

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, November 4, 2021**

At 8:00 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held at the Board and virtually through Zoom. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Ronald Komich, Allen Cannedy, Michael Martin, and Azure Holland; Robin Lazaro, RVT; and Mr. Timothy Gold. Also present were Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore, Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, Sarah Swartout, Student Liaison, and past Board Attorney, George Hearn.

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

The following guest was in attendance at the Board, Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO, NC Physician's Health Program (NCPHP). The following guests were in attendance through Zoom: Jon Carr, attorney for North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA); Shannon Bass, DVM, Secretary-Treasurer, NCVMA; Jennifer Shultz, DVM, immediate past President of NCVMA;

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Dante Martin, DVM, President of NCVMA; John McHugh, ASPCA; Kristine Block, Block Sport Hounds; Natalie Young, PharmD, FACVP, Industry Council

The September 9, 2021 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Holland, moved to approve the September 9, 2021 Board meeting minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business - Reports:

President's Report:

1. The Personnel committee, Dr. Dean and Mrs. Lazaro, will report at the January 2022 meeting.
2. Retirements:
 - a. Cheryl Jones, Administrator, will be retiring the end of November 2021.
 - b. Dr. Meckes and Mr. Hearn received engraved clocks for their retirement and service on the Board.
 - c. Mrs. Newman, whose Board term is over, will be given a plaque.

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3. AAVSB Conference held in Denver, Colorado was a good meeting. Dr. Komich is now on the Nominaiton Committee for the AAVSB. The 2022 Conference will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

North Carolina Professional’s Health Program (NCPHP) Report:

Dr. Joseph Jordan gave an update. There are presently six veterinarians under contract under a green status and one on red status.

NCVHP Scholarship process is in the final phase.

NCPHP will reach out to a veterinarian after receiving an anonymous tip of this veterinarian’s mental struggles with suicide. Dr. Bull has requested contact information about NCPHP be given to all facilities.

Board Dates for 2022:

Board Meeting Date	Committee 8 Dates	Committee 9 Dates
January 13, 2022	January 12, 2022	January 5, 2022
March 10, 2022	March 9, 2022	March 2, 2022
May 12, 2022	May 11, 2022	May 4, 2022
July 7, 2022	July 6, 2022	June 29, 2022
September 8, 2022	September 7, 2022	August 31, 2022
November 10, 2022	November 9, 2022	November 2, 2022

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State Veterinarian's Report:

Dr. Martin updated the Board on the African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic. Approximately 25-35 providences have positive cases. The Dominican Republic has a large swine population.

The USDA has \$500 million to help respond to the African Swine Fever in the Dominican Republic and surrounding areas. As of now, Puerto Rico is free of the disease.

There are continued efforts to work on the State Plan in North Carolina with a swine health improvement plan with a national framework.

Monitoring for the rabbit hemorrhagic disease in North Carolina. Mostly in the southwest US.

There is a disaster grant funded by USDA for farms hit by Hurricane Florence.

ElleVet Sciences, who has products for animals with CBD, has issued a letter that has misleading statements from the NC Department of Agriculture and the NCVMB in which they will both issue a clarification in the coming week.

There was a discussion about the legality of CBD products in North Carolina. The NC Department of Agriculture will be making an official statement soon.

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Student Liaison:

Sarah Swartout gave an updated report. She thanked Dr. Martin for speaking at NCSU-CVM about current topics and also about the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. The school has added a counselor.

At 9:47 a.m. the board took a break and reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Chiropractic Medicine Committee Report:

The committee is still working and researching.

Legislative Committee:

Keith West, Assistant to the Executive Director, reported that there have been no changes since the last meeting on the proposed Practice Facility Permit. He did report that Ms. Reeder will be leaving on November 15, 2021.

House Bill 911 - Regulatory Reform 2.0, the proposed amendment to clarify NCVMB authority to issue certain civil penalties section 11.(a) G.S. 90-187.8 – to add “or a veterinary facility permittee”.

