

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, May 30, 2014**

At 8:00 a.m., President Dante Martin, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Also in attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Dwight E. Cochran, William K. Dean, Kim D. Gemeinhardt, David T. Marshall and Jane A. Barber; and Mr. Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

Dr. Martin reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the minutes for the March 28, 2014 Board meeting were approved.

At 8:04 a.m., Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director, and Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director, of the N.C. Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Pendergast and Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since

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the last Board meeting. Dr. Pendergast and Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

The Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last Board meeting.

At 8:42 a.m. Mr. Mickey reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the last Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed with him.

Mr. Mickey discussed the preliminary results of the recent audit of the Board operations by the Department of State Auditor. Dr. Marshall made a motion that Mr. Mickey reply to the State Auditor's office when the draft of the final report is received. The reply is to convey that the Board discussed the audit findings and that the Board will address promptly the recommendations. Mr. Lofts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:36 a.m. the Board recessed for a break resuming at 9:55 a.m.

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Dr. Dean opened a discussion about the part of Board Rule 21 NCAC 66.0208 that permits a veterinarian not to have radiographic capability if the veterinarian and the facility follow the client notification and referral requirements of the Rule for facilities that offer limited veterinary services. Dr. Dean stated his opinion that all facilities should be required to have radiographics equipment, including those that provide limited services. Discussion followed. Dr. Marshall volunteered to draft amendments to Rule subsections .0208 (a) and (d) for later consideration by the Board.

Mrs. Morgan presented information about two organizations in Harnett County that are attempting to address the over-population of dogs and cats in the county. These organizations are SOAR (Students of Animal Responsibility) and HAWC (Harnett Animal Welfare Coalition).

At 9:15 a.m. Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion to recess the meeting so the Hearing Panel in the Dr. Johnson (Gladson) case could meet to consider pending matters. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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At 10:10 a.m. the meeting resumed.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

2013024-3 **Timothy Jordan, DVM** – (Cross Creek Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jennifer Lasecki – Continued.

2014006-3 **Mauricio Rene Amat, DVM & Jeffrey Lenard Munn, DVM** – (Poplar Animal Hospital) – Mr. Gregory Comfort – Dismissed, no probable cause for both Dr. Amat and Dr. Munn

2014009-3 **Robin Marie Hopwood-Courville, DVM** – (CVS-Matthews) – Ms. Ashleigh Jones – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2012019-5 **Michael J. Thomann, DVM** – (Greater Charlotte Mobile Veterinary Clinic) – Continued.

Dr. Cochran made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 3. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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At 11:36 a.m. Dr. Joseph K. Gordon appeared before the Board to discuss various issues under the Veterinary Practice Act relating to ownership of entities providing veterinary medical services. Dr. Gordon left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch and resumed the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

2014007-8 **Alissa Darcy Gallagher, DVM & Amy Grace**

**Gassman, DVM** – (Carolina Veterinary Specialists-Charlotte) – Ms. Mary McKinnon – Dismissed, no probable cause for both doctors.

2014003-8 **Gregory Arnold, DVM; Kristi Sluiter, DVM;**

**Stephanie Silberstang, DVM** – (Carolina Veterinary Specialists -Huntersville) – Mr. & Mrs. Barry Deel – Dismissed, no probable cause for all doctors.

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2014040-8 **Maria Magsino, DVM** – (Cloverfield Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Wendy Anne Cochran – Letter of Reprimand

2014008-8 **Phillip Scotton, DVM** – (Eastern Randolph Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. Ricky Williamson Jr. – Continued.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion to approve the report of Committee on Investigations No. 8. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The nominating committee reported and proposed a slate of Board officers for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, as follows: Dr. William K. Dean, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Dwight E. Cochran, Vice- President; and Dr. Kim D. Gemeinhardt, President. Mrs. Morgan made a motion to accept the report of the proposed slate of officers and Mr. Loftis seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

At approximately 2:00 p.m. the Hearing Panel in the Dr. Johnson case (complaint 2012036-4) reported on its deliberations on the motion of Dr.

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Johnson to be allowed to accept the letter of reprimand and civil monetary penalty originally issued by Committee No. 4 and rejected by Dr. Johnson. The panel reported that its decision was to allow the motion. The panel then continued to discuss the motion in the meeting, and following this discussion the panel by consensus reconsidered its decision and voted to deny the motion.

Upon motion of Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Cochran, the expenses for this Board meeting were approved.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Dean, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director