

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, October 8, 2024**

At 11:02 a.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; Tim Gold; Michael Martin, DVM; Robin Lazaro, RVT; Allen Cannedy, DVM; Edward Faulkner, DVM and Andrea Gentry-Apple, DVM. Also present were Keith West, Executive Director and Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore. Ronald Komich, DVM was not present.

The following guests were also in attendance via Zoom: Kim Lewis, RVT (NCAVT); Nathan Moyer, RVT (NCAVT); Krystina Phillips and Shannon Nowak, RVT (NCAVT).

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.

Discussion:

President Azure Holland explained reason for the emergency meeting and asked Micheal Martin, DVM to explain the Declaratory Ruling Request.

Michael Martin, DVM provided an explanation for the Declaratory Ruling Request. Dr. Martin stated that there are still areas of poor communication and service, some facilities were severely affected or

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destroyed and that there are rescue operations in place. He also explained the responsibilities of certified vaccinators and how to build an infrastructure to address the diseases identified in the Declaratory Ruling Request.

Dr. Martin thanked the NCVMB and the NCVMA for their help and assistance during this time.

Board attorney, Matthew Skidmore, further defined the Declaratory Ruling Request and what happens if accepted. He explained that it allows the Board to make a determination of a rule within 60 days. Matthew Skidmore explained that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Animal Welfare Section has requested that certified vaccinators be allowed to provide Bordetella, parvovirus, distemper and FVRCP vaccines within shelters as a result of the storm.

Matthew Skidmore explained that the Declaratory Ruling Request will limit: geography to only the storm affected counties, who may perform the vaccines and what vaccines can be done. He also discussed legal responsibilities.

Dr. Holland asked for a motion to accept the Declaratory Ruling Request. A motion was made by Edward Faulkner, DVM and was seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT. The motion passed unanimously.

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Final Review and Summary of Action Items:

Executive Director, Keith West, did a final review and stated the he would post the Declaratory Ruling Request on the Board website and provide a copy to all licensees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith West
Executive Director