

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 13, 2022**

At 8:07 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held at the Board and virtually through Zoom. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Ronald Komich, Michael Martin, Allen Cannedy, and Azure Holland. Robin Lazaro, RVT; and Mr. Timothy Gold were present through Zoom. Also present were Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore, and Dr. Tod J. Schadler, Executive Director. Sarah Swartout, Student Liaison also attended through Zoom.

Dr. Bull reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Ethics Commission's statements on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

The following guests were in attendance through Zoom: Jennifer Shultz, DVM, immediate past President of NCVMA, Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO, NC Physician's Health Program (NCPHP); Stacey Hathaway, RVT (Cary); Dr. Steven Marks, NCSU Associate Dean; Claire Holley, Executive Director for NCVMA; Ed Faulkner, DVM, President elect for NCVMA; Jon

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Carr, attorney for North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA); Gail Thomssen, Humane Society of US; Kristine Block, Block Sport Hounds; Stephanie Barber, RVT (Raleigh); Shannon Bass, DVM, Secretary-Treasurer, NCVMA.

An introduction of the new staff member to the North Veterinary Medical Board, Brittany Joyner was made.

The November 4, 2021 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Changes were recommended regarding grammar by Robin Lazaro, Dr. Komich, Dr. Bull, and Matthew Skidmore. The December 8, and December 22 board meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes were recommended. There was a motion to accept minutes after corrections are made. Dr. Komich made a motion and Ms. Lazaro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business - Reports:

North Carolina Professional Health Program Report:

Dr. Joseph Jordan gave an update. There are presently six veterinarians under contract under a green status and one on red status.

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A final draft of documents for the NCVHP Scholarship process has been completed. Dr. Komich has signed off and there is a brochure being developed to provide better understanding. Both Dr. Schadler and Dr. Cannedy approved. At 8:23 a.m., Dr. Jordan exited the meeting.

Dr. Marks requested assistance be made to allow residents to gain experience in hospitals outside of the university practice. A committee was named to discuss this request. Dr. Schadler, Matthew Skidmore, Keith West, Dr. Cannedy, Dr. Martin, and Tim Gold will serve on the committee.

President's Report:

1. The AAVSB Board Member training will be held on April 1st and 2nd.
Dr. Bull asked if Tim Gold and Dr. Martin would like to attend. Tim Gold agreed to attend. Dr. Martin will check his schedule.
2. The NCVMB will allow all CE hours to be obtained online as a result of the ongoing COVID pandemic for the year 2022.

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Board Dates for 2022:

Board Meeting Date	Committee 8 Dates	Committee 9 Dates
January 13, 2022	January 12, 2022	January 5, 2022
March 10, 2022	March 9, 2022	March 2, 2022
May 12, 2022	May 11, 2022	May 4, 2022
July 7, 2022	July 6, 2022	June 29, 2022
September 8, 2022	September 7, 2022	August 31, 2022
November 10, 2022	November 9, 2022	November 2, 2022

State Veterinarian's Report:

Dr. Martin updated the board on the status of Avian influenza and African Swine Fever.

Dr. Martin discussed the vaccine for Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease. The vaccine is not licensed in North Carolina though other States have approved the vaccine without any adverse reactions.

Chief Inspector's Report:

Dr. Joseph Wright and the other inspectors introduced themselves to the board. The new inspector, Dr. Majorie McFetridge was also introduced. She will be the inspector for the Eastern Region of the State.

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Dr. Wright reported there have been 90 inspections since the last meeting. There were six serious violations. Dr. Jeffer did 32 inspections, Dr. Peer did 42 inspections, and Dr. Wright did 16 inspections.

The inspectors will continue to call facilities ahead of time due to COVID.

Dr. Wright stated that the NCPHP also offers Mental Health assistance for stress burnout and suicide. The Inspectors have shared this information with facilities.

At 9:36 a.m. the board took a break and reconvened at 9:52 a.m.

Legislative Committee:

Deputy Director Keith West reported that amendments to the Veterinary Practice Act, House Bill 911 and Senate Bill 651, remain in committees at the NC General Assembly.

The Legislative committee met on January 4, 2022 to review the language for the Veterinary Facility Permit. Based on recommendations from Amanda Reeder proposed legislation was drafted and agreed on by the committee for NCGS 90-186. Proposed changes would include that the current inspection fee would only be charged for follow up inspections that

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were a result of a serious violation or a complaint. The proposed changes would also allow for the issuance of a veterinary facility permit fee in the amount of \$125.00 renewed annually.

The NCVMA voiced their concern on the annual renewal fee for corporations. Dr. Bull requested the legislative committee examine this matter.

