

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, December 3, 2015**

At 8:22 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. An emergency consultation of Committee 1 was held from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Dwight E. Cochran, Susan K. Bull, Jane A. Barber, Douglas Meckes, and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys, Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

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.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, the minutes for the October 8, 2015, Board meetings were approved after corrections were made.

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At 8:25 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Executive Director of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP), joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. It was noted that the NCVHP contract expires January 31, 2016. The Board will be reviewing this contract at the January 2016 meeting.

The Board Investigator reported on his activities since the last meeting. He asked permission to attend the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) meeting in January 2016. Dr. Cochran made a motion that the Board Investigator attend the January 2016 FARB meeting, seconded by Dr. Dean. Motion approved unanimously.

The North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board has changed two meeting dates for 2016. There will be no October or December meetings. New meetings are scheduled for September 8, 2016 and November 17, 2016.

9:22 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 9:34 a.m.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt congratulated the Board Investigator on his 16 years of employment with the Board.

Dr. Gemeinhardt has assigned Mr. Loftis, Dr. Dean, and Dr. Bull to work on “ownership” changes in the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board Practice Act.

The Executive Director reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the October 8th Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed. The increase in corporation fees has been approved by the Oversight Group and Government Operations for statute 21 NCAC 66.0108 beginning February 1, 2016. New fee will be \$160 for both new corporation application and renewal. Changes to remove archaic language from statute 21 NCAC 66.0105 have been filed.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported that inspector Dr. Joseph Wright officially resigned as of November 30, 2015. House Bill 765 has become law for all Occupational Licensing Boards that any licensed inspector cannot also be

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practicing. The Board will be interviewing soon for a Veterinary Practice Facility Inspector for the western part of North Carolina.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

2015016-1 **James Edward Williams, DVM** (Eastern Carolina Veterinary Referral Hospital) – Mr. Bill McCuskey – Letter of Caution

2015023-1 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** (Carolina Veterinary Spec.-South Charlotte) – Dr. James Armstrong – Letter of Caution

2015024-1 **Gregory Arthur Arnold, DVM** (Carolina Veterinary Spec.-South Charlotte) – Ms. Johnine Ayrons – No Probable Cause

2015026-1 **Angela Janene Lassiter, DVM; Vicki Jeanine Sellers, DVM** (Animal Emergency Hospital & Urgent Care) – Ms. Jennifer Lee – No Probable Cause

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2015027-1 **Jeff D. Wilkins, DVM** (Elon Animal Hospital) – Mr. &
Mrs. David & Pam Witzel – Continued

2015029-1 **John H. Isaacs, DVM; Dawn Coy Lanza, DVM** (Quail
Corner Animal Hospital) – Mr. Kevin M. Gallagher –
Continued

2015032-1 **Holly Brooke Hinson, DVM; Lissette Marie Leon,
DVM** (Banfield Pet Hospital-Knightdale) – Ms. Sandra
Mariotte – Letter of Reprimand to both doctors

Dr. Cochran made a motion to accept the report of the Committee on
Investigations No. 1. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Morgan. The
motion passed .

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014037-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** – (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. Blake Barrington – Proposed
Consent Order

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2014026-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Shelley Parisi Reaves – Proposed Consent Order

2014053-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Elizabeth Hathaway – Proposed Consent Order

2014054-2 **Poppy Masterson, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nevils – Continued

Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the proposed Consent Order for complaints: 2014026-1, 2014037-1, and 2014053-1. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 2. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board recessed for a short break at 1:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5

2015020-5 **Rachel Elizabeth Mowell, DVM** (Academy Animal Hospital) – Mr. Charles Porter – No Probable Cause

2015030-5 **Andrew Alexander McCaskill, DVM** (VCA- Durant Road Animal Hospital) – Ms. Shana Fields, RN – No Probable Cause

2015031-5 **Jack V. Hill, DVM** (Gray's Creek Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jessica Eileen Powell – No Probable Cause

2015034-5 **Robert C. Rigsby, Jr., DVM** (Hampstead Animal Hospital) – Ms. Gerri DelTondo – Continued

2015028-5 **Felicita Brigitte Noeller, DVM** (Lakeview Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Jason Cagle - Continued

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 3. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Dr. Dean recused himself from the vote on complaint 2015031-5.

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

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director