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Raleigh, North Carolina, January 15, 1999**

President Kenneth Padgett, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 8:00 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. David Brooks, George Edwards, Joseph Gordon, Herbert Justus, Amy Lewis and Mrs. Nellie Jones. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present. Also in attendance were Representative Mitchell Setser, Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Kline.

Representative Setser and Dr. and Mrs. Kline discussed with the Board the licensing requirements as they relate to the veterinary practice act and Dr. Kline. The requirements of G.S. § 90-187 and 90-187.3 were discussed at length. The Board explained that their interpretation of the law was such that Dr. Kline could not be granted a veterinary license until such time he has completed the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates Program. Representative Setser stated that he would like to be kept informed of the situation and that he will be reviewing the Board's findings with the constituents of Iredell County. Representative Setser and Dr. and Mrs. Kline left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

The Board adjured for a twenty-Minute break at 8:50 a.m.

The Board reviewed their discussion of status of Dr. Kline's application for a veterinary license. They again discussed at length G.S. §

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90-187.3. Dr. Gordon made a motion to have Mr. George Hearn work with Representative Setser and his staff in revising G.S. 90-187.3. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Edwards and Dr. Justus opposed.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the October 31, 1998, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Brooks, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The Board reviewed the General Statutes ratified in 1974 and information provided by the Executive Director and determined that the requirements of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates Program.

The Board reviewed the status of the current Board office lease with Mr. Hearn. Mr. Hearn reported that he has secured a verbal approval of an extension of the current lease through June 30, 1999, from Allen Norris, Treasurer of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Gordon made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), to discuss the current lease of the Board office. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 11:05 a.m., the Board entered into closed session.

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The regular session of the Board Meeting reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

Mr. Hearn presented his draft of supervisory language for temporary permits. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the language subject to revisions to be made by Mr. Hearn. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hearn reported on his review of veterinary chiropractic as was requested at the last meeting. His review did not change his previous report to the Board that only a licensed veterinarian is legally able to perform procedures that are characterized as veterinary chiropractic. The Board took no further action.

The Board reviewed an advertising brochure soliciting attendance at a VOM Seminars, Inc. seminar which relates to veterinary orthopedic manipulation. This seminar will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina on February 5, 6, and 7. Dr. William L. Inman will present the seminar. The Board directed Mr. Hearn to write Dr. Inman an information letter reciting

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the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine in North Carolina and notifying him that such practice is restricted to veterinarians.

Dr. Justus made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3), to discuss a suite filed against the Board by Ms. Karen Keltz. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 11:55 a.m., the Board entered into closed session.

The regular session of the Board Meeting reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Dr. Books made a motion to deny the request of Ms. Karen Keltz for an administrative hearing concerning her complaint number 98009-1-1, against Dr. Richard Gregory Burkett. Dr. Gordon seconded the request. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the temporary permit of Dr. Hiram Oliver Lyne. Dr. Brooks made a motion to reissue the temporary permit until the result of the next examination is known. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board reviewed the licensure status of Dr. Melinda Anne Perry. The Board made a recommendation, to be conveyed by the Executive Director, that Dr. Perry should actively pursue employment within the state and upon finding such employment to apply for a temporary permit certificate.

The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the members of the Board. Dr. Lewis made a motion to approve the financial report. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:50 p.m., Dr. Kevin Arthur Monce, accompanied by Ms. Renee Daniels, appeared before the Board to present his method of delivering consultative veterinary services. Ms. Daniel is a registered ultrasound diagnostician who assists Dr. Monce. Dr. Monce and Ms. Daniels left the meeting at 1:40 p.m. The Board took no further action.

