

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, June 29, 2017**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Jane A. Barber, Susan K. Bull (via Skype), R. Douglas Meckes, Robin Lazaro, RVT and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn, and Executive Director, Tod J. Schadler, DVM.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

Dr. Gemeinhardt introduced Colon Willoughby as a guest attending the Meeting.

At 8:05am pursuant G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), Dr. Dean made a motion to go into closed session. At 8:30a.m the Board returned from closed session.

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At 11:10 a.m. the Board returned from closed session. Dr. Barber made a motion to have Mr. Vinegar, Mr. Hearn, and Dr. Schadler proceed as discussed in the closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dean. Motion carried.

Dr. Gemeinhardt appointed Mrs. Newman and Dr. Bull to the finance committee.

Dr. Meckes, seconded by Dr. Dean, made a motion to adopt the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board Personnel Handbook including the discussed corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Dean made a motion to request Mr. Hearn to contact Mr. Mickey concerning all future rules, rulemaking, and dates. Seconded by Dr. Barber and passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull, seconded by Dr. Barber, moved to approve, with corrections, the March 9, 2017 meeting minutes which had been preliminarily approved at the May 4, 2017 Board Meeting. Approval passed unanimously.

Dr. Barber moved to approve May 3, 2017 Board minutes, seconded by Dr. Dean. Motion passed.

Ms. Lazaro, seconded by Dr. Barber moved to approve the May 4, 2017 Board minutes with corrections. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Dr. Schadler presented the proposal from Shelton Hawley, CPA to audit the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board from 2017 through 2019 fiscal years. Dr. Barber, seconded by Ms. Lazaro, made a motion to accept the proposal for 2017 only and to schedule the audit prior to August 24, 2017 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mrs. Newman and Ms. Lazaro attended the AAVSB Board Training, reporting that it was very helpful in their insight as a Board Member.

It was announced that Ronald J. Komich, DVM will be the newly appointed Board Member by the President Pro-Tempore. Robin Lazaro, RVT has been reappointed until 2021.

At 12:10 p.m. the Board recessed for lunch, reconvening at 1:15 p.m.

Dr. Joe Jordan, CEO of North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) and Cindy Clark, Clinical Coordinator joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an updated report to the Board. As a result of the 2014 audit to the NCVHP, changes have been made and will be reported at the next Board Meeting.

At 1:25 p.m. Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, gave a report. Due to the increase in the number of facilities and change of ownerships, it was

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decided that a third inspector is needed to help with the workload. Dr. Dean, seconded by Dr. Barber made a motion to hire a third inspector. This motion passed unanimously. The Personnel Committee, along with Dr. Marshall and Dr. Schadler, will start advertising for this position.

Dr. Schadler will also obtain further clarification from the Department of Health & Human Services, on having the NCVMB inspectors on site at a facility to oversee the destruction of controlled drugs.

There was a discussion about hiring an investigator for the Board on a contract as-need basis.

Dr. Marshall is doing a comprehensive study for minimal requirements for mobile inspections.

At 1:50 p.m., Mrs. Katie Morgan joined the meeting. Dr. Gemeinhardt presented a plaque to her for her years of service on the Board.

Janice Schoew, Office Manager, gave her report. She reported that: ThoughtSpan was progressing on the installation of new software, the ice maker is broken, ideas on how to dispose of old equipment, and the

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recommendation to consider replacing old lighting fixtures with new LED fixtures.

The Consultant report was read concerning recent proposed statutes and rules.

Ms. Lazaro moved, seconded by Dr. Meckes, that a letter be sent to Dr. Dennis Johnson concerning payment default of monies owed from past disciplinary actions against him. He is to bring these payments current by July 20, 2017. Motion passed.

Discussion about per diem for Board members took place. Mr. Hearn is still researching other Boards and will report at the August 24, 2017 meeting.

A motion made by Dr. Dean and seconded by Dr. Meckes to have the Board pay for Mrs. Newman to attend the AAVSB meeting, September 14-17, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. Motion passed unanimously.

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An update was presented by the Executive Director, Dr. Tod Schadler, on monies owed by Dr. Massey for her civil monetary fines. She is up-to-date.

Dr. Schadler is working on wording for DWI's for the Practice Act. He raised the issue about mental health increasingly becoming a problem in the veterinary profession.

Seagrove Animal Hospital has corrected the violations from the last visit.

Dr. Patricia Bobenhouse would like to be re-instated but has not provided all the information necessary for the Board to make a decision.

Brittany Killins, RVT submitted requested information about past actions and will be allowed to take the exam to become re-instated. Additionally, the NCVMB would like permission from her to contact her probation officer. The NCVMB office will hold the exam results until she is evaluated by NCVHP.

