

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 11, 2002**

President Joseph Gordon, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 8:06 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. David Brooks, Herbert Justus, Amy Lewis, David Marshall, and Kenneth Padgett. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the November 1, 2001, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Padgett, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The Board reviewed the December 27, 2001, letter from Charles E. Loops, D.V.M. concerning the approval of a veterinary practice facility name. Dr. Justus made a motion to approve his first choice, Charles E. Loops, DVM, Office of Veterinary Homeopathy, provided that Dr. Loops must have a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship to provide veterinary services. Diagnosis and the dispensing of medicines cannot be made without that relationship. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board reviewed the practice facility inspection report of Yadkin Veterinary Hospital, owned by Dr. Roger Holt. Based on the inspection report by Dr. Turner the inspection certificate should be issued. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed the practice facility inspection report of Bladen Animal Hospital, owned by Dr. N. W. Midyette. Dr. Lewis made a motion to terminate the consent order with Dr. Midyette concerning practice facility inspection violations. The facility must be brought up to the minimum facility and practice standards and be reinspected within thirty days. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the practice facility inspection report of James E. Brown, D.V.M. (he named the practice after himself) owned by Dr. James E. Brown. Dr. Lewis made a motion to terminate the consent order with Dr. Brown concerning practice facility inspection violations. The facility must be brought up to the minimum facility and practice standards and be reinspected within thirty days. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board reviewed the last affidavit need from Dr. Jeffrey Sands. He has applied for a veterinary license pursuant to General Statute 90-187.3(a1). Dr. Lewis made a motion to issue Dr. Sands his license. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director reported that an informational letter concerning equine dentistry was sent to Mr. Doug Van Cleave. After receiving his letter Mr. Van Cleave called the Board office and stated that he will not be performing equine dentistry in North Carolina. No further action was taken.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 9:05 A.M. for a five-minute break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 9:15 A.M.

The Board reviewed the letter from Mabel Y. Bullock, Special Deputy Attorney General with the State of North Carolina Department of Justice. On November 29, 2001, she rendered a legal interpretation of the rabies law

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of North Carolina. Mr. Hearn will convey the Board's discussion to Ms. Bullock. No further action was taken.

The Executive Director reported that his request from Motor Fleet Management for information on the use of a State car received no response. The Executive Director will follow up. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed the open meetings law of North Carolina. Mr. Hearn is to research the law further and report back to the Board at the next meeting. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed the progress on the search for new office space for the Board. It was the consensus that a new office condo type space would be preferable. Dr. Lewis made a motion to establish an office building fund of \$400,000.00. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gordon, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Hearn discussed their meeting with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association's Legislative Committee

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to discuss proposed changes to the Veterinary Practice Act. No further action was taken.

Mr. Hearn reported that the North Carolina Supreme Court has denied Ms. Karen Keltz' Petition for Discretionary Review.

The Board discussed the issue of the ruling by Abraham Penn Jones, Superior Court Judge, that administrative fines collected by a variety of state agencies must be redistributed to local school systems. Dr. Lewis made a motion, that if the Board is asked, that Mr. Hearn file, if he thinks it is appropriate, an Amicus Curiae Brief on the behalf of the Board. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1.

01035-1-1 Dr. Jeffrey Todd Denny, (Complaint of Ms. Lesa Hicks and Ms. Kelly Reynerson) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

01037-1-1 Dr. James Melvin Howard, (Complaint by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Garner) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Reprimand.

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01043-1-1 Dr. Gary Davis, (Complaint by Ms. Amber Powell) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Caution.

01041-1-1 Dr. Robbie Nunnemaker Haskins, (Complaint by Mr. J. B. Coats) Dismissed, no probable cause.

Dr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 1 report. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7.

01019-1-7 Dr. Richard Brian Killough & Dr. Richard Jay Wittman, (Complaint of Ms. Susan N. Diamond) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01047-2-7 Dr. Kim V. Hombs & Dr. Kelly Rene Russell, (Complaint by the Board) – Disciplinary action, Letter of Reprimand and \$500.00 civil monetary penalty. Dr. Russell also must earn an additional 20 hours of continuing education next year.

01038-1-7 Dr. Christine Marie Miles, (Complaint of Ms. Melissa Boyack) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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01042-1-7 Dr. Rebecca A. Lewis, (Complaint of Ms. Shirley Parrish) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01044-1-7 Dr. Lynn Alton Reed and Dr. Carri Williams Hampton, (Complaint of Ms. Marcie Foskey) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Caution.

Dr. Marshall made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 7 report. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8.

01014-2-8 Dr. Stanley Cameron Corbin, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Reprimand, \$500.00 civil monetary penalty and 20 additional hours of continuing education for this year.

01045-2-8 Dr. Leslie L. Leidecker, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Reprimand, \$500.00 civil

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monetary penalty and 20 additional hours of continuing education for this year.

01007-2-8 Dr. Scott William Line, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Reprimand, \$500.00 civil monetary penalty and 20 additional hours of continuing education for this year.

01049-2-8 Dr. R. Earl Johnson, Jr., (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Reprimand, \$500.00 civil monetary penalty and 20 additional hours of continuing education for 2003.

Dr. Marshall made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 8 report. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 12:05 P.M. for a five-minute break.



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The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 12:10 P.M.

The Board discussed the new tort claim limits of the state and personal vehicle insurance coverage. The Executive Director will follow up with the Board's insurance agent. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed the November 7, 2001, letter from Mark P. Nasisse, D.V.M., President of Carolina Veterinary Specialists Referral Animal Hospital, P.A. He explained that Animal Emergency and Trauma Center is a department of Carolina Veterinary Specialists. The Board determined that as a department of Carolina Veterinary Specialists Referral Animal Hospital no additional inspection is required. Name approval would be advised. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed the information received from The College of Veterinarians of Ontario concerning the peer review of medical records. The Board took no further action.

Dr. Lewis made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), to discuss current and future employment

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compensation of Board staff. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 1:10 p.m., the Board entered into closed session.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 2:05 P.M.

On a motion by Dr. Brooks, seconded by Dr. Lewis, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Padgett and seconded by Dr. Justus at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director