

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

At 8:05 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held at the North Carolina State University-College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU-CVM) in Raleigh, North Carolina. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Doug Meckes, Kim Gemeinhardt, Ronald Komich, and Azure Holland; Robin Lazaro, RVT; Mrs. Krissie Newman, who was conferenced into the meeting by phone. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn; Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler; Elisa Meier, Student Liaison; and new Student Liaison Priya Allen.

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.

The following guests were introduced: Jennifer Shults, DVM, President of the North Carolina Veterinary Association (NCVMA); Dante Martin, DVM, President-Elect of NCVMA; Natalie Young, PharmD, Director of Realo; Maureen Susi, RVT, President of North Carolina Association of

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Veterinary Technicians (NCAVT); Jeannie Losey with NCAVT; Gail Thomssen with Humane Society of the United States; John McHugh with ASPCA; Jamie Digesare, Registrar/Schedule Coordinator at NCSU-CVM; Aly Brinley, Clinical Coordinator at NCSU-CVM; Tasha Pierson, 4th year Pharmacy student; Amber Blevins, 4th year Pharmacy student; Courtney Holler, 4th year Pharmacy student; Keran Kirim, 4th year Pharmacy student; Emily Sorah, NCSU-CVM student; Jennifer Verbel, NCSU-CVM student; Jody Gookin, NCSU-CVM faculty; Julie Nettifee, NCSU-CVM staff; Kristin Messenger, NCSU-CVM faculty; and Alexandra Fitton, NCSU-CVM student.

The January 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Dean, moved to approve the January 16, 2020 Board minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Bull appointed Dr. Gemeinhardt, Dr. Dean, and Mrs. Newman to be on the Nominations Committee.

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Closed Session:

At 8:15 a.m. Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Komich to go into a closed session, pursuant to G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6). The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:54 a.m. the Board returned to its open meeting. The discussion conducted in the closed session was tabled until the end of the day.

Reports:

North Carolina Professional Health Program (NCPHP) Report:

Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO of NCPHP, gave an updated report on current participants in the program. There are currently five veterinarians under contract.

Dr. Jordan has been asked to serve on the Board of Steadfast Service Dogs.

State Veterinarian's Report:

Dr. Meckes reported that the African Swine Fever is continuing to devastate the swine population in Asia and is a global threat.

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

October 6, 2020 will be the date for the ribbon cutting for the new North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services laboratory (NCDA&CS).

Boarding facilities issue discussions with the NCDA are still ongoing.

Legislative Committee – Facility Permit and Telehealth:

Dr. Shultz presented the NCVMA's objections to the latest drafts. A discussion followed in which the concerns were clarified.

Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Holland, made a motion to submit the proposed rule 21 NCAC 66.0800 Veterinary Facility Permits draft and the proposed rule 21 NCAC 66.0801 Discipline-Veterinary Facility Permits draft for review and approval by the Rules Review Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Dean, made a motion to send the proposed rule 21 NCAC 66.0211 Veterinary Telehealth draft for review and approval by the Rules Review Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Registered Veterinary Technician Statue and Rules:

Robin Lazaro, RVT, along with Dr. Holland, Dr. Schadler and six other Registered Veterinary Technicians, have been working on improving the language in the Practice Act and Board rules regulating registered veterinary technicians. Their mission is to improve technician utilization in North

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Carolina and to help create career sustainability. They are working on better definitions for Registered Veterinary Technicians, veterinary assistants, and veterinary technologists.

Chief Inspector's Report:

Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, reported that 145 facilities were inspected since January 16, 2020 with 11 serious violation letters sent out. Dr. Peer, Dr. Wright, and Keith West, Facility/Corporation Coordinator were present at the meeting. Dr. Kelly Jeffer was introduced at the meeting as the newest inspector to come on board. She will cover Eastern North Carolina when Dr. Marshall retires.

Dr. Wright will become the new Chief Inspector.

Dr. Schadler complimented all the inspectors for their dedication and for their education of the staff at all facilities they inspect.

At 10:00 a.m. the Board took a brief break and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

Student Liaison:

This was Elisa Meier's last official meeting as Student Liaison. She introduced to the Board and welcomed Priya Allen, the new student liaison from NCSU-CVM.

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Executive Director's Report:

Dr. Schadler presented an update on licensing activities and a finance report.

The "Online Complaint" process started January 21, 2020 and has gone smoothly so far.

Dr. Shults has resubmitted her complaints to the Chiropractic Board and has spoken with an investigator.

