



**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
REGULAR MEETING**

**IN PERSON AT DoIT
725 6th Street, Albuquerque, NM 87102**

APPROVED MINUTES

January 14, 2026

Call to Order

The Meeting of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Young, the Board Chair, at approximately 1:03 p.m. The Board's Executive Director Debbie Schenk conducted a roll call.

Roll Call

Members Present

Dr. Lawrence D. Young, Board Chair
Dr. Emily Walker, Vice Chair
Dr. Hannah Leonard, Professional Member
Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, Professional Member
Ms. Jennifer Rabinowitz, Public Member

Members Absent

Kristen Chavez, Public Member

Agency Representative

Debbie Schenk, Executive Director to Board

Legal Counsel

32 Douglas Alsup, NM Department of Justice (Virtual)

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34 **Approval of Proposed Agenda**

35 Dr. Young asked if the board members had reviewed the proposed agenda and if he could get a
36 motion to approve. Dr. Zimmerman motioned to approve the agenda and Member Rabinowitz
37 seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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39 **State Veterinarian Update**

40 No update.

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42 **Approval of November 5, 2025 and December 17, 2025, Draft Meeting Minutes**

43 Dr. Young asked if he could get a motion or if there were any changes needed to the November
44 5, 2025 and the December 17, 2025, draft minutes. Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve
45 the Minutes and member Rabinowitz seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed
46 unanimously.

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48 **Executive Director Report**

49 Complaints 24-13, 24-22, 24-24 and 25-06 are all complete.

50 Complaint against the “client” who rescues parrots and offers her expertise has been filed. This
51 complaint has gone through the system, NMBVM against her and Dr. Young has it. She
52 complied with the 10-day rule and has sent all her information. This one has been taken care of.

53 Complaint 24-11 has been amended and needs to be discussed to see if the Board accepts it.

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55 **New Business**

56 The late fee for reactivating a veterinarian’s license that has been archived was discussed and it
57 was agreed that \$1625.00 fee is reasonable for a veterinarian to reactivate the license within a
58 year. After a year of the license being archived, the veterinarian would need to start the
59 application process all over.

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61 Discussion regarding the licensure by endorsement and the fact that a veterinarian needs to have
62 five years and 6000 hours of clinical practice experience currently or immediately preceding
63 application to be able to apply by endorsement. It was discussed that if the veterinarian has an
64 active license in another state, they have continuing education to keep their license active. Dr.
65 Walker stated she feels that only if a licensee is not keeping up their CE requirements and does

66 not have an active license in any other state, they should be able to apply by endorsement and
67 skip the extra requirements of applying by regular licensure. Changing the requirements to apply
68 by endorsement will require a rules change. Dr. Young asked Deborah to make a list for the rules
69 change meeting.

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71 Doug Alsup discussed the proposed resolution regarding the compliance of the NMBVM Open
72 Meetings Act. Doug asked for a motion to adopt it. Dr. Walker made the motion to adopt it and
73 Dr. Leonard seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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75 Member Rabinowitz presented the form for the midyear grant report. Dr. Walker made the
76 motion to adopt the mid-year grant report form as presented by member Rabinowitz. Dr.
77 Zimmerman seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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79 The Board discussed electing a new shelter committee member. Dr. Walker made a motion to
80 appoint Adena Robertson to the position on the sheltering committee and Member Rabinowitz
81 seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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83 The Board discussed being able to request scripts online. Deborah will ask for more clarification
84 on being able to request scripts online and might invite some people to discuss the issue at a later
85 meeting.

86 Dr. Tracy Young discussed writing preventative scripts for animals at the Wolf Sanctuary
87 without seeing each animal. Dr. Walker stated it should be treated just like a herd of cattle, sheep
88 or goats or whatever would be treated.

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90 **Shelter Committee Update**

91 Stacie and LaVaughn will do a little overhaul of the grant application online and will work with
92 Tuhin (inLumon) to make some changes and maybe to have different formats to get the
93 information out rather than just individual pdfs and emails. Possible timeline for the next
94 disbursement with the Board's approval maybe an announcement at the beginning of March,
95 sometime within the first 10 to 14 days of March that the application period would open and then
96 have the application period open in April for approximately 30 days. That would give the
97 committee members May and June to basically make their recommendations. With the goal of
98 giving their recommendations for funding at the July meeting, that way the funding could go out
99 as soon as the new fiscal year starts as soon as possible. The downside of this new timeline is
100 that we will not have final reports and possibly not even mid-year reports from the previous
101 grantees. The committee members would like to get the timeline away from the middle of the
102 summer, which was very difficult for the committee this past year. Having the recommendations
103 made by July would be a lot easier and better time of year for everybody. An action from the

104 Board is needed to vote on the amount of the disbursement for this next funding period which
105 can happen at the next Board Meeting since it's not on the agenda this time.