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Senate Bill 651- Amend the Veterinary Practice Act. Add Veterinary Consulting definition and remove “Preceptee” throughout the NC Practice Act.

Mr. West will provide information on status of bill when it occurs.

Chief Inspector’s Report:

Keith West reported for Dr. Joseph Wright, Chief Inspector who is on vacation. There have been 175 inspections since the last meeting. There were five serious violation letters sent, building issues, incomplete drug logs, unsecured drugs, etc. Dr. Jeffer did 64 inspections, Dr. Peer did 41 inspections, and Dr. Wright did 70 inspections.

Tuesday, November 8th, Dr. Wright, Dr. Schadler, and Keith will review applications for the new inspector position.

Attorney’s Report:

Mr. Skidmore recognized Mr. Hearn for all his help and knowledge in transitioning into this position.

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Executive Director's Report:

Dr. Schadler presented an update on finances and licensing activities.

Old Business: None

At 10:22 a.m. Dr. Cannedy made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to GS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to review complaints with Board Attorney, seconded by Dr. Holland. Motion approved unanimously.

At 11:24 a.m. the Board returned to open session

Dr. Dean read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 1 / 8.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1 / 8

- a. 2021054-8 – Shannon Gail Swink, DVM (Hoof & Horn Mobile Veterinary Services) – Ms. Talia Williams – Dismissed, no probable cause
- b. 2021049-8 – Kaitlin Cristina Kang Zamborsky, DVM (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Mr. Bradley J. Yarbrough – Dismissed, no probable cause
- c. 2021061-8 – Kelley Ann Gebhardt, DVM (Happy Tails Veterinary Emergency Clinic) – Ms. Ann Hardee - Dismissed, no probable cause
- d. 2021059-8 – Michelle L. Amtower, DVM (ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance) – Dr. Emory Elizabeth Prescott – Dismissed, no probable cause

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- e. 2021068-8 – Sudarsanam Kundla, DVM (Carmel Road Animal Hospital)
– Ms. Mary Lisa Carmichael - Dismissed, no probable cause
- f. 2020009-1 – Susan M. Rohrer, DVM (Atlantic Animal Hospital & Pet
Care Resort) – Ms. Susannah Reynolds – Reconsideration of Letter of
Reprimand - continued

Dr. Cannedy recused himself from the vote on Complaint 2021054-8.

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1/8. The report of Committee 1/8 was approved. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the letter explaining the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand, the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for further review and action.

Mrs. Lazaro read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 9.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

- a. 2021041-9 – Dhanvanthari Emmadi, DVM (Valley Animal Clinic) – Ms. Naisha Dalton – Letter of Reprimand, \$1,000 civil monetary fine
- b. 2021053-9 – William Jackson Pressly, DVM (Pressly Animal Hospital) – Ms. Savanah Watson – Dismissed, no probable cause
- c. 2021064-9 – Mark T. Hayes, DVM (Tenth Street Animal Hospital) – Ms. Solita Mayo – Dismissed, no probable cause
- d. 2021062-9 – Emily Marie Buddenhagen, DVM (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Ms. Michele Greer – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2021058-9 – Bradley Marvin Medhus, DVM and Mary Katherine Davis (Firetower Animal Clinic) – Ms. Marie Floyd – Dismissed, no probable cause
- f. 2021065-9 – William David Eddins, DVM (Cottonwood Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Susan Amelia Greene – Letter of Caution

Dr. Dean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cannedy, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 9. The report from Committee 9 was approved unanimously. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and then mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand,

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the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for review and action.

Dr. Cannedy, seconded by Dr. Dean, made the motion to accept the civil monetary fine of \$1,000 for Dr. Emmadi, complaint 2021054-9 pursuant to:

GS § 187.8(b)

- (3) Whether the violation was committed willfully or intentionally or reflects a continuing pattern.
- (4) Whether the violation involved elements of fraud or deception either to the client or to the Board, or both.
- (5) The prior disciplinary record with the Board of the licensee.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Holland, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro, made a motion to approve the meeting's expenses. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Lazaro, seconded by Dr. Holland, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director