

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, August 27, 1999**

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 June 18, 1999, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Edwards, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Dr. Gordon reported on the relationship with veterinary practices that Veterinary Corporations of America and VetCor have, as well as the requirements of other Veterinary Practice Acts concerning the ownership of veterinary practices. No further action was taken.

Dr. Padgett reported that the Ethics Education and Awareness presentation of Mr. Perry Newsom with the North Carolina Board of Ethics has been postponed until the next meeting.

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Dr. Padgett made a presentation to the Board concerning complementary and alternate therapies as they relate to the practice of veterinary medicine. He asked the members of the Board to read the packet of material that he had distributed and that the Board consider its content at a future meeting. The Board took no further action.

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

The Executive Director reported that he has received a model licensure application from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards'. This is as a result of his attendance to the July, AAVSB Meeting. Dr. Brooks made a motion that the current application for veterinary license be revised to reflect the model application. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Board was adjourned 9:55 a.m. for a ten-minute break.

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The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

99006-1-1 Ms. Melanie Hampton, R.V.T., (Complaint of Dr. Dana Jones) - Dismissed, no probable cause. The letter dismissing the complaint is to express the Board's concerns about Ms. Hampton's communications with clients.

99009-1-1 Dr. Marvin Newlin (Complaint of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Davenport) - Disciplinary Action, Letter of Reprimand and eight additional hours of continuing education.

99011-8-1 Dr. Robert Jeffrey Krawczyk (Complaint of Mr. Robert L. Latimer) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

99021-1-1 Dr. Marisol Marrero (Complaint of Ms. Debra Chrisco) – Complaint considered withdrawn at the request of Ms. Chrisco.

99023-1-1 Dr. Melanie Ashe Smith (Complaint of Mr. Barry S. Roberts) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

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99024-1-1 Dr. Christopher Todd Worrell (Complaint of Ms. Dorothy M. Hiatt) – Disciplinary Action, Letter of Caution.

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

Dr. Padgett reported that the makeup of Committee on Investigations No. 7 has been changed. The Committee now consists of Dr. David Brooks, Chairman, Dr. Kenneth Padgett, and Dr. Amy Lewis.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

96005-3-7 Dr. Joe Currie (Complaint of Dr. Jack Broadhurst)

In 1996 the Committee found there was no probable cause for any disciplinary action against Dr. Currie. The Committee reviewed recent information sent to the Board by Dr. Broadhurst concerning Dr. Currie. Dr. Broadhurst's requested the Committee reconsider its findings. The

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Committee determined that the previous information conveyed to Dr. Broadhurst was correct and that Dr. Broadhurst should be informed that there was no change in the previous decision.

99012-1-7 Dr. Lanny D. Walker (Complaint of Ms. Sandra Norvelle) – Disciplinary action, Letter of Caution.

99022-1-7 Dr. Timothy F. Barker (Complaint of Ms. Penny E. Dobson) – Disciplinary action, Letter of Caution.

99020-1-7 Dr. Kim Francine Krivit (Complaint of Ms. Linda H. Lewis) – Disciplinary Action, Letter of Caution.

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

The Committee on Consulting, consisting of Dr. Gordon and Dr. Lewis, presented their report. The Board took no further action.

Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the request of Dr. James R. Bassett for an exemption on retaking the Clinical Competency Test based on

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his diplomate status with American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Drs. Paula and Timothy Ulrich for an inactive North Carolina Veterinary License. They are preparing to move their family to Zimbabwe, to work with Christian Veterinary Mission and Heifer Project International. They will be working to address animal health issues and to train animal health workers in the villages of Northwestern Zimbabwe. Dr. Brooks made a motion to approve their request and to allow their veterinary license to be reinstated when they return upon earning the required continuing education necessary for the year of their reinstatement. Dr. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Dr. David H. Darvishan for the approval for the practice facility name, M.A.S.H. Clinic, which stands for Mobile Animal Sterilization and Health Clinic. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board reviewed the Executive Director's proposal for a security system for the Board office. Dr. Justus made a motion to approve the low bid received from Mr. Mike Sumner of Sumner Communications. Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the information mailed by Mr. Ernest Gallo to local veterinary facilities. The mailing expressed his willingness to provide ultrasound services to them. The Board reviewed the letter written by Mr. Hearn requesting that Mr. Gallo cease and desist the practice of veterinary medicine. The Board took no further action.

Dr. Edwards made a motion to approve the request of Dr. James P. Douglass for an exemption from retaking the Clinical Competency Test based on his diplomate status with the American College of Veterinary Radiology. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mrs. Jones opposed and Dr. Gordon not voting.

Dr. Justus made a motion to approve the actual expenses incurred for this meeting. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Justus and seconded by Dr. Brooks at 1:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director