

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, September 8, 2022**

At 8:03 a.m., President Azure Holland, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held at the Board office and virtually through Zoom. Board members present in person were, Azure Holland, DVM; Allen Cannedy, DVM; Kent Dean, DVM; Ronald Komich, DVM; and Susan Bull, DVM. Michael Martin, DVM was present via Zoom. Robin Lazaro, RVT, and Mr. Timothy Gold were present in person. Also present in person were Tod J. Schadler, DVM Executive Director, and Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore.

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 G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

The following guests were in attendance via Zoom: Ed Faulkner, DVM, President elect for NCVMA; Joseph Jordan, PhD, CEO, NC Physician's Health Program (NCPHP); Maureen Susi, RVT, President of NCAVT; John McHugh, Director of State Legislature ASPCA; Dante Martin, DVM, President of NCVMA; Claire Holley, Executive Director for NCVMA; Jennifer Shultz, DVM, immediate past President of NCVMA; Steven Marks, DVM, NCSU- CVM Associate Dean; Jon Carr, attorney for NCVMA;

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Stephen Pytlik, Attorney; Dustin Orr, DVM; Joseph Wright, DVM; Robin McFerren, DVM; Shannon Bass, DVM, Secretary-Treasurer, NCVMA; Shannon Nowak, BS, LVT, RVT, Secretary of NCAVT; Jennifer Starling; Karen Smith; Nathan Moyer, Education Coordinator of NCAVT; April Lehmann, RVT, LVT, Interim Director of Cape Fear Community College; Kim Heisel, RVT; Kimberly Lewis, RVT, Vice President of NCAVT; Jordan Farry, RVT; Heather Henderson; Chet Moore and Raisa Velez- Contreras, NCVMB Student Liaison joined in person.

Robin McFerren, DVM, was introduced to the board as the new North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board Inspector.

The July 7, 2022 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Changes were recommended regarding grammar. Ronald Komich, DVM made a motion to accept minutes after corrections were made and Allen Cannedy, DVM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Committee Update:

Deputy Director Keith West provided an updated version of facility permit rules. The Board must approve the rules in order to submit. President Azure Holland, DVM asked for a motion. Ronald Komich, DVM made a motion to move forward and Allen Cannedy, DVM seconded the motion. The

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motion passed unanimously. Deputy Director West will make submissions to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Updated RVT language is still in discussion in committee.

Facility Inspection Report:

Deputy Director Keith West reported that there have been 170 inspections since the last meeting. Marjorie McFetridge, DVM performed 38 inspections, Kelly Jeffer, DVM performed 66 inspections, Nicolette Peer, DVM performed 59 inspections, and Joseph Wright, DVM performed 7 inspections. There were 2 serious violations

Deputy Director Keith West advised that there would be an Inspectors Meeting in October to discuss Facility Standards Checklist. The meeting will be held at the NCVMB office.

Tod J. Schadler, DVM Executive Director welcomed Robin McFerren, DVM, the new Inspector, to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board and thanked Joseph Wright, DVM for his service.

New Business:

A continuing education poll was sent to all DVM's regarding the preferences of online vs in-person continuing education options. The poll

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indicated that 95% of the DVM's preferred to maintain the online option for all continuing education requirements. President Azure Holland, DVM named a committee and stated the topic would be discussed further at the November board meeting. Ronald Komich, DVM is chair of the committee and Michael Martin, DVM and Allen Cannedy, DVM expressed interest in being on the committee.

North Carolina Professional Health Program (NCPHP) Report:

Joseph Jordan, PhD presented his report through Zoom and gave an update on the North Carolina Professional Health Program. He stated he would bring the re-issued brochure for Tod J. Schadler, DVM Executive Director to review.

President's Report:

President Azure Holland, DVM discussed the preparations for the upcoming AAVSB conference. She stated that during the opening remarks she would acknowledge all of the North Carolina Board Members.

Board Dates for 2022:

| Board Meeting Date | Committee 8 Dates | Committee 10 Dates |
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| January 13, 2022 | January 12, 2022 | January 5, 2022 |
| March 10, 2022 | March 9, 2022 | March 2, 2022 |
| May 12, 2022 | May 11, 2022 | May 4, 2022 |
| July 7, 2022 | July 6, 2022 | June 29, 2022 |
| September 8, 2022 | September 7, 2022 | August 31, 2022 |
| November 10, 2022 | November 9, 2022 | November 2, 2022 |

State Veterinarian's Report:

Michael Martin, DVM gave an update on the status of avian influenza and stated there were 429 flocks confirmed with avian influenza. He also updated the board on Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease and gave an update on the status of chronic wasting disease in deer in North Carolina.

