

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, April 1, 2011**

On April 1, 2011, President Linwood Jernigan, D.V.M. called the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to order at 8:20 a.m. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Michael Davidson, Kim Gemeinhardt, Richard Hawkins, and David Marshall; Mrs. Nancy Robinson, R.V.T., and Mrs. Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey, was present as well. Absent was Dr. Martin.

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

On motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Davidson, the minutes for the January 28, 2011 meeting were approved.

At 8:25 a.m., Warren Pendergast, M.D., Medical Director of the North Carolina Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Pendergast presented an update of the status of the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. He also

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presented information on the drug Buprenorphine. Following a question and answer period with the Board, Dr. Pendergast left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

At 8:35 a.m., Amanda L. Curling, DVM, joined the meeting. A 2007 graduate of Ross University College of Veterinary Medicine (Ross), she is licensed in Virginia, has a North Carolina Faculty Certificate and is employed at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. In light of the fact that in January of this year Ross was accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, she requested that for purposes of reviewing applications for licensure from Ross graduates, the Board now accept the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE), of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), as an alternative to the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA). Following questions from the Board, she left the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Dr. Marshall made a motion to send a letter to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA) supporting the amendment of G.S. § 90-187 to include PAVE as an alternate program to the ECFVG. The

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letter will seek NCVMA support for this amendment. The reasons for the Board's position include the recent accreditation of Ross, the Board's extensive study of the issue, the fact that 34 other States now accept PAVE, and recent communications to Governor Perdue on the issue. Dr. Davidson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Gemeinhardt abstaining because of her not being involved with the Board's study of the ECFVG/PAVE issue.

Following the Board review of the recent accreditation by the AVMA of Ross, Dr. Marshall moved that the Board recognize as the official date of accreditation the last day of the AVMA site visit which resulted in accreditation. Dr. Davidson seconded the motion. Therefore, the effective date for Ross accreditation is January 20, 2011. Similarly, the effective date of AVMA accreditation of the National Autonomous University of Mexico School of Veterinary Medicine in Mexico City is the last day of the AVMA site visit which resulted in accreditation. This date is to be determined by staff and reported at the next Board meeting.

The Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last meeting.

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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.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davidson, to enter into a closed session pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss litigation filed by Joseph Barr. The motion passed unanimously. At 10:01 a.m., the Board entered into closed session.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 10:28 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, to enter into a closed session to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss personnel matters, including compensation of Board staff. The motion passed unanimously. At 10:29 a.m., the Board entered into closed meeting and returned to open session at 10:46 a.m.

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Dr. Jernigan appointed a nominating committee for 2011-2012 officers consisting of Dr. Marshall, Chairman, Mrs. Morgan and Dr. Gemeinhardt. They will present their report at the next meeting.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 6.

2010058-6 **Richard E. Keeton, DVM** – NCVMB | The Committee presented to the Board the Consent Order signed by Dr. Keeton through which he voluntarily surrenders his veterinary license. Dr. Davidson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Hawkins, that the Board approve the Order and authorize the Executive Director to sign it on behalf of the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

2010057-6 **Rachel Susan Easterly, DVM** – NCVMB | Previously the Committee found probable cause of violation by Dr. Easterly of the Veterinary Practice Act and Board Rules and reported to the Board in January a recommendation that the case be resolved with a Consent Order indefinitely suspending her license, provided that, upon her release from incarceration, she would be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee and

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the Committee might consider modification of the Order. The Committee thereafter received additional information and on April 1 reconsidered its recommendation. It now proposes that she be offered a Consent Order that would revoke her license because of an additional apparent statutory and rule violations.

Upon motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the Board approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 6.

Ms. Claire Holly, Executive Director of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association joined the Board at 11:25 a.m. to discuss N.C. Senate Bill 31, which would change the penalty for the unlicensed practice of human medicine from a misdemeanor to a felony. The Board discussed issues related to prosecution of unlicensed practice. Ms. Holly left the meeting at 11.59 a.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

2010055-9 **David Alan Conde, DVM** - (West Hills Veterinary Centre, Inc.) – Ms. Mary E. Edwards | Probable cause found; propose Consent Order.

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2010011-9 **Jeffrey Denis, DVM** – (Cardinal Animal Hospital)  
Mr. Rob Moss | *Letter of Caution.*

The meeting recessed at 12:18 p.m. for a break and reconvened at  
12:50 p.m.

2011007-9 **Laura Melissa Gill, DVM** (After Hours  
Veterinary Emergency Clinic, P.A.) – Ms.  
Catherine Wilson | *Dismissed, no probable cause.*

2010046-9 **Ruth Bulluck Rountree, DVM** – Ms. Brenda  
Quinn | *Continued.*

2010004-9 **Danielle Moore Kettelkamp, DVM** (Capeside  
Animal Hospital) – Mrs. Kathy Allen | *Dismissed,  
no probable cause.*

Upon motion by Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the  
Board approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 9.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5

2011003-5 **Gary C. White, DVM** (Catawba Heights Animal  
Hospital) – Ms. Lisa G. Hargate | *Continued.*

2011006-5 **Michael J. Heinen, DVM** (Lake Norman Animal  
Hospital, P.A.) – Mr. Pedro Martinez | *Continued.*

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2010056-5 **Kenneth Earl Layton, DVM** (Pine Valley Animal Hospital) – Ms. Brittany C. Barham | *Dismissed, no probable cause.*

2010054-5 **Martha Hartman Edwards, DVM** (Shelton’s Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. Tim Hardison | *Letter of Caution.*

Dr. Davidson had to leave the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, the Board approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 5.

Upon motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Jernigan, the Board unanimously voted to send Dr. Gemeinhardt and the Executive Director to the annual meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards to be held in September.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dianne Dunning, DVM, Assistant Dean, College Relations, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine seeking Board approval for proposed spay/neuter surgical training to third and fourth year veterinary students, as set forth in



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her February 14, 2011, letter to Mr. Mickey. Upon motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Robinson, the Board approved the proposal.

Charles M. Coats, DVM requested that the Board grant him an extension on earning his 2011 continuing education because of medical reasons. The Board unanimously approved an extension of his continuing education requirement until June 30, 2011.

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

Upon motion of Mrs. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director