

**North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board**  
**Emergency Meeting**  
**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

At 6:05 p.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the emergency meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Ronald Komich, Azure Holland and Allen Cannedy; Robin Lazaro, RVT; and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn, Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, and Assistant to the Executive Director, Keith West. Absent Dr. Doug Meckes,

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

At 6:09 p.m. Dr. Kent Dean made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to GS §143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Dr. Azure Holland. Approved unanimously.

Dr. Cannedy joined during closed session at 6:12pm

At 7:14 p.m. Krissie Newman made a motion to go out of closed session. seconded by Dr. Komich. Approved unanimously.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1**

- a. **2020038-1** – Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Tanya Lee Ahner-Mejia – Letter of Reprimand with civil monetary penalty of \$1500 pursuant to GS §90-187.8 (b)(1) Harm to the Animal and (2) Gravity of the violation.
- b. **2020040-1** – Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Wannetta White – Letter of Reprimand with civil monetary penalty of \$3000 pursuant to GS §90-187.8 (b)(1) Harm to the Animal and (2) Gravity of the violation.
- c. **2020053-1** - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Emilia Ellen Rizzolla – Letter of Caution for incomplete and inaccurate medical records
- d. **2019024-1** – Schmunk (James & Matthew) DVM – Review & Reconsideration of decision.  
Dr. Matthew Schmunk – Letter of Reprimand and Letter of Caution  
Dr. James Schmunk – Letter of Caution and Letter of Reprimand

Dr. Ronald Komich made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Robin Lazaro to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. The report of Committee 1 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 the letter approved by the Committee chair, and then sent out to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand, the licensee has 15 days to reject and be reconsidered by the committee and Board.

**Complaint 2020038-1**

A motion was made by Dr. Cannedy and seconded by Dr. Komich to accept the recommendation of the committee to assess a civil monetary penalty of \$1500 against Dr. Janine Marie Oliver pursuant to the factors in G.S. §90-187.8(b)(1) [degree of harm to the animal], (2)[the gravity of the violation]. It was approved unanimously

**Complaint 2020040-1**

A motion was made by Mrs. Robin Lazaro to accept the recommendation of the committee to assess a civil monetary penalty of \$3000 complaint against Dr. Janine Marie Oliver pursuant to the factors in G.S. § 90-187.8(b) (1) [degree of harm to the animal], (2) [the gravity of the violation], and (4) [elements of fraud or deception]. Dr. Holland seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Dean seconded by Dr. Cannedy, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m.