Student Liaison Report:

Student Liaison Raisa Velez- Contreras stated the school is renovating the equine office to serve the equine community more efficiently and that the hospital is fully functional.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Skidmore reported that there have been 87 closing letters completed since January, and currently working on 14 which will bring the total to 101 by the next meeting.

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All board members stated their appreciation of the quality of the closing letters and being sent out in a timely manner.

AAVSB Conference Planning Report:

Mrs. Robin Lazaro, RVT gave the conference committee update stating that they are on track with the agenda and topics. Ms. Lazaro, RVT also gave the numbers for those currently registered.

Executive Director's Report:

Tod J. Schadler, DVM Executive Director presented the status report of the number of active Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians. He reviewed the NCVMB's finances and accounts. Discipline/ Civil Monetary payments are still up to date.

Tod J. Schadler, DVM Executive Director stated the recent audit went well. He provided the Strategic Plan update and requested a review for responses and comments and/or suggestions to be discussed at the next board meeting.

Joseph Wright, DVM joined the meeting via Zoom and thanked the board for their support and allowing him to serve as an Inspector.

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Old Business: None

At 9:35 a.m. the board took a break and reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

At 9:57 a.m. President Azure Holland, DVM asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to GS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to review complaints with the Board's attorney. Susan Bull, DVM made the motion and it was seconded by Robin Lazarro. Motion approved unanimously.

At 12:37 p.m. Susan Bull, DVM made a motion to leave closed session and Allen Cannedy, DVM seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Kent Dean, DVM read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 8.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

- a. 2022037-8 Marlon Klaus Sequeira, DVM (Veterinary Care Anywhere Animal Hospital, PLLC) Ms. Mairah Bharde – Letter of Caution

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- b. 2022052-8 – Jennifer Lynn Stevens Campbell, DVM (Paws and Claws Affordable Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. Jordan Blake – Letter of Caution
- c. 2022049- 8 – Hunter K.P. Goldsmith, DVM (Matthews Animal Hospital)– Ms. Rachel Rosenthal – Continued
- d. 2022067-8 – Kim Francine Krivit, DVM (North Star Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Maureen Lee – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2022066-8 – Tara Desai Thompson, DVM (Brunswick Animal Hospital) – Mr. Chet Moore – Dismissed, no probable cause
- f. 2022069-8 – Katelyn Deanna Drummer, DVM (Guilford-Jamestown Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Chris Taylor – Continued.
- g. 2022072-8 – John Henry Price III, DVM (Pet Vet on Patton Animal Hospital) – Ms. Miranda Penley – Dismissed, no probable cause.

Kent Dean, DVM recused himself from the closed session discussion regarding case 2022067-8 and abstained from the vote to approve the report of Committee No 8. Ronald Komich, DVM made a motion, seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 8. The report from Committee 8 was approved unanimously. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and then mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand, the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for review and action.

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Robin Lazaro, RVT read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 10.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 10

- a. 2022023-10 – Mary Pride Clark, DVM (Open Door Veterinary Care Clinic) and Melissa Lee Nelson, DVM (Haw Creek Animal Hospital) - Ms. Tonia Honeycutt – Dismissed, no probable cause for both.
- b. 2022025-10 – Marlon Klaus Sequeira, DVM (Veterinary Care Anywhere Animal Hospital, PLLC) – Ms. Janette Jonsone – Letter of Reprimand with a Civil Monetary fine of \$1,000.
- c. 2022042-10 – David Alan Drake, DVM (Pressly Animal Hospital) – Ms. Patricia Malta – Letter of Caution.
- d. 2022043-10 – Elizabeth Gough Eubanks, DVM (Animal Ark Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Celeste Keszenheimer – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- e. 2022054-10 – Jared Andrew Conley, DVM (Complete Pet Care Animal Hospital Heritage) – Dismissed, no probable cause
- f. 2022044-10 – Lisa Elizabeth Kivett, DVM (Foundation Equine Clinic) Ms. Laura Matthews – Dismissed, no probable cause.
- g. 2022050 – Rebecca Marie Cozart, DVM (Myrtle Grove Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kathy E. Walden – Dismissed, no probable cause.

President Azure Holland, DVM recused herself from the closed session discussion regarding case 2022054-10 and abstained from the vote to approve the report of Committee 10. Allen Cannedy, DVM made a motion, seconded by Kent Dean, DVM, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations

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No. 10. The report from Committee 10 was approved unanimously. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and then mailed to the licensee and complainant. In the case of a letter of reprimand, the licensee has 15 days from its receipt to reject it and request a hearing. If a rejection occurs, the case is returned to the Committee for review and action.

Other Business: None

Approval of Expenses:

Kent Dean, DVM made a motion to approve the boards expenses, and it was seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT. The expenses were approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Susan Bull, DVM, seconded by Allen Cannedy, DVM, passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM
Executive Director

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