

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, February 19, 2013**

At 1:06 p.m., President Richard Hawkins, D.V.M. called to order the special meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board which was held by telephone conference call. In attendance by telephone were the following Board members: Drs. Dwight E. Cochran, William Dean, Kim Gemeinhardt, Dante Martin, and Mr. Jonathan Loftis, R.V.T. Also present by telephone was Board Attorney Mr. Lee Craven. Present in the Board office were Board member David Marshall, Board Attorney Mr. George Hearn and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey. Ms. Claire Holley, Executive Director of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, was present in the Board meeting room.

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

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss proposed amendments to the Veterinary Practice Act which would be presented to the current session of the General Assembly.

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Given that the proposed amendment to add the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) as a permissible option for license applicants been introduced in the House of Representatives, HB 194, the Board concluded that it does not appear necessary for a PAVE amendment to be introduced in the Senate.

The Board also determined that the legislative proposal concerning license and veterinary technician registration reinstatement and electronic mail addresses should be introduced in the Senate as one bill, and that the request to increase the current caps on Board fees should be introduced in the Senate as a separate Bill.

The Board having no further business, Dr. Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director