

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, August 23, 24, 2007**

President Linwood Jernigan, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Board members Drs. Susan Bull, Michael Davidson, Richard Hawkins, and David Marshall. Also present was Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey.

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

The Board discussed the current requirements for the issuance of faculty certificates. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed the current number of continuing education hours that may be earned from computer based training or videocassette. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed the requirements of 21 NCAC 66 .0207 concerning in-house or consultant laboratory services. No further action was taken.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Jernigan reconvened the regular meeting of the Board at 8:06 a.m. In attendance were Board members Drs. Susan Bull, Michael Davidson, Richard Hawkins, David Marshall, Dante Martin, and Mrs. Nancy Robinson, R.V.T. Also present was Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey.

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

On a motion made by Dr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Martin, the minutes for the June 28, 2007, meeting was approved.

The Board's Investigator presented a report on his activities since the March meeting. No further action was taken.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 8:55 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

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Dr. Marshall introduced James L. Hunter, D.V.M., Director of the Animal Welfare Section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services. Dr. Hunter presented to the Board the history and status of proposed changes to the Animal Welfare Act. Dr. Hunter left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 10:04 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

The Executive Director reported on activities of the Board office since the last meeting. No further action was taken.

A financial report was distributed to the members of the Board. Following discussion, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the report. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2.

2007021-2 Joel M. Barden, D.V.M. (complaint of Ms. Stacey Merda) – Disciplinary action, letter of caution and letter of reprimand and \$500 civil monetary

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penalty. The basis for the civil monetary penalty is G.S. § 90-187.8(b)(5). The penalty will be withdrawn if within 60 day of the receipt of the letter of reprimand he prepares a DART puppy agreement for use with those clients who adopt animals from DART.

2006020-2 Susan Michele Rohrer, D.V.M. (complaint of Ms. Mary V. Diemer) - Disciplinary action, letter of reprimand and \$1,000 civil monetary penalty. The basis for the civil monetary penalty was G.S. § 90-187.8(b)(3)(4) and (5).

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to issue a cease and desist to Melissa Matthews, D.V.M. for abating the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull made a motion to issue a cease and desist to Steven Matthews, D.V.M. for the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. Dr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting of the Board recessed at 11:44 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 12:05.

Dr. Jernigan made a presentation to the Board titled, "I Need to Write Down What?"

The Board discussed temporary permits. No further action was taken.

Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 2 report. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Martin abstaining from the vote regarding complaint 2007021-2 (Dr. Barden).

The Board discussed preparing draft language to 21 NCAC 66 .0203 that would require an applicant applying for a faculty certificate to take and pass a North Carolina Examination to evaluate the applicant's knowledge of Article 11 of Chapter 90 and 21 NCAC 66 of the North Carolina Administrative Code within 90 days of the offering of an exam. No further action was taken.

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The Board discussed changing 21 NCAC 66 .206 to allow for five hours of continuing education hours be earned from computer based training or videocassette. No further action was taken.

The Board directed the Executive Director to invite a representative from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' to the next Board meeting to make a presentation on the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE).

The Board directed the Executive Director to invite a representative from the American Veterinary Medical Association to the next Board meeting to make a presentation on the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG).

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

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Mrs. Robinson and seconded by Dr. Bull at 2:48 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director