

MINUTES
UTAH VETERINARY PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING
MAY 7, 2026 9:00 A.M.
ROOM 402, 4TH FLOOR
160 E 300 S SALT LAKE CITY

Hybrid Meeting- In Person and Electronic

CONVENED: 9:02 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 11:17 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jim Garfield
Board Secretary: Tina Marshall

Compliance Specialist: Sicily Hill
Legal Analyst: Lauren Harvey

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: Tonya Hardy, DVM
Amy Knollinger, DVM

Jason Gibson, DVM
Justin Berkowitz, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Neil Moss, DVM

DOPL STAFF NOT PRESENT:

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Susan Benson

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Dr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVE October 2, 2025 MINUTES (Audio 01:49:09)

Mr. Berkowitz motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Gibson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

DOPL INVESTIGATIONS (Audio 01:49:41)

Mr. Garfield explained that Mr. Baker had a conflicting meeting he needed to attend, so he was unable to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Garfield explained that if the Board has any questions please email him and he will work with Mr. Baker to provide the answers.

APPOINTMENT ITEMS:

JOE ROUNDY, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 00:53:03)*

Dr. Hardy asked Dr. Roundy if there was any support from the Board that Dr. Roundy could use going forward.

Dr. Roundy stated that he did not need any support going forward.

The Board, Mr. Garfield and Dr. Roundy discussed the probation process and continuing education that was completed.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to find Dr. Roundy in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Knollinger seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

MICHAEL BLOTTER, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 00:41:17)*

Dr. Hardy and Dr. Blotter discussed how things are going, how many hours Dr. Blotter has been working and where Dr. Blotter is currently working.

Dr. Blotter asked to discuss changing from direct supervision to indirect supervision.

Dr. Benson and Dr. Hardy discussed Dr. Blotter's record keeping, his work with clients and Dr. Benson's availability for general supervision.

Dr. Hardy and Dr. Blotter discussed how Dr. Blotter's practice has changed.

Dr. Knollinger made a motion to find Dr. Blotter in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Gibson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to change from direct supervision to general supervision.

Mr. Berkowitz seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

A tentative appointment was made for Dr. Michael Blotter to meet for the August 2026 meeting.

TYLER SORENSEN, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 01:02:18)*

Dr. Gibson and Dr. Sorensen discussed the case that led to Dr. Sorensen being placed on probation and the supervision report that has been submitted.

Dr. Gibson and Dr. Sorensen discussed what Dr. Sorensen had learned during the continuing education courses.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to find Dr. Sorensen in compliance with his Stipulation and Order and to accept the submitted continuing education.

Dr. Knollinger seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

A tentative appointment was made for Dr. Tyler Sorensen to meet for the August 2026 meeting.

CARLOS CLAVIJO, INITIAL PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 01:22:21)*

The Board and Dr. Clavijo discussed the circumstances that brought about the Stipulation and Order.

The Board and Dr. Clavijo discussed the clinics Dr. Clavijo currently works at and how many hours a week are worked.

Dr. Gibson and Dr. Clavijo discussed how Dr. Clavijo's record keeping has changed and when the records are completed after an appointment.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to find Dr. Clavijo in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Knollinger seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to approve Dr. White as a supervisor.

Dr. Knollinger seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Knollinger made a motion to approve Dr. Whitty as a supervisor.

Dr. Gibson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

A tentative appointment was made for Dr. Carlos Clavijo to meet for the August 2026 meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

UPHP PRESENTATION *(Audio 00:04:01)*

Dr. Simpson provided the purpose of Utah Professional Health Program (UPHP), informing the Board that there have been changes made to the UPHP program. Dr. Simpson explained that UPHP is working with DOPL to ensure consistent monitoring of individuals throughout all professions. UPHP will continue to work with individuals in a confidential manner if they meet the requirements of the program, as they have done in the past. UPHP has begun to monitor individuals that have had disciplinary action taken against their licenses for substance use disorders. Dr. Simpson provided the Board with an explanation on how this will happen for the two different programs.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE *(Audio 01:50:30)*

Ms. Harvey gave a legislative update on bills that affected the Veterinary profession. SB 111 voided any veterinarian non-compete agreements, non-disclosure clause or a non-solicitation agreement that were entered into on or after May 6, 2026. HB 394 changed all experience requirements from a period of at least 6 months to at least 1,000 hours. SB 47 is the reauthorization of the administrative rules. R156-28-302b(1)(b)(c) was not reauthorized.

UNLICENSED PRACTICE (Audio 01:56:22)

Dr. Hardy explained that there is a loophole in the Statute that allows a person not licensed to practice veterinary medicine. When this exception is stated then an investigator is unable to move forward with an investigation and the individual is not held accountable.

The Board discussed how this is happening, the impact that it causes, solutions on how to close the loophole and how to provide information to veterinary professionals.

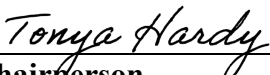
MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:17 A.M.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2026



Chairperson

8/20/26

Date


[Jim Garfield \(Aug 21, 2026 07:45:21 MDT\)](#)

Bureau Manager

08/21/2026

Date