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President Linwood Jernigan, DVM called the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to order at 8:03 a.m. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Susan Bull, Michael Davidson, Richard Hawkins, David Marshall, and Dante Martin, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, RVT and Mrs. Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven and Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey.

Dr. Jernigan reviewed with the Board the Governor's and North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on being aware of and avoiding conflicts of interest.

On a motion made by Dr. Bull, seconded by Dr. Marshall, the minutes for the March 20, 2009 meeting were approved.

Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director, and Joseph P. Jordan, PhD, Clinical Director, of the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), joined the meeting. Dr. Pendergast announced that NCPHP had now designated the program with the Board for impaired veterinary personnel as the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP). Dr.

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Pendergast presented an update on the status of the program since the last Board meeting. Dr. Pendergast presented information on EtG (ethylglucuronide) and EtS (ethylsulfate) testing. Dr. Jordan presented information on Naltrexone (Vivitrol) injections. After a question and answer period with the Board, they left the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

The Board Investigator's report on his activities since the last meeting was distributed.

The Executive Director reported on activities of the Board office since the last meeting and distributed a financial report to the members of the Board. Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the Executive Director's report. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 9:25 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., Ronald Jeffrey Martin, DVM of Beaufort, South Carolina, appeared before the Board, at his request, to discuss and answer questions concerning his application for a veterinary license. He discussed

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the November 2007 disciplinary action in Georgia against his veterinary license for an act of cruelty to animals. He also discussed his January 2008 convictions on his pleas of guilty in the State of Georgia to the offenses of possession of marijuana, possession and use of drug-related objects, and DUI. Dr. Martin left the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Based on the information from Dr. Martin's application for licensure and his appearance before the Board, Dr. Marshall made a motion pursuant to General Statutes § 90-187 and § 90-187.3(4a) to deny the application for licensure of Dr. Martin. Ms. Morgan seconded the motion. The reasons for the denial were the November 7, 2007 discipline and finding by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that Dr. Martin had committed an act of cruelty to an animal, and on the further grounds of his convictions in Georgia for DUI and possession of drugs and drug-related objects.

The meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

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Dr. Bull made a motion to grant George O. Hester, III, DVM an extension until August 31, 2009, to earn his required continuing education. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At his request, Robert O'Neil, DVM, Chairman of the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine, appeared before the Board to present and discuss his observations on differences in regulatory procedures and actions between the North Carolina Board and the Florida Board. Following his presentation and a discussion with the Board, he left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The meeting recessed at 10:45 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

The Board reviewed the application for registration as a veterinary technician from Ms. Melissa Wardo Hendrix. Dr. Bull made a motion to accept her application and grant her a registration unless NCVHP determines that a monitoring contract is necessary. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Nominating Committee presented its slate of Board officers for 2009-2010. The Committee nominated Dr. Jernigan for President, Dr. Hawkins for Vice-President and Mrs. Robinson for Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Bull made a motion that the slate of officers be approved and elected to their respective positions. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the dates that were previously set for the August Committee and Board meeting. Following discussion, the Committee on Investigations #2 will now meet on August 13 in Greensboro and Committee on Investigations #5 will meet on August 14 at the Board office. The Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19 at the Board office.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2.

2009003-2 Gail Bowman, DVM – Bowman Animal Clinic -
(complaint of Marguerite F. Duffy, DVM) –
Dismissed, no jurisdiction.

2009001-2 Mitchell Kyle Barnes, DVM – Topsail Animal
Hospital – (complaint of Ms. Elizabeth
Campellone) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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2009009-2 Dawn Marie Coy, DVM – Triangle Veterinary
Emergency Clinic – (complaint of Mr. & Mrs.
David Cribben, Jr.) – Dismissed, no probable
cause.

