

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 23, 2009**

President Linwood Jernigan, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to order at 8:09 a.m. In attendance were Board members Drs. Susan Bull, Michael Davidson, Richard Hawkins, David Marshall, Dante Martin, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, R.V.T. and Mrs. Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys, Mr. George Hearn and Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

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

On a motion made by Dr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the minutes for both the November 5 & 6 and December 7, 2008, meetings were approved.

Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director, North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), joined the meeting. He presented an update on the status of program since the last Board meeting. After a question and answer period with the Board, he left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

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Dr. Marshall made a motion to approve a consent order that restores the veterinary license of Lynn McElroy Roberts, DVM to active status that was discussed at the last meeting. The Executive Director is authorized to sign it on behalf of the Board. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to renew the contract with NCPHP under the same terms and conditions for another six months. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board conducted a telephone conference call with Mark E. Epstein, DVM to discuss his request for the approval of the veterinary practice name, "Carolinas Animal Pain Management Center." The call ended at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 9:30 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Bull made a motion to decline the request of Dr. Epstein, as his explanation of his facility did not meet the practice facility name

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requirement of G.S. 90-181.1(b)(1) which applies to the use of “Animal health center” or “animal medical center.” Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Executive Director will call Dr. Epstein and discuss the possible use of the word “rehabilitation” in the name.

The Board reviewed the request from Kevin A. Jones, DVM for the approval of the veterinary practice facility name, “Animal Rehabilitation Center.” Dr. Bull made a motion to decline the request because it does not appear to meet the practice facility name requirement of G.S. 90-181.1(b)(1) which applies to the use of “Animal health center” or “animal medical center.” Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Investigator’s report on his activities since the last meeting was distributed.

At 10:37 a.m., Ms. Claire Holly met with the Board to introduce herself as the new Executive Director for the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. She left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

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The meeting of the Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. for a break, and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

The Executive Director reported on activities of the Board office since the last meeting and distributed a financial report to the members of the Board. Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the Executive Director's report. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request from Ms. Diane Becker for approval to sit for the Veterinary Technician State Board Exam even though she did not graduate from an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited veterinary technician program. Mrs. Robinson made a motion to deny the request. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

In response to a written inquiry from David G. Bristol, DVM, Senior Associate Dean, North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine the Board authorized the Executive Director to respond to Dr. Bristol that the exemption from the requirements for a veterinary license only covers students pursuing a doctorate of veterinary medicine and does

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not apply to a person with a doctorate who is pursuing a Ph.D. degree. In addition, this exemption only covers regular students and does not cover individuals pursuing an Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates certification, unless they themselves are regular students. Dr. Davidson abstained from the discussion of this matter.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 12:10 p.m. for a lunch, and reconvened at 12:40 a.m.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), to discuss current and future employment compensation of Board staff. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. At 12:42 p.m., the Board entered into closed meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 2:00 p.m.

The Board reviewed a request from Lewis Harrelson, DVM for an extension on his 2009 continuing education requirements because of a recent hip replacement. Dr. Davidson made a motion to grant him an extension

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until August 15, 2009, to earn the required continuing education. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2.

2008026-2 Marat Semenovich Dubrovsky, VV (complaint of Mr. Elliot M. Cramer) – continued.

2008038-2 Gordon D. Rahmes, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Savage) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2008044-2 Harvey A. GoHo, DVM, (complaint of Ms. Celia Kearney) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2008042-2 Dennis Kay Johnson, DVM (complaint of Ms. Cynthia Robinson) – continued.

2008046-2 Tim Strickland, DVM & Mitchell L. Spindale, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. David Love) – continued.

2006034-2 Carla Louise Gartrell, DVM, Jerry Raymond Waddle, DVM and Sheri Leanne Clarkson, DVM (complaint of Mr. Joseph Barr) – Mr. Barr wrote the Committee requesting that it reconsider the

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letters of reprimand issued to Dr. Waddle and Dr. Clarkson to add additional findings for the disciplinary actions. The Committee reviewed Mr. Barr's correspondences and voted to make no changes to its previous decisions.

Dr. Martin made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 2 report. Dr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Davidson abstaining on complaint no. 2008044-2.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5.

2008013-5 Stanislaw Naruszewicz, LW & Matthew Kurtz Wendelken, DVM (complaint of Ms. Caroline Cameron) – The Committee reconsidered the previous decision to dismiss the complaint with a finding of no probable cause. The Committee dismissed the portion of the complaint against Dr. Wendelken and issued a letter of caution to Dr. Naruszewicz.

2008031-5 Stanley Kent Robinson, DVM (complaint of Ms. Stacie Linnette Rash) – The Committee

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reconsidered the previous decision to issue a letter of caution and instead issued a letter of reprimand.

2008043-5 Joseph K. Gordon, DVM & Page Morgan Wages, DVM (complaint of Ms. Angela Platt) –  
Dismissed, no probable cause.

2008045-5 Jennifer B. Bailey, DVM, Ernest E. Ward, DVM & Susan M. Rohrer, DVM (complaint of Ms. Laura Davis) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

Mrs. Morgan made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 5 report. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Marshall abstaining on complaint no. 2008013-5.

Upon a motion by Dr. Bull, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Mrs. Morgan and seconded by Dr. Bull at 3:28 p.m.



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Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director