

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, August 1, 1997**

President David E. Brooks called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. George Edwards, Joseph Gordon, Herbert Justus, Kenneth Padgett, Amy Lewis and Mrs. Nellie Jones. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the April 25, 1997, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Gordon, seconded by Dr. Justus, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Mr. Hearn reported the Supreme Court of North Carolina has issued its decision in the case of Margaret Ann Leahy, R.N., v. North Carolina Board of Nursing. Mr. Hearn had filed an amicus curiae brief on behalf of the Board with the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court reversed the North Carolina Court of Appeals in this case and affirmed that an occupational licensing Board may draw on its experience and knowledge in its licensing field to determine the standard of care in disciplinary hearings.

Mr. Hearn discussed the letter of Richard J. House, M.D., L.Ac, Chair of the North Carolina Acupuncture Licensing Board. This was in response to the Board's letter stating that administering acupuncture to animals would constitute the practice of veterinary medicine. No action was taken.

Mr. Hearn reported that the revised consent order has been sent to Dr. Cynthia Branch for her review.

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Mr. Hearn discussed the letter from James J. Brace, D.V.M., Chair of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates with the Board. No action was taken.

Mr. Hearn reviewed the next spay/neuter clinic for stray or feral cats on Topsail Island. This is being conducted by Operation Topcat, which has held such clinics in the past. The Board directed Mr. Hearn to request from Susan B. Tuman, President of Operation Topcat, the notification of any changes from previous clinics and continued communication with the Board.

Dr. Suzanne N. Kydd met with the Board at 10:55 a.m. to discuss her concerns of Administrative Rule .0207(b)(19). She left the meeting at 11:30 a.m. The Board took no action.

The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the Board Members.

The Executive Director reported on the costs associated with photocopying records. Dr. Gordon made a motion to establish a charge of 15 cents per page when copies of records are requested. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board directed the Executive Director to investigate the costs associated with providing computer printouts or diskettes to individuals

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who request them. The Executive Director is to report back at the next meeting.

The Executive Director reported that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is developing guidelines for the approval of continuing education programs. Dr. Edwards made a motion to direct the Executive Director to write to the AAVSB stating that the Board would like to participate and support the development of those guidelines. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director reviewed the report of Dr. Marvin L. Samuelson, AAVSB representative to the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates, which was presented at the annual meeting of the AAVSB. No action was taken.

The Executive Director discussed with the Board the steps being taken to computerize the National Board Examination and Clinical Competency Test. No action was taken.

Dr. Brooks discussed with the Board the temporary permit interview. Suggested topics for the interview include client communication, employee/employer relationship, supervision, purpose of the Board, and substance abuse. Also, each temporary permit candidate needs to be told that they cannot be accredited or obtain a DEA number.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

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The meeting reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Investigative Committee Reports

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

97018-1-1 Dr. Claudia Berryhill (Complaint of Ms. Alexis R. Thonen) - Continued pending the receipt of medical records.

97014-1-1 Dr. David James DeQuick (Complaint of Ms. Becky Guess) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

97021-1-1 Dr. Kim Francine Krivit and Dr. James McCain Hamilton (Complaint of Ms. Karen E. Taylor) - Continued pending the receipt of medical records.

97023-1-1 Dr. Ahmed N. Said (Complaint of Mr. Carl P. Chapman) - Dismissed, no probable cause.

Report on Committee on Investigations No. 7

97003-1-7 Dr. Joel Garrett and Dr. Ann Marie Turner (Complaint of Ms. Pamela Usry) - Disciplinary Action against Dr.

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Garrett - Letter of Caution and dismissed with a finding of no probable cause against Dr. Turner.

- 97011-1-7 Dr. Margaret Ann Anderson (Complaint of Ms. Gloria McLamb) - Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 97017-1-7 Dr. Charles Franklin (Complaint of Ms. Vikki Mioduszewski) - Dismissed, no probable cause.
- 97019-1-7 Dr. Jimmie L. Sain (Complaint of Mr. Bill Edmonds, Jr.) - Dismissed. No probable cause.
- 97022-1-7 Dr. David A. Wilson (Complaint of Ms. Peggy P. Kenley) Client Satisfied with the actions of Dr. Wilson, complaint considered withdrawn
- 97024-1-7 Dr. Curt Locklear (Complaint by the Board) - Disciplinary Action. Letter of Reprimand.
- 97020-1-7 Dr. Earl Sheppard (Complaint by the Board) - Disciplinary Action. Letter of Reprimand.
- 97026-2-7 Dr. Cynthia Perkins Godshalk (Complaint by the Board) - Continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. for a ten minute break.