Hannah Rickard, RVT has been forthcoming with information and will be allowed to receive her exam results (passed) and become registered. Motion made by Dr. Meckes and seconded by Ms. Lazaro. Motion approved unanimously.

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Non-veterinary ownership of a facility is still being researched by Dr. Schadler. A consideration of using Skype for future committee meetings was discussed.

At 3:50 p.m. the Board recessed for a break, reconvening at 4:00 p.m.

Lori Gammon wrote to the Board asking permission to do pet massage as long as she does not offer massage for treatment, diagnosing, or therapy. Dr. Meckes made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lazaro to approve Ms. Gammon to do pet massage. Motion passed.

Dr. Gemeinhardt changed the date of Committee 7 in October from October 5 to October 3, 2017.

At 4:45 p.m., Matt Skidmore, attorney for Dr. Cardenas, joined the meeting. Board Attorney George Hearn reviewed with the Board the terms of the Consent Order that was recommended to the Board for its approval in complaint 2016009-5. Dr. Dean, seconded by Mrs. Newman, made a motion



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to approve and accept the report and Consent Order from Committee on Investigations #5. Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Skidmore was given a Consent Order signed by the Board President, Dr. Gemeinhardt to give to Dr. Cardenas concerning complaint 2016009-5.

Mr. Skidmore read a letter of regret from Dr. Cardenas to the Board.

Dr. Gemeinhardt dissolved Committee 5 as there were no more cases under Committee 5.

Dr. Meckes will invite Dr. Lunn, Dean of the NCSU-CVM and Dr. Linton, Dean of the NCSU College of Agriculture, Extension Service, to a Board meeting in the fall to discuss County Extension Agent's job duties.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1**

2017006-1 **Michelle Renee Nanfelt, DVM; Jennifer Lyn Merlo, DVM; Robert Loring Bergman, DVM; Amelia Hamilton Huff, DVM; Sara Beth Schillinger, DVM; Glen Anthony Bonin, DVM; Shannon McFall Bass,**

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**DVM** (CVS-Matthews/Huntersville) – Mr. Christopher

B. Manecke – continued

2017009-1 **John R. Puette, DVM** (Brigadoon Animal Hospital) –

Ms. Rachel A. Ellis – continued

2017018-1 **Kimberley Saline Barth, DVM & Cora Beth Bridges**

**Lanier, DVM** (EC Vets) – Mr. Steven Koonce – letter  
of caution

2017019-1 **James Norman Ross Lupton, DVM** (Wilson

Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Norm Hogg – letter  
of caution

2017024-1 **Joshua David Barkman, DVM** (Highland Animal

Hospital) – Ms.Carolynn Sue Davis – letter of caution

2017022-1 **Thomas Jesse Watson, DVM** (Carolina Veterinary

Medical Hospital) – Mr. Hamid Ejlali – no probable  
cause/dismissed

2017016-1 **Roger R. Holt, DVM** (Yadkin Veterinary Hospital) –

Ms. Jacqueline Sheridan – letter of caution

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Dr. Meckes made a motion to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. Ms. Lazaro seconded the motion, and it was approved with Dr. Gemeinhardt recusing herself from the vote on complaint 2017016-1.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2**

2014054-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care) – Mrs. Kay Nevils – Hearing scheduled for November 8, 2017.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7**

2017004-7 **Jami Nichole George, DVM** (Brigadoon Animal Hospital) – Ms. Dorothy Tant – letter of reprimand

2017011-7 **Kevin Lewis Brophy, DVM** – NCVMB – continued

2017005-7 **Stacey Leonatti Wilkinson, DVM** (Avian & Exotic Animal Care) – Ms. Natasha Brammer – no probable cause/dismissed

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- 2017007-7 **Susan Ries Valashinas, DVM** (Banfield-Jacksonville)  
– Mr. Dale & Mrs. Monica Montford – no probable  
cause/dismissed
- 2017014-7 **Ashley Kelsey Emanuele, DVM** (Avian & Exotic  
Animal Care) – Ms. Ashley Hargreaves – no probable  
cause/dismissed
- 2017012-7 **Clayton Charles Watkins, DVM** (Commonwealth  
Animal Hospital) – Ms. Emi Miller, RN, HN-BC – letter  
of reprimand
- 2017017-7 **David Charles Brazik, DVM** (Leland Veterinary  
Hospital) – Ms. Shanell Armstrong – letter of reprimand

Dr. Bull made a motion to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. Mrs. Newman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

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Dr. Schadler relayed a message from Mrs. Terry Bradfield that her dog Lucy died. Mrs. Bradfield had a complaint against Dr. Cloninger which resulted in a letter of caution.

A motion by Dr. Dean to approve expenses, seconded by Ms. Lazaro, was approved unanimously.

The Board, having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Barber, was unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM  
Executive Director