



## Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine

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### INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES

The Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Board of Animal Health office on the Indiana State Fairgrounds at Discovery Hall, Suite 100, 1202 E. 38th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-38.1-2-5 (c).

**Members Present:** Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M.  
Paul Clemente, D.V.M.  
John Schnarr, D.V.M.  
Steven Sunbury, D.V.M.  
Kelly Peelman, D.V.M.  
Ashli Selke, R.V.T.  
Natalie Goodwin, Consumer Member  
Kyle Shipman, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Technical Advisor

All members who attended  
participated in person.

**Member(s) Absent:** Natalie Goodwin arrived at 9:03 a.m.

**Staff Present:** Britney J. McMahan, Board Director

**Advisory Counsel:** Clarence Leatherbury, Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

**Court Reporter:** Heather Orbaugh

#### **The Board voted to adopt the agenda.**

Motion to Adopt Agenda.

**1st:** Dr. Schnarr      **2nd:** Dr. Sunbury      **Vote: 6-0-0**  
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present  
The following board members objected: None  
The following board members abstained: None

**The Board voted to approve the July 24, 2025, meeting minutes.**

Motion to Approve July 24, 2025, meeting minutes.

**1st:** Dr. Clemente      **2nd:** Dr. Peelman      **Vote: 6-0-0**  
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

### **PUBLIC HEARING – FEES, FINES, CIVIL PENALTIES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROPOSED RULES – LSA #25-432**

The board convened a public hearing to review the proposed rules concerning Fees, Fines, Civil Penalties, and Continuing Education – LSA #25-432. During the session, the board director provided a summary of the proposed regulations and presented written feedback submitted by the Indiana Veterinary Technician Association. Lisa Perius, Executive Director of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association (IVMA), offered testimony on behalf of the IVMA, expressing support for the proposed rules.

### **CONSIDERATION FOR ADOPTION – FEES, FINES, CIVIL PENALTIES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION PROPOSED RULES – LSA #25-432**

**The Board voted to adopt the proposed rules as written.**

Motion to Adopt the proposed rules as written.

**1st:** Dr. Clemente      **2nd:** Dr. Schnarr      **Vote: 7-0-0**  
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

#### **Ian Woodall, DVM, License # 24009057A**

Dr. Woodall failed to appear in person and electronically to discuss the pending criminal charges related to operating a vehicle while intoxicated that he disclosed on his 2025 DVM renewal application. Written notification will be sent via certified mail requesting that Dr. Woodall appear at the January 2026 board meeting.

#### **Dawn Gau, DVM, License # 24008957A**

Dr. Gau appeared in person and without counsel to discuss the pending criminal charges against her for animal cruelty related to her past employment with Envigo, a research breeding facility in Virginia, that she disclosed on her 2025 DVM renewal application. Based on the information presented by Dr. Gau, the board agreed to renew Dr. Gau's license and asked her to appear before the board at the July 2026 meeting to discuss any developments with the pending criminal matter. In the meantime, Dr. Gau is to report any developments related to the criminal matter to the board.

#### **Timothy Fleck, DVM, License # 24003706A**

This appearance was cancelled based on Dr. Fleck's appearance in the administrative hearing described below.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

## **Timothy Fleck, DVM, License # 24003706A, Cause No. 2024VB0013**

Dr. Fleck appeared in person, accompanied by legal counsel David Coots, for an administrative hearing regarding disciplinary sanctions, as outlined in the Joint Stipulations submitted by both parties on September 22, 2025. Through these stipulations, the parties acknowledged and agreed to the facts and allegations set forth in the Administrative Complaint filed by the State of Indiana, through the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, on or about August 14, 2024. The parties agreed that Dr. Fleck failed to exercise the standard care and diligence expected of veterinary professionals in comparable situations. Specifically, he did not remove a retained testicle as planned but instead removed the prostate and severed the urethra without acknowledgment. Deputy Attorney General Jacy Rush represented the State of Indiana during the proceedings. Heather Orbaugh of Accurate Reporting Services served as the court reporter. Following review of the stipulated evidence and hearing testimony, the board placed Dr. Fleck's veterinary license on probation for a minimum of ninety (90) days. As part of the disciplinary order, he is required to complete three (3) hours of continuing education in exploratory abdominal surgery and three (3) hours in abdominal anatomy within six (6) months of the final order's issuance. Additionally, Dr. Fleck must appear before the board at its July 2026 meeting, unless his probationary period has been successfully completed prior to that date. Dr. Clemente recused himself from deliberations.

### **The Board voted to impose disciplinary sanctions**

#### **Motion to impose disciplinary sanctions**

**1st:** Natalie Goodwin      **2nd:** Dr. Peelman      **Vote: 6-0-1**  
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:	Dr. Rodenbarger, Dr. Schnarr, Dr. Sunbury, Dr. Peelman, Ashli Selke, and Natalie Goodwin.
The following board members objected:	None
The following board members abstained:	Dr. Clemente

## **Aaron J. Smiley, DVM, License # 24006789A, Cause No. 2025VB0010**

Dr. Smiley appeared in person, accompanied by legal counsel Kelly Milam, for an administrative hearing concerning disciplinary sanctions, as outlined in the Joint Stipulations filed by the parties on October 23, 2025. Through these stipulations, the parties acknowledged and agreed to the facts and allegations set forth in the Administrative Complaint filed by the State of Indiana, through the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, on or about February 12, 2025. Specifically, the parties agreed that Dr. Smiley failed to maintain adequate medical records for two patients, Ginger and Muffin. Additionally, he did not exercise the level of reasonable care and diligence expected of veterinarians in similar circumstances by performing a dental procedure on Muffin despite a diagnosis of stage II kidney failure—after previously declining to perform the procedure due to the same condition. Deputy Attorney General Jacy Rush represented the State of Indiana during the proceedings. Heather Orbaugh of Accurate Reporting Services served as the court reporter. Based on the stipulated evidence and testimony presented during the hearing, the board issued a formal letter of reprimand to Dr. Smiley.

### **The Board voted to impose disciplinary sanctions**

#### **Motion to impose disciplinary sanctions**

**1st:** Dr. Rodenbarger      **2nd:** Dr. Schnarr      **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present  
The following board members objected: None  
The following board members abstained: None

**Erin Davidson, RVT, License # 25001881A, Cause No. 2024VB0006**

Ms. Davidson failed to appear for the hearing. The board will wait until after the RVT renewal period ends in January 2026 to determine whether to reschedule the hearing.

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

Joshua B. Moore, DVM, License #24006965A, Cause No. 2025VB0011 - Accepted 7-0-0

John Hendrickson, DVM, License #24006882A, Cause No. 2025VB0006 – Accepted 7-0-0

**DISCUSSION**

The board discussed the 2025 American Association of Veterinary State Board Annual Meeting & Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 17-20, 2025.

The board discussed the federal and state definitions for veterinarian-client-patient-relationship (VCPR), and when a VCPR is required under federal and state law.


**REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the following reports:

1. The Attorney General Office's Report.
2. The Board Director's Report.
3. Dr. Kyle Shipman, D.V.M., State Veterinarian's Report.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Board decided the next Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting would be held on November 13, 2025.

  
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Dr. Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair