

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 5, 2019**

At 8:00 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Present were the following Board members: Drs. Susan Bull, Kent Dean, Kim Gemeinhardt, Ronald Komich, and Azure Holland; and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn, and Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, and Elisa Meier, NCSU-CVM student liaison.

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

The following guests were introduced: Claire Holley, Executive Director of North Carolina Veterinary Association (NCVMA), Jennifer Shults, DVM, President-Elect, NCVMA, Steven Marks, BVSc, Associate Dean, North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Natalie Young, PharmD and Director of Realo Veterinary Pharmacy, Patricia Norris, DVM, Director of the Veterinary Division Animal Welfare Section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, and

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Christopher McLennan, attorney for the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Newman made a motion to approve the NCVMB September 5, 2019 Board Agenda, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. The motion passed unanimously.

The July 18, 2019 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Komich, seconded by Mrs. Newman, moved to approve the July 18, 2019 Board minutes with corrections. The corrected minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business:

Clarification of rules pertaining to Humane Shelters & DVMs:

Dr. Norris has informed all shelters that they must have a licensed veterinarian to perform any procedures on shelter animals. If the shelter veterinarian wants to practice on public animals, they must follow NCVMB rules.

NCVMB has jurisdiction over any veterinarian working at a shelter. Any complaints about veterinarians working a shelter must be in writing and cannot be anonymous.

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Reports:

North Carolina Professional Health Program (NCPHP) Report:

Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO of NCPHP, gave an updated report on participants in its program.

Legislative Committee – Facility Permit:

NCVMB now has the authority to create rules pertaining to Facility Permit.

Chief Inspector’s Report:

Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, reported that this quarter was slow because the inspectors were all caught up. Dr. Marshall advised the Board that succession planning should be implemented soon.

Dr. Schadler complimented all of the inspectors for their professionalism, work and dedication.

At 9:00 a.m., the Board took a break and reconvened at 9:20 a.m.

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At 9:20 a.m., pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(6), Dr. Dean made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. The motion passed unanimously.

At 10:27 a.m., Mrs. Newman motioned to go out of closed session, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. Motion passed unanimously. While in open session, Mrs. Newman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt to approve what was discussed in closed session.

At 10:30 a.m., pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11(a)(b), a motion was made by Dr. Dean to go into closed session, seconded by Dr. Holland. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:55 a.m. Mrs. Newman made a motion to go out of closed session, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. Motion approved unanimously. In open session, a motion to approve what was discussed in closed session was made by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. Motion passed unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board returned to the regular open meeting.

Student Liaison Report:

Elisa Meier, Student Liaison from North Carolina State University – College of Veterinary Medicine (NCSU-CVM) is searching for her

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replacement for May 2020. She asked the Board for topics to speak at the AAUSB meeting. The Board suggested she speak about the benefits of being a liaison with the Board and also a survey with questions from the students at NCSU-CVM of what they are most interested in learning about the Board.

Executive Director's Report:

Dr. Schadler gave an update on licensing activities and the financial report.

Audit:

The Board's financial audit with Michelle Foote, CPA, from the certified public accounting firm of Koonce, Wooten & Haywood went well. They would like to attend a Board meeting to answer any questions concerning the audit.

Donation of outdated drugs to charitable groups:

Facilities and veterinarians cannot donate unless the drug has six months left before expiration date.

Chiropractor Update:

Thomas Sullivan, Executive Director of the North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners, advised NCVMB that they are not going to take any action at the present time against chiropractors who are practicing veterinary

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medicine. Dr. Shults has made a formal complaint to the Chiropractic Board against a chiropractor who has violated the NCVMB's Practice Act.

Facility Update:

The Board office now has all new lighting which is brighter and more efficient.

Meeting with other Boards:

Dr. Schadler has reached out to the Veterinary Boards in Georgia, South Carolina, and Virginia, who are all interested in getting together to discuss difference in rules, emergency situation, etc. Dr. Schadler will speak with the directors from Georgia and Virginia at the AAVSB conference in September.

At 11:35 a.m., the Board took a brief break and continued the meeting with a working lunch.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

- a. 2019008-1 – Brian Theodor Barnett, DVM (Randolph Animal Hospital)
– Christopher & Jennifer Priddy – No probable cause, dismissed
- b. 2019022-1 – Lorna Alexandra McLeod, DVM (Animal Health & Wellness Hospital) – Ms. Lisa Ayers – Letter of caution

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- c. 2019024-1 – Matthew James Schmunk, DVM and James G. Schmunk, DVM (North Davidson Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Jeff Block –
Continued
- d. 2019027-1 – Mitchell Lee Spindel, DVM (Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital at Brassfield) – Tamara & Brad Hedglin – Letter of reprimand
- e. 2019029-1 – Sara Waltz Johnston, DVM (Thrive Affordable Vet Clinic) – Ms. Blanca Perales – No probable cause, dismissed
- f. 2019032-1 – Kahlina Marie Frey, DVM (VSH of the Carolinas) – Ms. Robin Boudwin – No probable cause, dismissed

Dr. Holland was recused from the discussion and voting on complaint 2019029-1 and Dr. Gemeinhardt was recused from the discussion and voting on complaint 2019008-1.

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Holland, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1 with Dr. Gemeinhardt recused from voting on complaint 2019008-1. Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1 with Dr. Holland recused from voting on complaint 2019029-1. The report from Committee 1 was approved.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

- a. 2018047-7 - Matthew Eric Braun, DVM; Stephanie Loughlin Bedwell, DVM; Steven Michael Cogar, DVM (Carolina Veterinary Specialists Referral Animal Hospital Winston-Salem) – Ms. Louise A. Pecevich – No probable cause, dismissed issued for Dr. Braun and Dr. Bedwell, Letter of reprimand for Dr. Cogar
- b. 2019021-7 – Elizabeth Gough Eubanks, DVM and Rebecca Gail Weaver, DVM (Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Jennifer Hough – continued
- c. 2019019-7 – Susan Paola Bonilla, DVM (Passionate Paws Animal Hospital) – Ms. Melinda Marrero – Letter of caution
- d. 201926-7 – Kelly J. Sigle, DVM (CVS-Greensboro) – Ms. Lisa Tuttle – No probable cause, dismissed
- e. 2019007-7 – Gregory Scott Munn, DVM (West Cary Animal Hospital) – Ms. Susan Halferty – No probable cause, dismissed
- f. 2019028-7 – Leigh Halsey Walker, DVM and Amanda Christine Lehnberg, DVM (Coats Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Michael Grove – Continued
- g. 2018040-7 – Robbins L. Miller, DVM (Riverview Animal Hospital) – Mrs. Sandra Pennie Ann Foster – Reconsidered, change from no probable cause to letter of caution

Dr. Dean made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. The report from Committee 7 was approved unanimously.

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Meeting Dates for 2020:

Board Meeting Date	Committee 7	Committee 1
<i>January 16, 2020</i>	January 9, 2020	January 15, 2020
<i>March 5, 2020</i>	February 27, 2020	March 4, 2020
<i>May 7, 2020</i>	April 30, 2020	May 6, 2020
<i>July 9, 2020</i>	July 2, 2020	July 8, 2020
<i>September 10, 2020</i>	September 3, 2020	September 9, 2020
<i>November 13, 2020</i>	November 5, 2020	November 12, 2020

Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Dr. Dean, made a motion to approve the meeting's expenses. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Newman, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director