

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, July 21, 2016**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Susan K. Bull, Jane A. Barber, Dwight E. Cochran, R. Douglas Meckes, and Robin Lazaro, RVT. Also present were Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey.

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

The May 12, 2016 minutes, upon motion by Dr. Meckes and seconded by Dr. Cochran, were approved unanimously.

The Board set the meeting date of the first meeting in 2017 to be January 12, 2017.

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Dr. Cochran made a motion to approve the expenses for the Board Meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Barber. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board Investigator reported on his activities since the last meeting. The Investigator left the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

2015039-1 **Melissa Bame Massey, DVM** (Alamance Countryside Mobile Veterinary Service) – Ms. Tina L. Brantley –  
Continued

2016003-1 **Lauren Elizabeth Forhecz, DVM** (Long Animal Hospital) – Mr. Jon Havezi & Dr. Mahin Hafezi –  
Dismissed, no probable cause

2016007-1 **Christopher Todd Worrell, DVM** (PetDock Veterinary Hospital) – Miles & Nana Kline – Dismissed, no  
probable cause

2016006-1 **Don David Lee, DVM** (VSH-North Raleigh) – Mr. Mike Vaughan – Continued

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2016012-1 **Alexia Nicole Nogueira, DVM** (Leland Veterinary Hospital) - Mr. Chris Burley – Letter of Caution

Dr. Dean made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lazaro, to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 1. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:05 a.m. the Board took a short break and reconvened at 9:10 a.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014054-2 **Poppy Masterson, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nevils – Continued

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5

2015045-5 **Dennis Kay Johnson, DVM** (All Pets Hospital for Animals) – Ms. Donna Carter – Reconsideration changed from Letter of Caution to No Probable Cause

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- 2016005-5 **Stephanie Lynne Mitchell, DVM & Melissa Sue Irvin, DVM** (East Lincoln Animal Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Carson & Janel King – No Probable Cause
- 2016001-2 **Daniel E. Hay, DVM** (Providence South Animal Hospital) – Mr. Abbas Bagheri – No Probable Cause
- 2016002-5 **Richard C. Dixon, DVM** (Boulevard Animal Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Burl Turner – No Probable Cause
- 2016004-5 **Brooke Alicia Reynolds, DVM** (Cabarrus Animal Hospital) – Mr. Randall Drake – No Probable Cause
- 2016010-5 **Katherine T. Armstrong, DVM** (Weddington Animal Hospital) – Mr. Danny Manus – No Probable Cause

Dr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran, to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 5. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:14 a.m. the Board recessed for a short break and reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

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The Executive Director reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the May 12, 2016 Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Meckes discussed the difficulties he was having filling positions within the North Carolina Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System. He explained that veterinary positions require that an applicant be eligible for licensure. Several positions have not been able to be filled because of this requirement. To assist, the Board determined that it would like to pursue an amendment to Board rules that would further define the licensing requirements of a limited veterinary license. Mr. Hearn and Dr. Meckes will work on a draft amendment for review at the next Board meeting.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Bull, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at Noon.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director