The Legislative Committee also recommended an amendment to 90-181 to add the definition of Staff and amend the Act by removing “Veterinary Employee(s)” and insert “Staff” throughout the Act.

The Legislative Committee recommended an amendment to 90-187.8 to add a veterinary facility pernitee. This would allow a civil monetary penalty of up to \$5000 for each violation be assessed to veterinary facility pernitee. This language is already part of House Bill 911 but the Committee believes it would be better if introduced with other amendments from this Board.

Dr. Bull asked for a motion. Robin Lazaro made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the legislative committee, and Dr. Dean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Attorney's Report:

Mr. Skidmore stated that there were 98 complaint cases for 2021 and 20 currently in 2022.

Student Liaison:

Sarah Swartout gave an updated report. She stated that school is in regular session and going great, but with standard COVID problems. Professors have the option of teaching online. There will be regular grading this semester and pass- fail grading for next semester.

Dr. Schadler asked if there is a candidate for her replacement. She stated not yet but will reach out next week.

Executive Director's Report:

Dr. Schadler stated that the Civil Monetary payments are all up to date. He presented the number of active Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians.

Old Business: None

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At 10:45 a.m. Dr. Cannedy made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to GS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to review complaints with Board Attorney, seconded by Dr. Holland. Motion approved unanimously.

At 1:04 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

Dr. Dean read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 8.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

- a. 2021070-8 – Sabrina A. Grinstead, DVM (Eno Animal Hospital) – Mr. Richard Resnick – Dismissed, no probable cause
- b. 2021074-8 – Kathryn Y. Bray, DVM (CVS Referral Animal Hospital) – Ms. Melissa G. Asbury – continued to next Committee meeting on March 9th.
- c. 2021063-8 – Marianela A. Maristany, DVM (Rowan County Animal Shelter) – Ms. Kimio Rivera - Dismissed, no probable cause
- d. 2021077-8 – Marie V. Taylor, DVM and Trudi J. Bowden, DVM (Oxford Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Debra Jizi – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2021080-8 – Eunisa S. Lindsey, DVM and Curt Locklear (Southeastern Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Jennifer Lea- Dismissed, no probable cause
- f. 2021083-8 – Tyler W. Garrett, DVM (Carpenter Animal Hospital & Inn) – Ms. Amanda Sullivan- Dismissed, no probable cause
- g. 2021087-8 – Margaret A. Anderson, DVM (Benson Animal Hospital) – Ms. Orbie Bevil- Dismissed, no probable cause

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 8. The report of Committee 8

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was approved. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and then mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand, the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for review and action.

Mrs. Lazaro read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 9.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

- a. 2021060-9 – Kristen A. Niemann, DVM (SNAP- NC) – Ms. Danielle Preston – Dismissed, no probable cause
- b. 2021067-9 – Jack L. Miller, DVM and Chadwick E. Aderhold, DVM, (Miller Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kathryn J. Ellwanger – Letter of Caution
- c. 2021069-9 – Kari A. Obermeyer, DVM (Goldsboro Veterinary Hospital) – Sally Stoeber – Letter of Reprimand
- d. 2021071-9 – Ingrid M. Lombardino, DVM (CVS- Matthews) – Dr. Terry V. Eades – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2021073-9 – Cory A. Sechrist, DVM (Bethlehem Animal Hospital) – Ms. Amber Crisci – Dismissed, no probable cause

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- f. 2021075-9 – Kayla N. Hoyt Wafful, DVM (CVS- Huntersville) – Ms. Dana Holmes – Dismissed, no probable cause
- g. 2021072-9 – Amy E. Patterson, DVM (Highlands- Cashiers Animal Clinic) – Ms. Nina K. McMahon – Letter of Caution
- h. 2021078-9 – Linton B. Palmer, DVM (Countryview Animal Hospital) – Ms. Sheala Watford- Dismissed, no probable cause
- i. 2021079-9 – Patrick W. Morrison, DVM (Atrium Animal Hospital) – Ms. Cheryl R. Drew – withdrawn per complainant request
- j. 2021081-9- Theresa A. Wisk- Carroll, DVM (Reidsville Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. April Wargo- Dismissed, no probable cause
- k. 202182-9- Kelly E. Holding, DVM (Complete Pet Care Animal Hospital Heritage) and Dr. Greg Hartman, DVM (Wake Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Janette Jonsone- Dismissed, no probable cause
- l. 2021039-9 – Joel K. Garrett, DVM (Animal Hospital of Fayetteville) – Ms. Brittany Harry- Letter of Caution

Dr. Cannedy made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 9. The report from Committee 9 was approved unanimously. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and then mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand,

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the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for review and action.

Approval of Expenses:

Mrs. Lazaro, seconded by Dr. Martin, made a motion to approve the meeting's expenses. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Holland, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director