2009011-2 Nicole Alene McQueen, DVM – Pamlico Animal
Hospital, P.A. – (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Stout) – Disciplinary action, letter of caution.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 11:55 a.m. for a break, and
reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

2009005-2 Laurie Jennifer Weiser, DVM – Pittsboro Animal
Hospital (complaint of Mr. Hebert Horner & Ms.
Penny White) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2009007-2 Sharon Louise Anthony, DVM – Banfield, the Pet
Hospital – Burlington (complaint of Ms. Jamine E.
Santana) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2009013-2 Christopher Todd Worrell, DVM – PetDocks
Veterinary Hospital (complaint of Rev. Frank
Fearing) – Disciplinary action, letter of caution.

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2008004-4 Jonathan Kent Kealii Stone, DVM (complaint of the Board). The Committee reviewed Dr. Stone's failure to comply with the previous Consent Order issued last year. The Committee also reviewed Dr. Stone's written request for reactivation of his license and the material he submitted to support the request. The Committee voted to offer him a new Consent Order with a number of conditions relating to his sobriety and continued compliance with impairment treatment programs in Texas. Following a motion by Dr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the Board voted to accept the Committee's decision and to approve the terms of the proposed Consent Order, which will be presented by Mr. Hearn to Dr. Stone's attorney. Dr. Bull recused herself from the vote.

2009023-2 Kelley Christine Duruman, DVM (complaint of the Board). The Committee recommended the Board grant the veterinary license application for reinstatement of Kelley Christine Duruman, DVM

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to active status provided she enters into a Consent Order with the Board containing impairment-recovery terms as a condition of reinstatement. Following a motion by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, the Board approved the Committee's recommendation and terms of the Consent Order.

Dr. Hawkins made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 2 report. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Hawkins abstaining from Complaint 2009009-2 (Dr. Coy) and Dr. Bull recusing herself and not voting on 2008004-4 (Dr. Stone).

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5.

2009010-5 Suzanne K. Miller, DVM – Academy Animal Hospital of Laurinburg, P.A. – (complaint of Ms. Carolyn McLean) – Letter of caution.

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2009004-5 Valorie J. White, DVM – Caring Hearts Animal Hospital – (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. James Pugh) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

2009006-5 Clifton Charles Simmons, DVM & Nina C. Roshon, DVM – VCA Wrightsville Beach Animal Hospital – (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Habas) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

2009008-5 Frederick J. Knowles, DVM – Neuse Veterinary Clinic – (complaint of Ms. Jeanette Wainright) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

2009002-5 Richard C. Dixon, DVM – Boulevard Animal Hospital, P.A. – (complaint of Ms. Gale Garrett) - Disciplinary action, letter of caution.

2009012-5 Amy Elliot O'Malley, DVM & Sharon Turbeville Carlson, RVT – (complaint of Mr. Thomas Rhyne for North Carolina Veterinary Public Health) – Continued.

2009014-5 Charles H. Lloyd, DVM Fairview Animal Hospital, P.A. – (complaint of Mr. Sam Plyler) – Disciplinary action, letter of reprimand.

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Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 5 report. Dr. Jernigan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Davidson abstaining from Complaint 2009006-5 (Dr. Simmons and Dr. Roshon).

Upon a motion by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Committee on Investigations No. 5, Mr. Hearn reviewed with the Board the letter from Ms. Linda Worth, Warren County Manager, concerning questions about the administering of medical treatment to animals at the County Animal Shelter by persons other than veterinarians. This letter was briefly reviewed by the Board at the last meeting and referred to the Committee on Investigations No. 5 for consideration as part of a complaint number 2009012-5. The Board discussed the issues relating to Ms. Worth's questions. The Board noted that Warren County has valid legal possession of dogs and cats impounded for not wearing a current rabies tag as required by G.S. § 130A-192. It is the Board's interpretation that the

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exemption from the requirement of a veterinary license to treat animals in G.S. § 90-187.10(1) applies immediately when the County impounds an animal pursuant to G.S. § 130A-192. Dr. Davidson made a motion that a letter be sent to Ms. Worth consistent with the Board's discussion. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Marshall abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Davidson and seconded by Dr. Martin.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director