

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
May 19, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 10:40 a.m. on May 19, 2026, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Richard Bailey, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Godine, D.V.M.
Jeffery Newman, D.V.M.
Margaret Rucker, D.V.M.
Patricia Seeger, L.V.T., M.Ed.

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Executive Director
Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist

BOARD COUNSEL: Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Juan Ortega

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Christine Corey, Esq., Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division, Department of Health Professions

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Erin Bartlett
Deborah DiFalco, Regional Manager, Enforcement Division, Department of Health Professions
Samantha Storey, D.V.M.

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: Alexander King, D.V.M.
Bobbi Connor, D.V.M.

Eric Cryan, D.V.M.
Michael Catalano
Amanda Gladfelter
Toni Harris

OTHERS PRESENT:

Keith Bartlett
Rebecca King

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Alexander King, Veterinarian

Dr. King appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated December 11, 2025, and letter of continuance dated January 21, 2026, and was represented by Michael Thorsen, Esq. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Dr. King regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Newman moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Alexander King, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Newman moved that Kelli Moss and Brent Saunders attend the meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and/or will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Newman moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Dr. Newman moved to issue a reprimand with terms to Alexander King, Veterinarian, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Dr. King at his address of record. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rucker and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decision of this quorum of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director