



## SD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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Minutes  
SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board  
Friday January 23, 2026  
Microsoft Teams  
South Dakota Animal Industry Board Conference Room  
Pierre, South Dakota

A meeting of the SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board (the Board) was called to order at 9:04 AM CST by Board President Dr. Alice Harty.

Present were Board Members: Dr. Alice Harty, Dr. Joseph Spoo, Dr. John Bode, and Carter Johnson. Also attending were Dr. Mendel Miller, State Veterinarian and Executive Director of the Board, Legal Counsel Drew Duncan, & Cheyenne Olson.

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Dr. Bode.

Minutes of the October 27, 2025 Board meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Carter Johnson.

The Board entered executive session at 9:06 am upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Carter Johnson to consult with legal counsel. Motion was approved unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 9:45 am.

The Board commenced review of open cases:

**Case #0246** The investigatory committee previously met, and attorney Drew Duncan on behalf of the Investigatory Committee entered into negotiations with the licensee and counsel. Attorney Drew Duncan provided an explanation of the underlying proposed informal disposition. Dr. Bode made a Motion to approve the informal disposition, Dr. Spoo seconded and the Motion passed.

**Case #0248** Dr. Spoo made a motion for Dr. Miller & Drew Duncan to meet with all parties involved to discuss Humane Societies and Veterinary Supervision. Dr. Bode seconded and the Motion passed unanimously. This case will remain open.

**Case #0249** The Investigatory Committee met and after a thorough review determined that no probable cause exists in this matter. After discussion, Carter Johnson made a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Investigatory Committee and dismiss the case, Dr. Bode seconded and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Case #0250** The Investigatory Committee met and after a thorough review determined that no probable cause exists in this matter. After discussion, Dr. Spoo made a Motion to accept the recommendation of the Investigatory Committee and dismiss the case, Carter Johnson seconded and the Motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

Dr. Harty called for additional public comments, staff comments, and Board comments. No comments were provided.

Upon Motion by Dr. Spoo seconded by Dr. Bode the Board adjourned at 10:15 AM CST. All Voted in favor.



Date 2/4/2026

Dr. Alice Harty, President  
SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board



Date 9 Feb 26

Dr. Mendel Miller, Executive Director  
SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board