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107 Member Rabinowitz asked if anyone had any idea how many people or organizations have
108 signed up online to receive announcements. Member Rabinowitz will get with Tuhin (inLumon)
109 to ask him.

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111 **Disciplinary Matters (presented by Complaint Review Committee)**

112 Chair Young made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(1), to
113 consider the issuance, suspension, renewal or revocation of a license and disciplinary matters.
114 The closed session is limited to discussion of the matters identified in the motion. Any final
115 action will take place after the closed session, on record, and in the open session. Dr. Walker
116 seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

117 The meeting went into closed session at approximately 1:48 pm.

118 The meeting went back to open session at approximately 2:51pm.

119 The Board took a 5-minute break.

120 Complaint #25-07 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
121 motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8(A), 4 hours of continuing
122 education in management of feline stomatitis, 4 hours continuing education in safe use of
123 steroids and 4 hours of continuing education in clinical communication and record keeping.
124 Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr.
125 Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

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127 Complaint #25-08 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
128 motion to dismiss. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed
129 unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

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131 Complaint #25-09 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
132 motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8(B), 16.25.9.18 F (2),
133 16.25.9.21.(3), \$750.00 fine, 6 hours of continuing education in anesthesia, 4 hours of continuing
134 education in CPR and 4 hours of continuing education in medical record keeping. Chair, Dr.
135 Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman
136 and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

137 Complaint #25-10 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
138 motion to dismiss. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed
139 unanimously with Dr. Walker abstaining.

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141 Complaint #25-11 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
142 motion to make this a non-reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8.B, 16.25.9.21.3(a),
143 \$250.00 fine and 4 hours of continuing education in radiology interpretation. Chair, Dr. Young
144 seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr.
145 Leonard abstaining.

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147 Complaint #25-12 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
148 motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8.A, 16.25.9.8.C(1),
149 16.25.9.21(3)(a)(b), \$500.00 fine, 4 hours of continuing education in perianal surgery and 4
150 hours of continuing education in medical record keeping. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote
151 was taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

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153 Complaint #25-13 –Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
154 motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.21.A(3), 16.25.9.8.B
155 \$500.00 fine, 4 hours of continuing education in Medical Record Keeping and 4 hours of
156 continuing education in Clinical Communication. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was
157 taken and the motion passed unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

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159 Complaint #26-01 -Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Walker made a
160 motion to make this a reportable violation of the practice act 16.25.9.8.B, 16.25.9.21.3,
161 \$1,500.00 fine, 4 hours of continuing education in CPR and 4 hours continuing education in limb
162 amputation techniques. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed
163 unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

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165 Complaint #26-14 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion Dr. Walker made a
166 motion to dismiss. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed
167 unanimously with Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Leonard abstaining.

168 Complaint #24-14A – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion Dr. Walker made a
169 motion to dismiss. Chair, Dr. Young seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed
170 unanimously.

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172 Complaint #24-11 – Dr. Walker presented the case. After Board discussion Dr. Walker made a
173 motion to reject the settlement agreement and to proceed with the NCA. Chair, Dr. Young
174 seconded. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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176 **Announcements**

177 Chair Dr. Young announced the CRC will switch to Dr. Walker and himself.

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179 Deborah discussed maybe moving the Board Meetings to an earlier time, but most Board
180 Members did not think it was a good idea to change the time of the Board Meetings.

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182 **Public Comments**

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184 Aisha Abdulla asked for clarification on complaints #25-07, #25-11 and #26-01.

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186 Dale Fuller complainant for #25-09 thanked the Board for their dedication and for protecting the
187 public by promoting quality veterinary medicine and the protection of our animals and their
188 health and welfare.

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190 **Next Scheduled Meeting**

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192 April 22, 2026, at 1:00 pm.

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194 **There being no further business before the Board, Chair, Dr. Young adjourned the meeting**
195 **at approximately 3:20 p.m.**