

### **Call to Order**

The Regulatory Advisory Panel (Panel) meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order on June 24, 2026, at 10:01 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

### **Chair**

Bruce M. Bowman, DVM, Board member

### **Attendees**

Thomas Massie, Jr., DVM, Large animal veterinarian

Melinda McCall, DVM, Large animal veterinarian

Jake Tabor, Legislative Specialist, Governmental Relations, Virginia Farm Bureau

### **Staff Present**

Kelli Moss, Executive Director

Claire Foley, Deputy Executive Director

M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

Erin Barrett, Legislative and Policy Director, DHP

Charles "Chip" Atkins, Licensing Specialist

Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

Taryn Singleton, Discipline Case Specialist

### **Public Present**

Jonathan Winslow, DVM, Virginia Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine

### **Establishment of Quorum**

With four panel members present, a quorum was established.

### **Ordering of Agenda**

Dr. Bowman opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

### **Public Comment**

Dr. Jonathan Winslow, Coordinator for Virginia's Large Animal Veterinary Workforce with the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, addressed the board. He emphasized that the board is taking appropriate and necessary steps to confront the statewide shortage of large-animal veterinarians. Dr. Winslow further noted that establishing clear, consistent standards for haul-in facilities is essential to ensuring quality of care, supporting veterinary practitioners, and strengthening the overall large animal clinical infrastructure in Virginia.

## **Review of Previous Panel Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Bowman invited the panel to review and comment on the minutes of the previous two meetings of this panel, which will be presented to the board at its business meeting for approval. No panel member offered comments on the previous meeting minutes.

## **Discussion**

### Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA)

Dr. Bowman stated that the purpose of this meeting was to review the public comments received in response to the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for haul-in veterinary facilities. He further noted that the panel would evaluate potential alternative regulatory approaches to ensure that the draft regulations it will recommend to the board adequately safeguard patient safety, promote competent care, and minimize the regulatory burden on licensees.

### Review of Haul-in Usage

Ms. Moss presented information obtained from the American Association of Bovine Practitioners describing various uses for haul-in veterinary facilities, and the panel considered the impact of regulations on various practice models to allow the full scope of current and anticipated uses for this type of facility. Panel members discussed the various ways haul-in facilities may be utilized across different practice settings, including routine care, emergency response, community outreach and specialty services.

### Review of Draft Haul-in Regulations and Alternative Options

The panel then revisited the previously drafted regulatory language, evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of multiple regulatory models. This review included consideration of fixed-facility structures, hybrid mobile-plus-base models, and tiered regulatory approaches. The goal was to identify a balanced framework that ensures animal welfare, maintains appropriate practice standards, and supports community access to veterinary services. At the conclusion of the discussion, the panel agreed to amend the definition of "Haul-in Facility" within the current draft regulations to provide a clearer definition and to recommend these draft regulations with this amendment to the board.

- A **MOTION** was made by Dr. Thomas Massie, Jr., to recommend to the board the proposed regulatory language for haul-in facilities as amended by the panel. The motion was seconded by Dr. Melinda McCall and carried unanimously.

## **Next Steps**

Ms. Barrett explained the panel's recommendation will be presented to the board at its next meeting and provided next steps for the regulatory process. Ms. Moss thanked the panel for completing its objective and stated the panel is not scheduled at this time to reconvene.

**Adjournment**

With no objection, Dr. Bowman adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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Kelli G. Moss  
Executive Director