

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 7, 2012**

At 8:02 a.m., President Richard Hawkins, 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 Dean, Kim Gemeinhardt, David Marshall and Dante Martin; Mr. Jonathan Loftis, R.V.T., and Mrs. Katie Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey, was present as well.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the minutes for the June 27, 2012, Board meeting were approved.

Dr. Hawkins reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest.

William Kent Dean, DVM and Jonathan S. Loftis, RVT were recognized and welcomed as the most recent members appointed to the Board. Their terms are from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

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At 8:10 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director, of the N.C. Physicians Health Program (NCPHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Hawkins recognized the Board staff and acknowledged their accomplishments during the last few months.

Dr. Hawkins discussed and identified with the Board possible objectives for the next year.

Mr. Hearn reported that a new contract with the North Carolina Physicians Health Program for the period August 1, 2012, through January 31, 2013 has been executed.

At 9:05 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

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The Board Investigator presented his report on activities since the last Board meeting.

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. On motion by Mrs. Morgan, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the financial report was approved.

At 10:00 a.m., John P. Bianco, DVM, appeared before the Board to discuss the use of the practice facility name, Quail Roost Animal Hospital. by Wesley Aric Sabins, DVM. He presented information on his practice facility, Bahama Road Veterinary Hospital, and his veterinary corporation, Quail Roost Veterinary Hospital, P.A. Following his presentation he left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

At 10:35 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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At 10:40 a.m., Michael G. Davidson, DVM joined the meeting and was recognized by the Board for his service on the Board. Dr. Davidson left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran, to enter into a closed meeting pursuant to G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Board's Attorney and to preserve the attorney-client privilege. The motion passed unanimously. At 11:00 a.m., the Board entered into closed meeting and returned to open session at 11:35 a.m.

The Board reviewed the email from Ms. Karina Moser, Office Manager, for Charlotte Street Animal Hospital concerning Ms. Megan Day, a licensed physical therapist. She is promoting a pet physical rehabilitation service called Waghab. Rehabilitation services are being offered at All Pets Animal Hospital, owned by Francis Edward Heath, DVM, and wellness services are offered at A Good Dog's Life. The Board directed letters be sent to Ms. Day and Dr. Heath requesting information on their relationship and the level of supervision provided by Dr. Heath. A letter to the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners will also be sent requesting

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their position on Ms. Day advertising services that include the title, “licensed physical therapist.”

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

2011038-3 **Laura Day Dvorak, DVM; Jordan Quinn**

Jaeger, DVM; & Kimberly A. Sheaffer, DVM –
(Carolina Veterinary Specialist Matthews) – Mr. &
Mrs. James Wicker | Dismissed, No Probable
Cause for Dr. Dvorak, Letter of Caution for Dr.
Jaeger, Letter of Reprimand for Dr. Sheaffer

2012006-3 **Jill Suzanne Pascarella, DVM** – (VCA Stoney
Creek Animal Hospital) – Ms. Laura Franzo |
Continued

2012008-3 **Melissa B. Beagle, DVM** – (Alamance Animal
Emergency Hospital) – Ms. Daisy Eury |
Dismissed, No Probable Cause

2012010-3 **Theodore Owen, DVM** – (Western Carolina
Regional Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kathleen
Erickson | Letter of Caution

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2012013-3 **Virginia Autry Brown, DVM** – (Dixie Trail
Animal Clinic) – Mr. Kevin Wall | Dismissed, No
Probable Cause

Upon motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the Board
approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 3.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 4

2012011-4 **Harriet H. Shields, DVM** (Jackson Co.
Veterinary Associates) – Ms. Jean Morgan |
Dismissed, No Probable Cause

2012012-4 **Deborah Ann Cowan, DVM** – (Animal Hospital
of Walnut Cove) – Ms. Penny Boyles | Letter of
Caution

2012014-4 **Rebecca Gail Weaver, DVM** (Animal Emergency
Services of Forsyth County) – Ms. Melisa Hardy |
Dismissed, No Probable Cause

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2012015-4 **Elizabeth Seybold Brown, DVM** (Piper Glen

Animal Hospital) – Gerald M. Aronoff, M.D. |

Dismissed, no probable cause.

Upon motion by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Cochran, with Dr. Gemeinhardt having recused herself with respect to voting on the Committee's report relating to the Dr. Deborah Ann Cowan (complaint No. 2012012-4), the Board approved the report of Committee on Investigations No. 4.

Upon motion of Dr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Gemeinhardt, the expenses for this Board meeting were approved.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Gemeinhardt, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director