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The meeting resumed at 3:20 p.m.

The Board reviewed the letter of Dr. Patricia Monahan in which she requests that the Board send newsletters from the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association and civil court order in the case of Dr. Robert M. Sheegog vs. Dr. Patricia Monahan to each state in which she is seeking licensure. The Board directed the Executive Director and Mr. Hearn to respond, stating that when the Board is requested to send a license verification to another state, it provides only information on actions by this Board against that licensee.

Dr. Justus and Mr. Hearn discussed liability insurance with the Board. Mr. Hearn reported that the Board members are provided some coverage by the State. The Board directed the Executive Director to get quotes on general liability, errors & omissions, and officers and directors insurance from both the State and other insurance providers.

The Board reviewed the information received from Ms. Karen Lynne Lloyd concerning her prior felony conviction in 1988. Ms. Lloyd has applied for registration as a veterinary technician. Based on her having no additional convictions since 1988, Dr. Gordon made a motion to allow her to be registered, provided she passes the National Board Examination for technicians and the State Examination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lewis. The motion passed with Mrs. Jones opposed.

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The Executive Director presented the contracts with the Professional Examination Service for the National Board Examination and Clinical Competency Test for veterinarians. Dr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon to approve the contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Mark P. Nasisse, a 1978 graduate of Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, for an exemption from re-taking the Clinical Competency Test. Based on his previously passing the National Board Exam, his having worked in the veterinary profession for three of the last five years, and his status as a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, Dr. Gordon made a motion to grant his request. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the request of Dr. Joyce Marie Carnevale, a 1990 graduate of Cornell University, College of Veterinary Medicine, for an exemption from re-taking the Clinical Competency Test. Based on her previously passing the National Board Exam and Clinical Competency Test, her having worked in the veterinary profession for three of the last five years, and her status as a Diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Dr. Lewis made a motion to grant her request. Dr. Gordon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed information that may indicate that Mr. Russell Sanderson may have vaccinated a dog for rabies on June 28th 1997. The Executive Director is to write to Dr. Harriet Duncan of the Duplin County

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Health Department to verify the status of Mr. Sanderson as a certified rabies vaccinator.

The Board reviewed the letter of Dr. Robert Neunzig in which he requests that he be allowed to change the names of four of his practice facilities. Currently they are named All Pet Care Clinic followed by the name of the city it is located in. He has requested the name Petsmart Veterinary Services, Pet Hospital followed by the name of city it is located in. Dr. Gordon made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The slate of officers, proposed by the nominating committee, consisting of Dr. Padgett, Dr. Edwards, and Mrs. Jones, presented were:

President	Dr. David E. Brooks
Vice-President	Dr. Kenneth R. Padgett
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Joseph K. Gordon

Dr. Justus moved that the nominations be closed and nominees be elected by acclamation. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the presentations, discussions and relevant committee meetings with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, attended by certain members of the Board. The Board determined that by holding its August Board meeting in the same location as

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the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association meeting, it provided Board Members with communication, discussion and learning opportunities that did and will enable the Board to more effectively fulfill its responsibilities. While the Board considers its office in Raleigh to be its regular and preferred meeting site, the Board determined that meetings in the same general locations where other professional veterinary groups are convening can be a communications resource for the Board. Upon motion by Dr. Padgett, seconded by Dr. Justus, the Board approved the actual expenses incurred for travel, meals, and lodging for Board Members, the Executive Director, and Board Attorney.

The next meeting of the Board will be held in its Raleigh office on September 18 & 19, 1997.

The Board reviewed the letter from Dr. Cynthia D. Burnett in which she reports that Mr. Ernest Leverette practiced veterinary medicine. On Saturday, May 3, 1997, Mr. Leverette acted in the capacity of a veterinarian, representing Burnett Veterinary Hospital without the knowledge of Dr. Burnett, by vaccinating approximately eighty dogs for rabies. Dr. Burnett has since contacted all of the dog owners for revaccination in order to be in full compliance the North Carolina law. Dr. Edwards made a motion, seconded by Dr. Padgett to have Mr. Hearn write a letter on behalf of the Board commending Dr. Burnett for her informing the Board of the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. As part of his motion Dr. Edwards requests that a letter be sent to Mr. Leverette telling him to cease

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and desist all practice of veterinary medicine. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Padgett at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director