The Board has still not received a reply to the letter Dr. Bull sent the President of the Chiropractic Board.

Dr. Schadler asked the Board to require that complaints must be filed within three years in order to be in line with the Board rule requiring that medical records be retained for three years. After a discussion, Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Holland, made a motion to make a Board policy of limiting the filing of a complaint to three years from date of the incident resulting in the complaint. A complainant may petition the Board to allow a complaint to be filled beyond the three-year deadline if they can prove extenuating circumstances. This motion was approved unanimously.

The AAVSB nominations are open through May 2020.

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

The Board was asked to look over questions pertaining to arrests and convictions on the veterinary application and renewal. Dr. Schadler and Mr. Hearn will work on this and the suggestions from the Board.

Old Business

Dr. Komich made a motion to withdraw his motion from the January 16, 2020 Board meeting for the Board to make a donation to the Rescue Ranch, seconded by Dr. Holland. The motion was approved.

At 10:50 a.m. the Board took a brief break and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

- a. 2019048-1- Deanna Jeanette Tickle, DVM (Burlington Animal Hospital)
– Ms. Alexandra Fishman – Reconsidered – decision of No Probable Cause, Dismissed is reaffirmed
- b. 2019058-1 – Nicholas Michael Calo, DVM (Wilmington Animal Healthcare Veterinary Hospital) – Drs. Jeff Ward & Stacy Ward –
Continued
- c. 2019049-1 – Thomas Joseph McEntegart, DVM; Kathleen Moira Aicher, DVM; Sarita Andrea Miles, DVM; Katharine Davis Mauro, DVM; Rae

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Grace Hutchins, DVM; Rachel Anne Shoemaker, DVM; Nicole Marie Piscitelli, DVM; Kelsey Marie Jorge, DVM; Maureen Elizabeth Levesque, VDM (VSH of the Carolinas-Cary) – Ms. Alexandra Fishman
– Continued

- d. 2019056-1 – Paula Anne Jones, DVM (Cardinal Animal Hospital) – Ms. Carol A. Carter – No Probable Cause, Dismissed
- e. 2019054-1 – Michael S. Grafinger, DVM (Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospital of Holly Springs) – Ms. Alexis Nastasi & Mr. Robert Delabio – No Probable Cause, Dismissed
- f. 2020001-1 – Karen Ann Gwynn, DVM (Surry Animal Hospital) – Mr. Robert A. Barone – No Probable Cause, Dismissed

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. The report of Committee 1 was approved unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

- a. 2019015-7 – Donald L. Fuller, DVM (Caswell Veterinary Service) – NCVMB – Dr. Fuller has until March 15, 2020 to close his facility
- b. 2018030-7 – Dennis Golden, DVM (Animal Hospital of North Asheville) – Dr. Pamela Branning – Reaffirmed decision of No Probable Cause, Dismissed

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Holland, made a motion to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. Dr. Gemeinhardt recused herself from voting on complaint 2018030-7. Motion was approved.

At Noon the Board took a break and reconvened for a working lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

- a. 2019043-9 – Hannah Jane Parker, DVM (Lake Country Animal Hospital) – Mr. Randy Mills and Ms. Margaret Mills – Letter of Reprimand
- b. 2019057-9 – Matthew Cannon Merriman, DVM (Town & Country Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Debbie W. Holt – continued
- c. 2019055-9 – David Alexander Neely, DVM (VetIQ Petcare Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. Beatriz Alizo-Teynor – No Probable Cause, Dismissed
- d. 2019052-9 – Gavin L. Olsen, DVM and Linda Joanne Lew, DVM (CVS-Greensboro) – Mr. Michael Hall – No Probable Cause, Dismissed
- e. 2019045-9 – Lauren Elizabeth Clements, DVM (Animal Urgent Care of Fayetteville) – Ms. Martha M. Travaglini – No Probable Cause, Dismissed
- f. 2019053-9 – John Michael Canipe, DVM (Asheboro Animal Hospital) – Ms. Jenny Sale – No Probable Cause, Dismissed

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Dr. Dean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 9. The report from Committee 9 was approved.

Closed Session:

At 12:34 p.m. Dr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt to go into a closed session, pursuant to G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6). The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:05 p.m. the Board returned to its open meeting.

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, to accept the decisions made during closed session. Motion was approved.

Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro, RVT, made a motion to approve the meeting's expenses. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 5, 2020**

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director