

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, July 10, 2014**

At 9:04 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Dwight E. Cochran, William K. Dean, Dante Martin, David T. Marshall and Jane A. Barber; and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

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.

On motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, the minutes for the May 30, 2014, Board meeting were approved.

On motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Barber, the minutes from the June 9, 2014, Board meeting were approved.

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At 9:10 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director, N.C.

Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting and gave a informative PowerPoint presentation of statistics. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Dr. Cochran made a motion to change the dates of the next two 2014 Board meetings. The meeting previously set for August 29 will be held instead on August 28; and the meeting originally set for November 14 will be held on November 13. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt formed two new Committees on Investigation. Committee No. 2 will consist of Dr. Gemeinhardt (chair), Dr. Dean, and Dr. Barber; and Committee No. 7 will consist of Dr. Cochran (chair), Dr. Marshall and Mr. Loftis.

At 9:43 a.m. the Board recessed for a break resuming at 9:53 a.m.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt appointed Dr. Dean and Dr. Barber to serve on the compliance committee of the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) and Dr. Cochran on the NCVHP advisory board.

At 9:56 a.m. Dr. Cochran motioned to recess the Board so that the Hearing Panel for the Board initiated-complaint No. 2011005-6 against Mitzi Denise Elliott, DVM, could convene to rule on the request of Dr. Elliott to reopen the Hearing. Dr. Gemeinhardt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board reconvened at 11:28 a.m., and Dr. Martin, Chair of the Hearing Panel, reported that the panel had reached a decision to deny the request to reopen the Hearing.

Dr. Dean discussed several ideas that he would like the Board to consider during the 2015 fiscal year, including a Committee to review: the Veterinary Practice Act and Board rules; standardized disciplinary penalties; artificial insemination; registered veterinary technicians; Consent Order monitoring; and the possibility on hiring a Deputy Director for the Board.

At 12:39 p.m. Dr. Cochran left the meeting.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt presented a letter she had received from Dr. David Lindsey, President of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association. She asked the Board for guidance as to her response. She will invite Dr. Lindsey and the new President of the Association to meet with her and Mr. Mickey.

At 12:45 p.m. Mrs. Morgan left the meeting.

Dr. Martin made a motion that the Executive Board meet to discuss the current fee structure of the Board and, following review of the Board's financial status, to make possible recommendations on a future fee structure. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion to form a committee to draft the job description of a Deputy Director consisting of Dr. Dean and Dr. Barber.

At 1:00 p.m., Dr. Marshall left the meeting.

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At 12:58 p.m., the Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last Board meeting.

At 1:18 p.m. 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.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

2014002-3 **Courtney Lynn Barnes (Gray), RVT** – (Healthy Paws Animal Hospital of Brier Creek & Wake Forest) – Dr. Dawn Lanza – Continued and reassigned to the new Committee on Investigations No. 2.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

2014008-8 **Phillip Scotton, DVM** – (Eastern Randolph Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. Ricky Williamson Jr. – Continued.

2014005-8 **Michelle Lynn Rhodes, DVM** – (Animal Hospital of Fayetteville) – Ms. Maha Wright – Withdrawn by Ms. Wright and the Committee accepted her request.

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Dr. Martin made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 8. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Marshall returned to the meeting.

Mr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss personnel matters, including compensation of Board staff. The motion passed unanimously. At 1:44 p.m., the Board entered into closed meeting and returned to open session at 2:16 p.m.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director