

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 8, 2016**

At 8:12 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, Jane A. Barber, Susan K. Bull, and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey, and Deputy Director, Dr. Tod Schadler.

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 July 21, 2016, Board meeting minutes, upon motion by Dr. Bull and seconded by Dr. Barber, were approved unanimously.

Board member R. Doug Meckes, DVM joined the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

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Mr. Tony Porrett, LPC, LCAS, from the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program, presented an update on the status of the program. Mr. Porrett departed the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

The Executive Director reported on the activities of the investigator since the July 21, 2016, Board meeting.

The Executive Director 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.

At 9:30 a.m. the Board recessed for a break, reconvening at 9:37 a.m.

Mr. George Ferguson, Feed Administrator, with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, joined the meeting to inform and discuss with the Board the Veterinary Feed Directive of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which will take effect on January 1, 2017.

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At 10:09 a.m., David Green, DVM, joined the meeting to discuss with the Board his application to re-instate his North Carolina veterinary license. Dr. Green left the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

Ms. Claire Holly, Executive Director of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, gave an update on the Association's upcoming activities.

At 11:10 a.m., Mr. George Ferguson rejoined the Board meeting to continue his discussion of the Veterinary Feed Directive. He advised the Board that the "veterinary-client-patient relationship" in the N.C. Veterinary Practice Act applies to the Veterinary Feed Directive.

At 12:54 p.m., the Board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 p.m. for a working lunch.

Dr. Dean made a motion to establish a "Shining Star Award" to recognize anyone associated with the profession who has gone above and beyond with an exceptional activity in the community or profession. Dr.

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Barber seconded the motion. Dr. Meckes made a friendly amendment that the recognition be in the form of a letter. Dr. Dean accepted the amendment and added to the motion that the recipient be invited to a Board meeting.

The motion passed with the Chair not voting.

Mr. Ferguson left the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Dr. Meckes discussed the United States Animal Health Association's Resolution #2, which urges the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) to develop and distribute to Veterinary State Boards a position statement in support of reciprocal veterinary medical licensure. The Board agreed to have Dr. Gemeinhardt investigate this proposal at the AAVSB meeting in September.

Dr. Bull made a motion to defer the decision to re-instate the veterinary license of Dr. Green pending his providing to the Board a current psychiatric/psychological assessment that addresses the issues and behavior that led to his 2010 felony criminal charges and his conviction of aggravated assault in 2011. He should also submit information about professional

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counseling in which he has participated following his release from incarceration in Montana. He should also obtain information from the appropriate official in the Commonwealth of Virginia (where his probation has been transferred). The motion was seconded by Dr. Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Barber made a motion that the Board undertake rulemaking to amend 21 NCAC 66.0108, to increase the renewal fee for veterinarian licenses, faculty and Zoo veterinarian certificates from \$150 to \$170, to be effective with the 2017 renewal applications. Dr. Meckes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull made a motion that the Board undertake rulemaking to amend 21 NCAC 66.0311, entitled Limited Veterinary License. The amendment would allow veterinarians not otherwise eligible for a veterinary license and employed by the N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services in a position with the N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to obtain a limited veterinary license. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Board discussed amending 21 NCAC 66.0206, entitled Minimum Standards for Continuing Education. Following discussion it was determined that additional changes are needed. The Board will consider this at its next meeting.

The Board took a break at 3:42 p.m. and reconvened at 3:48 p.m.

The Board discussed with Dr. Bull, as the delegate to the AAVSB meeting in September 2016, the proposed amendments to the AAVSB bylaws as well as the open positions for Directors on the AAVSB Board.

The Board discussed sending representatives to the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards annual meeting to be held January 26-29, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. Following discussion Dr. Meckes made a motion, to approve Dr. Gemeinhardt, Dr. Schadler and the Executive Director to the meeting. Dr. Dean seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

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

Dr. Meckes left the meeting room.

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

Dr. Meckes returned to the meeting room.

2016017-1 **Arthur Samuel McMillan, Jr., DVM and Tyler Louis
Hodinka, DVM** (Animal Care East Veterinary Hospital)
– Ms. Jahnelle Adeshola Oguntoye – No probable cause

Dr. Meckes made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, to accept the
report of Committee on Investigations No. 1 with Dr. Meckes recusing

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himself from the vote of complaint number 2016006-1. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Dean left the meeting room.

2016014-5 **Isabella Marie Rivera Bou, DVM** (Cypress Lakes
Animal Hospital) – Ms. Sheila Johnson – No Probable
Cause

Dr. Dean returned to the meeting room.

2016013-5 **Robert Ray Rednour, DVM** (Large Animal Veterinary
Services) – Ms. Alice Edwards – Continued

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- 2016009-5 **Fernando Cardenas, DVM** (3H Mobile Veterinary Services) – Ms. Kimberly Ely – Continued
- 2016015-5 **Gregory Jay Lowe, DVM** (Rowan Animal Clinic) – Mr. Alex Astor – No probable cause
- 2016016-5 **Ronni Reiffe LaVine, DVM** (South Robeson Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. Dru and Kellie Martin – No probable cause
- 2016018-5 **Tracy Lynn Tinsley, DVM** (3H Mobile Veterinary Services) – Ms. Denise Bricker – Continued
- 2016019-5 **Ronni Reiffe LaVine, DVM** (South Robeson Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. Angela Barfield – No probable cause

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Barber, to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 5 with Dr. Dean recusing himself from the vote on complaint number 2016014-5. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Bull, seconded by Dr. Meckes, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director