

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 6, 2018**

At 8:07 a.m., President William K. Dean, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. Present were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Susan Bull, Kim Gemeinhardt, Azure Holland, Ronald Komich, and Robin Lazaro, RVT, and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn, and Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler, and Jeffrey Tyrrell, NCSU-CVM student liaison to the Board. Dr. Douglas Meckes was at the World Equestrian Games (WEG) in Tryon, NC.

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

The following guests were introduced: Jennifer Shults, DVM, Vice President of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA), Claire Holley, Executive Director, NCVMA, and Jon Carr, NCVMA Attorney.

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The July 19, 2018 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Bull, seconded by Mrs. Newman, moved to approve the July 19, 2018 Board minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

At 8:15 a.m., Dr. Meckes called in from the WEG games to give a progress update. The endurance course has been finished, the quarantine barns are ready, one arena is not finished, and the hospital treatment area has been inspected and approved. Games will open on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

A meeting took place last week with the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board, and North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services concerning surgery areas in shelters and whose responsibility it is to inspect and regulate. The Board agreed to have Mr. Hearn and Dr. Schadler meet with the Department of Agriculture attorneys to work on a solution.

At 8:50 a.m., Dr. Schadler reported on the revised draft for the proposed Facility Permits.

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Dr. Bull and Mrs. Lazaro, RVT will report at the next meeting with an update on the Registered Veterinary Technician definitions for the Practice Act.

Dr. Komich and Dr. Holland gave a report on the AAVSB Telehealth/Telemedicine model to be voted on during the AAVSB Annual meeting. The AAVSB is updating wording regarding the Veterinarian/Client Patient Relationship. The Board directed Dr. Komich and Dr. Holland to vote to accept the proposed model act recommendations.

Mr. Hearn announced that on August 6, 2018, Dr. Paula Bullock was served with the Summary Emergency Order and Notice of Hearing. The hearing date is set for November 16, 2018. The date for the Hearing for other two complaints for Dr. Bullock will also be on November 16, 2018.

At 9:27 a.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

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Mr. Hearn read into the minutes “Evaluation of Statement of Economic Interest” (attached from the North Carolina Ethics Commission) for Azure Dee Holland, DVM.

At 9:45 a.m. Dr. David Marshall, Chief Inspector, gave a report. Dr. Nicolette Peer, the new inspector, started work on August 20, 2018. She is responsible for the central part of North Carolina. The inspectors started testing the new iPads in the field for inspections. The goal is to go paperless in another month.

Dr. Dean suggested that the Board hire a professional investigative firm on an as needed basis for investigations of lay people violating the Practice Act. Dr. Schadler will investigate different firms.

Jeffrey Tyrrell, NCSU-CVM student liaison to the Board, has continued to formalize relationships with leaders of different student groups. He will be speaking at the AAVSB meeting on “Licensure from the Student Perspective” in which he plans to present a student survey. There is still a possibility for the January 2019 Board meeting to be held at the NCSU-

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CVM. Jeffrey's term as a liaison will end December 2018. Robin Lazaro, RVT will work with Jeffrey to find his replacement for next year.

Dr. Schadler gave the finance and status reports. He updated the Board on the financial audit which was done in August. September 20 is the final scheduled meeting with the auditor.

Questions for the North Carolina State Examination for veterinary applicants have been reviewed by the Board. A motion to accept these questions was made by Dr. Gemeinhardt and seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to pay for a booth and registration for three inspectors again this year at the North Carolina Veterinary Conference, November 2-4, 2018.

A discussion was held about renovating the Board's suites 105/106. It was decided to wait until after the first of next year.

Dr. Schadler plans to set up a meeting with members and staff of the Board and the Chiropractic Board before the next Board meeting.

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Committee on Investigations No. 7 presented a Consent Order to resolve complaint no. 2017011-7 against Dr. Kevin Brophy. The Consent Order had already been signed by Dr. Brophy. Following discussion, a motion to approve the Consent Order and for Dr. Dean to sign it was made by Dr. Gemeinhardt and seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- a. 2018011-1 Kyle Anthony Alberti, DVM (Banfield Pet Hospital 0602) – Mr. James N. Nowell, II – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- b. 2018004-1 Gregory K. Hedrick, DVM (Davidson Animal Hospital) – Ms. Karen Fullerton – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- c. 2018023-1 Kristine A. Woodaman, DVM (Green Creek Mobile Veterinary Services) – Ms. Patricia Proshek – Dismissed, No Probable Cause

Dr. Komich made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. The report from Committee 1 was approved unanimously.

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At Noon, the Board continued the meeting while it ate lunch.

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

- a. 2017056-7 Jennifer Foshee Hanes, DVM (Piedmont Animal Emergency & Referral Center) – Ms. Moressa Wagner - Letter of Caution
- b. 2018008-7 Michele J. Ewing, DVM (Eastern Carolina Veterinary Emergency Treatment Service) – Ms. Janice Thompson – Continued
- c. 2018017-7 Julie Marie Kang, DVM (Southern Oaks Animal Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jones – Letter of Caution
- d. 2018010-7 James Paul Murray, DVM (Heartwood Animal Hospital) – Mr. David Hicks – Letter of Caution
- e. 2018015-7 Rachel Marie Rice, DVM (Carolina Veterinary Specialists-Huntersville) – Ms. Jalisa Mayes – Dismissed, No Probable Cause
- f. 2018022-7 Jessica Cari Hess, RVT (Carolina Veterinary Specialists-Matthews) – Jessica Hess, RVT – Dismissed, No Probable Cause

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Holland, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 7. The report from Committee 7 was approved unanimously. Dr. Dean recused himself from the discussion and vote on complaint 2018017-7.

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The Board approved Dr. Komich and Dr. Schadler attending the FARB meeting on January 24-27, 2019.

At 1:00 p.m., Mr. Rick Schuler, from Edwards Commercial Real Estate, discussed options with the Board concerning Suite 105 owned by the Board and located adjacent to the Board's office. Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion for Dr. Dean and Dr. Schadler to consult and proceed with Mr. Schuler concerning the sale of Suite 105. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Krissie Newman, passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull made a motion to approve expenses, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt. It was approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Krissie Newman, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tod J. Schadler, DVM  
Executive Director