

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 24, 2000**

President Kenneth Padgett, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 8:05 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.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the January 14, 2000, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Lewis, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Mr. Hearn reported that as a result of the court calendar being filled, the Petition for Judicial Review of Ms. Keltz has been rescheduled for May.

Mr. Hearn and the Executive Director reported on Dr. Beretich's compliance with the Consent Order he entered into with the Board. No further action was taken.

Dr. Gordon reported on his research of other Veterinary State Practice Acts concerning the ownership of veterinary practices. The Board formed a Committee consisting of Dr. Gordon to chair, Dr. Justus, Dr. Lewis and Mr.

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Hearn to review the Practice Act for changes that would be presented to the Legislature at its next session.

Mr. Hearn reported on the letter that he had received from the chief legal counsel of VetCor concerning their ownership of veterinary practices within the State. No further action was taken.

As a result of the National Board Exam and Clinical Competency Test being replaced by the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam, the Board reviewed its current licensing policies. Dr. Edwards made a motion that those people who's National Board Exam and Clinical Competency Test scores are over five years old and who are seeking licensure in North Carolina be required to take a National Disciplinary Exam and in either small or large animal medicine. Upon passing that exam they would be issued a limited license to practice a corresponding type of veterinary medicine. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Gordon and Dr. Justus opposed.

Dr. Edwards made a motion to reconsider the previous motion. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Brooks made a motion that the Executive Director develop a new application form for licensure and that form be similar to a model application for examination and or licensure developed for the American Association of Veterinary State Boards'. Further, if the applicant meets all of the requirements of G.S. 90-187.3(a) and G.S. 90-187.3(b) that no further national testing be required. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gordon. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Board was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. for a ten-minute break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Benjamin S. Turner, the Practice Facility Inspector for the Board, joined the meeting. He started inspecting practice facilities for the Board the first part of February and his purpose of attending the meeting was to convey the items of non-compliance that he has been finding on inspections. He further discussed the use of the new practice facility inspection form. As a result of his meeting with the Board the Executive Director is to contact

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John Womble at the North Carolina Controlled Substance Regulatory  
Branch and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Hearn presented his draft of an Administrative Rule concerning  
Animal Health Therapies, supervision and limitation.

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

Report of Impairment Committee

98031-3-7 Dr. Margaret Patterson, Dr. Patterson is complying  
with terms of her Consent Order and is continued  
to be monitored.

99043-2-0 Dr. William Cooper, Committee recommended  
that a Consent Order be drafted for Dr. Cooper for  
his review.

00009-2-0 Dr. Carolyn Johnson, Committee recommended  
that a Consent Order be drafted. The language

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should mirror the terms of her current Consent Order in Virginia.

00011-2-0 Ms. Donna F. Secrest, Committee directed the Executive Director to send Ms. Secrest a notice that informs her of a Board initiated complaint. She will be given the twenty (20) days to respond as required by 21 NCAC 66 .0601(a). This case is continued until the receipt of her response.

Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the Impairment Committee's report. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

99030-8-1 Dr. Fred Cunningham, (Complaint of Mr. Cem Akin) – Dismissed, No Probable Cause.

99039-1-1 Dr. Jenny Claire Beavers, (Complaint of Ms. Donna Mahony) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

00001-1-1 Dr. John Alan Wright, (Complaint of Mr. Durwood H. White) – Considered withdrawn at the request of Mr. White.

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99035-1-1 Dr. Samuel Green Griffin, (Complaint of Ms. Tonnie Love) – Continued.

00005-1-1 Dr. Paula K. Bullock, (Complaint of Mr. Rick McGee) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

00003-1-7 Dr. Patricia Michelle Toms-Greene, (Complaint of Ms. Carla D. Trainum) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

99031-1-7 Dr. Morris A. Hughes, (Complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Benfield) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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

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Dr. Justus made a motion to grant Dr. Christine Jones a six (6) month extension on earning her required continuing education. Further, she would not be allowed to use the Compendium Journal to earn the required continuing education. This is a result of her be hospitalized and still being on a feeding tube. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Robert J. Nix concerning Standards for Competency. The Board directed Mr. Hearn to draft a reply on their behalf.

Dr. Edwards made a motion to approve the request of Dr. Catherine Ann Picut for an exemption from retaking the Clinical Competency Test based on her Diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Pathologist. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Betsy T. Sigmon, Chairperson, American Veterinary Medical Association Judicial Council, concerning the ownership of medical records and good Samaritan laws. The

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Executive Director is to write to Dr. Sigmon that these are just two of the issues that the new Legislative Committee will be considering. The Board took no further action.

The Board reviewed the two letters sent by John R. Brochu concerning equine dentistry. His first letter was sent to a local Association President concerning him giving an educational program on the topic of equine dentistry to his membership. The second letter was sent to equine practitioners concerning a business plan that he had developed relating to the delivery of equine dental services. A letter is to be prepared and sent to Mr. Brochu stating that equine dentistry is the practice of veterinary medicine and must be done by a licensed veterinarian of the State.

Dr. Padgett appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Dr. Brooks and Dr. Lewis. The Committee is to recommend a slate of officers at the next Board meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Lewis, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



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Dr. Lewis made a motion to have Dr. Edwards and Dr. Gordon represent the Board at the next meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards', which will be held in conjunction with the American Veterinary Medical Association in Salt Lake City in July. The Board will pay the actual expenses incurred by Dr. Edwards and Dr. Gordon when they attended the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Justus. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 1 and 2, 2000.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Brooks at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director