

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, March 31, 2006**

President Amy Lewis, DVM, called the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to order at 8:00 a.m. In attendance were Board members Drs. Susan Bull, Linwood Jernigan, Richard Hawkins, David Marshall, Dante Martin, Mrs. Nancy Robinson, R.V.T., and Ms. Amy Edwards. Also present were Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey.

On a motion made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the minutes for the January 13, 2006, meeting was approved.

At 8:05 a.m. Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director, of the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP), joined the meeting. He presented a status report for the 1st quarter of 2006. He also discussed the program's development guidelines and updates to the NCPHP website. He reported that he would be participating in a presentation to North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine students on May 19. Dr. Pendergast left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Bull reported on her attendance at a large animal forum in Asheville held by the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association.

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Ms. Edwards made a motion to have the Board's Investigator go to livestock markets to determine if the palpation of cattle is taking place by non-veterinarians. If it is taking place the Investigator is to attempt to determine if the owner of the livestock market is aware of it. Dr. Jernigan seconded the motion with the added stipulation that the head of extension agents is sent a copy of the letter that was sent to the North Carolina Cattleman's Association. The motion passed with Dr. Marshall opposed and the President not voting.

The meeting of the Board recessed at 9:45 a.m. for a five-minute break, and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

Mr. Murray of Murray & Associates and Dr. Dennis Wages of NCSU-CVM joined the meeting at 9:55 a.m. They presented a proposal to the Board for an alternative to the Impairment Program provided by the North Carolina Physicians Health Program. They left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

The Executive Director reported on activities of the Board office since the last meeting. No further action was taken.

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The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the Board. Following discussion, Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the report. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board Investigator presented a report on his activities since the March meeting. No further action was taken.

Benjamin S. Turner, D.V.M., Practice Facility Inspector for the Board, reported to the Board on the status of practice facility inspections and veterinary practice facilities.

The meeting of the Board adjourned at 11:58 a.m., for lunch, and reconvened at 12:38 p.m.

Dr. Bull discussed humane societies spaying and neutering animals that they own. Veterinarians not licensed by the Board are performing the procedures. The Board determined that the Veterinary Practice Act provides relief from the licensing requirements for the acts as presented by Dr. Bull.

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The Board reviewed the email from Tom Schell, DVM to Mrs. Robinson concerning the role of a registered veterinary technician. No further action was taken.

Dr. Jernigan made a motion to start the rule making steps necessary to increase the number of continuing education hours allowed under 21 NCAC 66 .206 for audio, video or computer-based training. Mrs. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2.

2005050-2 Jerry Raymond Waddle, DVM (complaint of Ms. Betty Williamson) – continued.

2005053-2 Suzanne Nicole Brink, DVM (complaint of Ms. Marjorie Klenin) – continued.

2005054-2 Danny Jay Taylor, DVM (complaint of Ms. Valerie Wagner) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.

2005057-2 Deborah Ann Cowan, DVM (complaint of Ms. Patricia A. Britt) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.

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- 2005060-2 Dennis C. Orr, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Adcock) – Dismissed no probable cause.
- 2005062-2 Melanie Jeanne Silvius, DVM (complaint of Ms. Mary S. Vickoren) – Dismissed no probable cause.
- 2005052-2 Kendall T. Reische, DVM (complaint of Ms. Laura J. Kirchen) – Dismissed no probable cause.
- 2005058-2 Danny L. Dillon, DVM (complaint of Ms. Cheryl Whicker) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.
- 2006005-2 Randolph William Wetzel, DVM (complaint of Ms. Mindy Brown) – Dismissed no probable cause.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 2 report. Dr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Bull abstaining from the vote regarding complaint no. 2006005-2 (Dr. Wetzel).

The meeting of the Board recessed at 1:55 p.m., for a five-minute break, and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3.

05040-1-3 Lee A. Darch, DVM (complaint of Ms. Linda Jack) – Dismissed no probable cause.

Mrs. Robinson made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 4 report. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7.

05032-1-7 Dennis Kay Johnson, DVM (complaint of Ms. Cheryl Smith, RN, RVT) – Continued.

2005051-7 Scott William Barnard, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Cripe) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.

05042-1-7 Joel K. Jensen, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Norman) – No response from Mr. & Mrs. Norman, dismissed no probable cause.

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- 2005049-7 Karen Carter Miller, DVM (complaint of Mr. Arnold Huskins & Ms. Betty Huskins) – Disciplinary action letter caution.
- 2006001-7 Joseph Linwood Jernigan, DVM (complaint of Ms. Janet Coffman) – Continued.
- 2006006-7 Carol Ann Tice, DVM (complaint of Philip D. McHugh, DVM) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.
- 2005061-7 Dennis Kay Johnson, DVM (complaint of Mr. Charles W. Cato) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.
- 2005059-7 James G. Schmunk, DVM (complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Chaffin) – Disciplinary action letter of caution.
- 05035-1-7 Dennis Kay Johnson, DVM (complaint of Ms. Amber R. Daniels) – The Committee reaffirmed its previous decision to issue a letter of reprimand and \$1,000 civil monetary penalty.

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Ms. Edwards made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations No. 7 report. Dr. Bull seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Jernigan abstaining from the vote regarding complaint no. 2005051-7 (Dr. Barnard) and 2005049-7 (Dr. Miller).

Dr. Lewis appointed a nominating committee for 2006-2007 officers of Dr. Bull, Ms. Edwards and Dr. Martin.

Upon a motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Martin, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Hawkins and seconded by Dr. Jernigan at 4:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey

Executive Director