

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HEARING ROOM 3  
HENRICO, VA  
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment on three proposed regulatory actions. The regulatory actions included the following:

- Increase in continuing education hours for veterinary technicians;
- Use of the term specialist; and
- Elimination of the restriction on practical training only in final year of veterinary school.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ellen G. Hillyer, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Amanda Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

**COURT REPORTER:** The Public Hearing was recorded by certified court reporter, Andrea Pegram. A copy of the transcript is attached to these minutes.

**SPEAKERS:** Lee Henkel  
Sharon Custer-Boggess  
Jennifer Daly, Ph.D.  
Taryn Singleton, LVT

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Singleton provided public comment on the regulatory action related to “Increase in continuing education hours for veterinary technicians.”

There was no public comment provided on the “Use of the term specialist.”

Ms. Henkel, Ms. Custer-Boggess and Dr. Daly provided public comment on the regulatory action related to “Elimination of the restriction on practical training only in the final year of veterinary school.”

**ADJOURN:** With no further comment received, the hearing adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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Ellen G. Hillyer, DVM, Vice President

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Leslie Knachel, Executive Director