Dr. David G. Bristol, Associate Dean of the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine appeared before the Board at 1:40 p.m. He explained that there had been changes to the veterinary school curriculum and that the final two weeks of each semester are allocated to

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courses termed selectives. Two of these selectives involves students participating in learning experiences in private veterinary practice. He is formally requesting the Board's approval of these practical learning experiences for his students. He is also requesting the Board not require registration of those individuals. The Board requested Dr. Bristol to submit this information in writing. The Board will attempt to determine what areas of the General Statutes and Administrative Rules would allow them to approve the request. Dr. Bristol left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

88008-2-0 Dr. Guy Beretich, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board). The Committee recommended that as a result of Dr. Beretich apparent failure to comply with the terms of his Consent Order with the Board that an Administrative Hearing be held. The Committee also recommended that Dr. Beretich retake the disciplinary National Board Examination before February 15, 1999. The Committee further recommended that the Consent Order with Dr.

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Beretich be amended to convert the twenty hours of contact time at the North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine to twenty hours of continuing education.

98033-2-1 Dr. Gwendelyn Wade Morton, Dr. William Bryant Morton, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) At the request of Drs. Morton the Committee reviewed their previous decision of disciplinary action against them. The Committee recommended that no change be made to their previous decision. Also, as per their request, the Committee recommended that an Administrative Hearing be held.

98034-2-1 Dr. Charles T. Steinman, (Complaint of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board) At the request of Dr. Steinman the Committee reviewed their previous decision of disciplinary action against him. The Committee recommended that no change be made to their previous decision. Also, as per

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his request, the Committee recommended that an Administrative Hearing be held.

- 98013-1-1 Dr. Michael E. Wood and Angela Lee, D.V.M., (not a licensed veterinarian), (Complaint of Ms. Jeanne Irwin-Olson). Disciplinary action was previously issued regarding this case. The Committee directed the Executive Director to follow-up and assure compliance with the Veterinary Practice Act.
- 98032-1-1 Dr. Sandra Marie Grant, (Complaint of Ms. Vivian Witt) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 98040-1-1 Dr. Jeffrey Wilton Burroughs, (Complaint of Ms. Martha M. McMillan) – Continued.
- 98038-1-1 Dr. Lisa Corcoran Duff and Dr. Erik Marshall Clary, (Complaint of Ms. Asantewa Anyabwile) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 98036-1-1 Dr. Jennifer Caldwell Brown, (Complaint of Ms. Teresa Patterson) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 98035-1-1 Andrew F. Horne, (Complaint of Ms. Darlene Love) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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98042-1-1 Dr. Guy Beretich, (Complaint of Ms. Becky Godwin) – Withdrawn by Ms. Godwin.

Dr. Brooks 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

98021-9-7 Dr. Jeffrey Morrison (Complaint of Ms. Christine Scibelli) – The Committee recommended that a Consent Order be offered to Dr. Morrison. The terms of the order are: a suspension of his veterinary license for thirty days, stayed; a probation of one year; and a \$1,200 civil monetary penalty, payable within thirty day of the order being signed. The employees identified as part of the complaint are to receive an order to cease and desist the practice of veterinary medicine. The Committee directed the Executive Director to

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follow-up and assure compliance with the
Veterinary Practice Act.

98037-1-7 Dr. Elizabeth Agnes Carroll, Dr. Saga J. Bush, Dr.
Soren David Windram, and Dr. Laura Beth Stolt,
(Complaint of Ms. Pamela K. Head) – The portion
of the complaint against Dr. Windraw was
withdrawn by Ms. Head. The other Doctors are to
receive a Letter of Caution.

98039-1-7 Dr. John E. Dowler, (Complaint of Mrs. Cynthia
Dixon) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

98043-1-7 Dr. William A. Caudle and Dr. James H.
Hornbuckle, (Complaint of Ms. Catherine Lloyd) –
Dismissed, no probable cause.

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

Dr. Padgett made a motion to pay all necessary expenses for Dr.
Edwards to attend the meeting of the American Association of Veterinary
State Boards in New Orleans, Louisiana in July. Dr. Edwards will represent

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the Board and be the voting delegate. Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the changes by the state to the costs allowed for mileage reimbursement. Dr. Padgett made a motion to change the allowable reimbursement cost to 32.5¢ per mile to match the state rate. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the actual expenses incurred of this meeting. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Justus, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director