

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 31, 2014**

At 8:10 a.m., President Dante Martin, 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 Jane Barber; and Jonathan Loftis, R.V.T. and Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

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

Dr. Martin recognized and welcomed Dr. Barber to the Board. She has been appointed by Governor Pat McCrory. She replaces Richard W. Hawkins, DVM and her term runs through June 30, 2018.

On motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Cochran, the minutes for the November 15, 2013, Board meeting were approved.

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At 8:15 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director of the N.C. Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

At 8:35 a.m. the Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last Board meeting.

Dr. Martin made a motion to enter into a one-year contract with the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) for the period of February 1, 2014, through January 31, 2015. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. The motion approved unanimously.

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.

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At 10:00 a.m. the Board recessed for a break. The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

The Board set April 11, 2014, as the date for the Dr. Joel Barden, Jr. hearing in regard to complaint no. 2012049-3. The Board also set the date for the Dr. Dennis K. Johnson hearing for complaint no. 2012036-4 (Mr. David Gladson) for May 20, 2014. June 11, 2014, was set as the date for a separate Dr. Dennis K. Johnson hearing, complaint no 2013022-3 (Ms. Alberta Ortiz). The date of June 25, 2014, was also identified as a back-up hearing date or date for any other hearings that may develop.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on her attendance of the January 24 -26 2014, Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) meeting held in Austin, Texas. The Executive Director will send all Board members copies of the agenda and associated handouts from the meeting.

At its November 2013 meeting the Board voted to prohibit through summary emergency order, prior to a hearing, the operation of the Dr. Dennis K. Johnson's veterinary practice facility, All Pets Hospital for

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Animals, and suspend his veterinary license as a result of the findings in complaints no. 2013022-3 and 2013036-4. Dr. Martin made a motion to rescind the decision to issue a summary emergency order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dean. The motion passed unanimously.

Because two Board members who originally reviewed the Board initiated complaint, no. 2012019-5, against Dr. Michael Thomann, have rotated off of the Board, Dr. Martin referred the case to the Committee on Investigations No. 3 for review.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3**

- 2013030-3 **Katie Raye Gibson, DVM** – (REACH of Asheville) – Dr. Yun-Lung Fu – No probable cause.
- 2013032-3 **Joel L. Fox, DVM** – (Abri Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Shelly H. Pruitt – Letter of Reprimand
- 2013035-3 **Kimberly Lednum, DVM; Michelle Toms-Greene, DVM** – (Rutherford Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Wallace Carpenter – No probable cause

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2013034-3 **Ashley Horsman Parks, DVM and Barry**

**Eugene Parks, DVM** – (Hopkins Road Animal  
Hospital) – Ms. Deborah Yale – No probable cause

Dr. Cochran made a motion to accept the report of Committee on  
Investigations No. 3. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed  
unanimously.

At Noon, the Board recessed for a lunch break and resumed the  
meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

2013027-8 **Cecilia S. Ho, DVM** – (Cat Care Hospital) – Mrs.

Frances Bond – No probable cause

2013037-8 **Claire Marie DeFavero, DVM** – (All Paws Pet

Emergency Hospital) – Ms. Amanda Terrell – No  
probable cause

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2013033-8 **Mason George Oakes, DVM and Kimberly Jean**

**Piner Alicie, DVM** – (VSH-Cary) – Ms. Donna

Bradley & Mr. Al Williams –No probable cause

2013036-8 **Deborah Ann Cowan, DVM** – (Animal Hospital

of Walnut Cove) – Ms. Penny Elkins – No

probable cause

Dr. Barber made a motion to approve the report of Committee on Investigations No. 8. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Gemeinhardt recusing herself with respect to the Deborah Ann Cowan, DVM, complaint no. 2013036-8.

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

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director