MINUTES
UTAH VETERINARY PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2026 9:00 A.M.
ROOM 474, 4TH FLOOR
160 E 300 S SALT LAKE CITY

Hybrid Meeting- In Person and Electronic

CONVENED: 9:03 A.M. **ADJOURNED: 10:30 A.M.**

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:
Bureau Manager: Jim Garfield
Board Secretary: Tina Marshall
Compliance Specialist: Tori Sackett
Legal Analyst: Lauren Harvey

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Chair: Tonya Hardy, DVM
Jason Gibson, DVM
Neil Moss, DVM
Amy Knollinger, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

DOPL STAFF NOT PRESENT:

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE:

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 9:03 A.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVE May 7, 2026 MINUTES *(Audio 00:02:46)*
Dr. Gibson motioned to approve the minutes.
Dr. Moss seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT ITEMS:
MICHAEL BLOTTER, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 00:04:14)*
Ms. Sackett explained that supervisor's reports were received on time and that Dr. Blotter submitted a request for early termination.

Dr. Moss and Dr. Blotter discussed the issues that led to Dr. Blotter being placed on probation, what Dr. Blotter has learned while on probation and how Dr. Blotter plans to continue implementing the changes he has planned.

The Board and Dr. Blotter discussed the number of hours Dr. Blotter is currently working and Dr. Blotter's plans to hire an associate to work in the clinic.

Dr. Moss 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. Moss made a motion to recommend early termination of probation for Dr. Blotter.
Dr. Gibson seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

TYLER SORENSEN, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 00:20:56)*
Ms. Sackett explained that supervisor's reports were received on time, fine was paid on time, and the remaining continuing education had been received for approval.

Dr. Gibson and Dr. Sorensen discussed how the supervisor reviews the required records.

Dr. Gibson and Dr. Sorensen discussed how probation is going, any challenges that Dr. Sorensen may be having and the hours that are worked per week.

The Board and Dr. Sorensen discussed the continuing education that had been submitted, what Dr. Sorensen learned from the courses and what changes Dr. Sorensen has made.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to find Dr. Sorensen in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.
Dr. Moss seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to approve the submitted continuing education.
Dr. Moss seconded the motion.
The Board motion passed unanimously.

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

CARLOS CLAVIJO, INITIAL PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 00:38:09)*
Dr. Moss has recused himself from all discussion regarding Dr. Clavijo.

Ms. Sackett explained that the supervisors' reports were received on time.

Dr. Hardy, Dr. Clavijo and Dr. White discussed how supervision worked at Dr. Clavijo's clinic.

Dr. Hardy and Dr. Clavijo discussed how Dr. Clavijo's practices have changed since being placed on probation.

The Board and Dr. Clavijo discussed the concerns that were found in the supervisor reports. Dr. Clavijo's supervisors were present and participated in the discussion.

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.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

RULE UPDATE *(Audio 00:55:56)*

Ms. Harvey gave a review of the proposed changes by section. Many of the changes that were made were cleanup, updating and clarifying language. The Board discussed the clarifying language for Veterinary Technicians that the 6,000 hours pathway would be completed in the United States under a United Stated-licensed Veterinarian. Also discussed was the change to require the names of employees who provide care under the exemption section of the Statute.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:30 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: October 15, 2026

Tonya Hardy
Chairperson

10/15/2026
Date

Bureau Manager

10/15/26
Date