

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, November 9, 2012**

At 8:03 a.m., President Richard Hawkins, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Dwight E. Cochran, William Dean, Kim Gemeinhardt, David Marshall and Dante Martin; Mr. Jonathan Loftis, R.V.T., and Mrs. Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey, was present as well.

Dr. Hawkins reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest.

At 8:10 a.m., Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director, and Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director, of the N.C. Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Pendergast and Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. They left the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

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Dr. Hawkins reported on his meeting with the Executive Board of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association to discuss potential legislative changes to the Veterinary Practice Act.

The Board scheduled the next Board meeting for January 31, 2013, starting at 1:00 p.m., with the meeting to continue on February 1, at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Hawkins appointed a Committee, consisting of Dr. Gemeinhardt and Dr. Martin, to review the disciplinary process. Mr. Hearn and the Executive Director will also participate in the review. Dr. Marshall will assist in an unofficial capacity.

The Board reviewed with Mr. Hearn the status of pending complaints that need to be closed.

At 9:50 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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At 10:00 a.m. W. Aric Sabins, DVM met with the Board to discuss the Board's denial at its meeting September 7, 2012 of his use of the practice facility name Quail Roost Animal Hospital. Following his presentation and a discussion with the Board, he left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Marshall made a motion to reconsider the Board's decision of September 7, 2012 to deny Dr. Sabins the use of the name Quail Roost Animal Hospital for his veterinary practice facility in Rougemont, N.C. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dr. Martin made a motion to approve the name Quail Roost Animal Hospital for by Dr. Sabins' practice facility. Dr. Martin also requested that the Board ask Dr. Sabins' voluntary cooperation to name his practice facility Bahama Road Animal Hospital at Quail Roost, which would alleviate a possible confusion of practice facility names. This request, however, is not a condition of the Board's approval of the name Quail Roost Animal Hospital. The Board will also pursue statutory revisions to clarify applicable General Statutes to the naming of veterinary practice facilities. The motion passed

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with Dr. Dean opposed and Dr. Hawkins abstaining. Mr. Hearn will communicate the Board's decision to Dr. Sabins and Dr. John Bianco.

At 12:10 p.m., the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

At 12:30 p.m., J. Linwood Jernigan, DVM, former Board member and Board President, joined the meeting. Dr. Hawkins presented a plaque to Dr. Jernigan thanking him for his service on the Board. Dr. Jernigan left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last Board meeting.

Mr. Mickey 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 with him. On motion by Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the financial report was approved.

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The Board set the dates of additional future Board meetings to be April 26, June 27, September 6 and November 15, 2013.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on her attendance at the annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) held in Seattle, Washington on September 13-15. She reported on proposed amendments to the AAVSB Bylaws; Washington State's impaired practitioner program; and a presentation from a representative of Virginia entitled, "Sanctioning with Consistency." Dr. Gemeinhardt recommended that the Board send at least one if not two representatives to the meeting next year.

At the request of Dr. Cochran the Board discussed technicians examining animals, in lieu of a veterinarian, for the purposes of determining the health of animal so that vaccines can be administered. No further action was taken.

Arising out of a complaint investigated by the Committee on Investigations No. 4, Dr. Martin made a motion to request from Michael

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Davidson, DVM, Associate Dean of Veterinary Medical Services at North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine clarification of the term “Clinical Technician.” Dr. Dean seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 1:45 p.m., the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

**2012010-3 Theodore Owen, DVM** – (Western Carolina Regional Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kathleen Erickson – The Committee reconsidered its previous decision to issue a letter of caution and instead elected to dismiss the complaint with a finding of no probable cause.

**2012006-3 Jill Suzanne Pascarella, DVM** – (VCA Stoney Creek Animal Hospital) – Ms. Laura Franzo -  
Dismissed, No Probable Cause

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- 2012018-3 **Dennis C. Orr, DVM** – (Cabarrus Animal Hospital) – Ms. Laura Franzo - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012016-3 **Timo Prange, DVM** – (NCSU-CVM) – Ms. Renee Kusnier – Letter of caution.
- 2012029-3 **Angela Valenti, DVM** – (Cliffdale Animal Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Valerie Heicksen - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012025-3 **Carmen Lindheimer, DVM** – (CVS Winston-Salem) – Mr. Alfonso Marotta - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012021-3 **Salli Sides Steward, DVM** – (Jordan Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Vanessa Mitchell - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012023-3 **Michael D. McGuire, DVM** – (Greenock Farm Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Russell J. Davis - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012031-3 **Lisa Ann Wiltron, DVM & Lindsay Ann Aguetant, DVM** – (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Mr.

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Pat Terry – Dr. Wiltron – Letter of Reprimand; Dr.

Aguettant - Dismissed, No Probable Cause

2012027-3 **Audra B. Rickman, DVM** – (Four Paws

Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Diane

Simpson - Dismissed, No Probable Cause

Upon motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the Board approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 3.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 4

**2012030-4 Daniel James Wilson, DVM** – (A Country

Veterinary Clinic) – Mrs. Margery & Arthur

Kirner – Letter of Reprimand

2012022-4 **Deborah McArthur-Wicks, DVM, Jennifer**

**Leigh Carrell, DVM, & Daniell Louise Savary,**

**RVT** – (Surf City Pet Hospital) – Ms. Joyce Bailey

& Ms. Lori Houston - Dismissed, No Probable

Cause

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- 2012028-4 **Peggy Ann McCutcheon, RVT** – (Swannanoa Valley Animal Hospital) – Dr. Laura Frey - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012024-4 **John H. Isaacs, DVM** – (Quail Corners Animal Hospital) – Ms. Lori Doremus - Letter of Reprimand
- 2012032-4 **Jennifer D. Rodriguez, DVM** – (Manchester Animal Hospital) – Ms. Faith Peirsol - Letter of Reprimand
- 2012020-4 **John Alan Wright, DVM & David Altman, DVM** – (Swansboro Pet Care Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. John & Nancy Henneke – Dr. Wright – Letter of Caution; Dr. Altman - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012017-4 **Daniel H. Johnson, DVM** – (Avian & Exotic Animal Care) – Ms. Michelle Newsome & Mr. Jerry Taylor - Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- 2012034-4 **Carrie Carman, DVM & Scott Stevenson, DVM** – (Animal Care Clinic Hendersonville) – Ms.

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Karen Lee Garfinkle - Dismissed, No Probable  
Cause

2012040-4 **Carrie Carman, DVM** – (Animal Care Clinic  
Hendersonville) – Ms. Kathryn Linville -  
Dismissed, No Probable Cause

Dr. Marshall made a motion to approve the report of Committee on Investigations No.4. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Martin recusing himself with respect to the Dr. McArthur-Wicks, DVM, Dr. Carrell, DVM, and Ms. Savary, RVT complaint (No. 2012022-4) and with respect to the Dr. Wright and Dr. Altman complaint (No. 2012004-5); and with Mr. Loftis recusing himself with respect to the Dr. Isaacs complaint (No. 2012024-4) and with respect to the Dr. Johnson complaint (No. 2012017-4).

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5

**2012019-5 Michael John Thomann, DVM** – (Greater  
Charlotte Mobile Veterinary Clinic) – North  
Carolina Veterinary Medical Board – Continued.

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Upon motion of Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Marshall, the expenses for this Board meeting were approved.

On motion by Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Cochran, the minutes for the September 7, 2012 Board meeting were approved.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director