitted to Mr. Jared Granier, LBVM Executive Director, at director@lsbvm.org or 225-925-6620.

LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Minutes, February 5, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER – Christine McHughes Barr, DVM, President

- A. None at this time

II. ROLL CALL – Christopher Morris, DVM, Secretary-Treasurer

- A. Invitations to Address the Board

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Board Minutes for December 5, 2025

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

- A. Financial Reports – November & December '25
- B. Investments, CDs – FY 2026
- C. Payment Approval Request for Changes from Authorize.net to Elavon as Payment Processor

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

1. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.305, 407, 811, 1213, 1215 -- Various Rules Related to Renewals of Licenses & Certificates
2. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1303 & 1305 -- Reporting Requirements for Zoo Personnel

B. Policies and Procedures

1. Web Accessibility Policy

C. Declaratory Statements

1. May a veterinarian release confidential information obtained during the course of a VCPR as prescribed in La. R.S. 9:2800.28?

D. General Agenda

1. What is the scope & level of emergency treatment allowed on working dogs for Fire Dept?

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. What are the supervision requirements for Animal Acupuncture?
2. What is the rule regarding tele-health care in veterinary medicine in Louisiana? Does a virtual visit satisfy establishing a veterinary-client-patient relationship?
3. Are telemedicine consults conducted via zoom calls permitted in Louisiana?
4. How can I do equine dentistry in LA? Do I need to partner with a DVM?
5. Do CAETs need to be certified in chemical capture for pre-euthanasia restraint?
6. It is common practice for veterinarians to prescribe drugs in the owner's name and DOB?
7. Can a non-DVM certified equine massage practitioner lawfully provide services under a model in which she independently schedules appointments at client farms, boarding stables, & performance events?
8. Can LA Practices use RX destroyer for controlled substance disposal?
9. Is it legal for a veterinarian in Louisiana to refuse to sign online prescriptions (for clients/patients with valid VCPRs) from third party pharmacies and instead make owners come get a hand-written prescription for a prescription fee?
10. Is it acceptable for a veterinary technician to perform cystocentesis if trained appropriately? Does it need to be a registered vet technician?

11. If I legally change my name due to marriage, am I able to continue practicing under my maiden name?
12. Does a VCPR apply to the practice or to the individual veterinarian. ie. Can any veterinarian in the practice fill a medication that does not have a refill but has been filled recently? Or only a veterinarian that has personally examined the pet?

F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed

1. None at this time

G. Consent Agenda Opinions – Expedited / Emergency Opinions

1. None at this time

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

- A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued
- B. Office Updates – Applications, Renewals, Active Licensees, Complaints
- C. LBVM Newsletter, January '26 Edition
- D. CAET Training Scheduled for March 20, 2026
- E. Update on Website ADA Compliance

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

- A. Responses from AAVSB Listserv on Possible Credit for Exhibit Halls

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

- A. Case #26-0926 – Proposed Consent Order

IX. LICENSING ISSUES

- A. None at this time

X. APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. Zachary Badura, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake
- B. Kaylee McMahan, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake
- C. Alison Mikes, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Update: Civil Litigation, LBVM vs. O. Nyzhnyk (Suit No. 2021-9164 A)
- B. Update: Civil Litigation, Pelican Institute vs. LBVM (Suit No. C-735730)
- C. Legal Strategy Discussion on Potential Litigations Against Non-Licensee Practice of Veterinary Medicine
- D. Legal Strategy Discussion on Potential Litigation Against Practice Act Violations

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