

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, August 19, 2024**

At 2:48 p.m., President Azure Holland, DVM, called to order the special meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Board members present were Azure Holland, DVM; Michael Martin, DVM; Edward Faulkner, DVM; Susan Bull, DVM; and Robin Lazaro, RVT. Also present were Keith West, Executive Director and Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore.

The following guests were also in attendance via Zoom: Andrea Gentry-Apple, Vice President, North Carolina Association of Minority Veterinarians, John McHugh, Director of State Legislature, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA); Gail Thomssen, North Carolina State Director for the Humane Society of the United States; and Erica Adkisson, Banfield Pet Hospital, Sr. Manager Licensing & Compliance System, Regulatory Compliance.

President Azure Holland, DVM reviewed for the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Ethics Commission's statements on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed N.C.G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

The Board reviewed the public comments received concerning the amendments to Facility Permit Rules. The Legislative Committee recommended that no additional changes are needed since the Board has

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addressed the concerns brought forth by the public in past reviews of the rules.

The Board decided that no further amendments are needed at this time.

Executive Director, Keith West, reviewed the amendments as follows:

21 NCAC 66 .0108

Change the effective date of the rule from June 17, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

21 NCAC 66 .0206

(1) A veterinarian shall earn 20 continuing education credit hours for the calendar year license renewal period. A maximum of ~~five~~ ten hours may be obtained pursuant to courses described in Item (3) of this Rule.

(2) A registered veterinary technician shall earn 12 continuing education credit hours for the two calendar year registration renewal period. A maximum of ~~four~~ six hours may be obtained pursuant to course described in Item (3) of this Rule.

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21 NCAC 66 .0901

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21 NCAC 66 .0902

(k) The Board may issue a temporary veterinary facility permit to the owners of a veterinary facility for a period of 35 business days to allow the owners to address and resolve violations of the rules of this Chapter, particularly, Rules .0207 and .0208 of this Chapter, discovered during the veterinary facility inspection. However, the Board shall not issue a temporary veterinary facility permit if the violations present a danger to the health or safety of the public or animals. Upon request of the owner, the Board may extend a temporary permit for an additional period of no more than 35 business days, as long as satisfactory progress has been made as determined by the Board. In the event of the death of an owner, the permit remains valid for ~~35~~ 50 business days for the date of the death of the owner, so long as the facility continues to have an active, supervising veterinarian registered with the Board.

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21 NCAC 66 .0903

(c) The owners may designate an interim supervising veterinarian to serve for a period not to exceed ~~25~~ 50 business days.

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21 NCAC 66 .0904

(b) The Board may suspend, revoke, or deny issuance of a veterinary facility permit, without hearing if:

- (1) A veterinary facility has not had a supervising veterinarian or an interim supervising veterinarian serving in that capacity for more than ~~five~~ fifteen business days.

Change the effective date of the rule from June 17, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

21 NCAC 66 .0905

Change the effective date of the rule from June 17, 2024 to January 1, 2025.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0901. A motion was made by Susan Bull, DVM to accept the proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0901 and the motion was seconded by Michael Martin, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0902. A motion was made by Robin Lazaro, RVT to accept the

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proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0902 and the motion was seconded by Michael Martin, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0903. A motion was made by Susan Bull, DVM to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0903 and the motion was seconded by Michael Martin, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0904. A motion was made by Susan Bull, DVM to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0904 and the motion was seconded by Michael Martin, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0905. A motion was made by Edward Faulkner, DVM to accept the proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0905 and the motion was seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0206. A motion was made by Susan Bull, DVM to accept the proposed changes to 21 NCAC 66 .0206 and the motion was seconded by Michael Martin, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0108. A motion was made by Robin Lazaro, RVT to accept the

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proposed change to 21 NCAC 66 .0108 and the motion was seconded by Edward Faulkner, DVM. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director, Keith West, did a final review and stated the he would submit the approved changes to the Rules Review Commission for consideration at their August 28, 2024 meeting.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Susan Bull, DVM, seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith West
Executive Director