

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, November 13, 2020**

At 8:07 a.m., President Susan Bull, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. This meeting was held at the Board office and also virtually through Zoom. Present also were the following Board members: Drs. Kent Dean, Doug Meckes, Ronald Komich, Allen Cannedy, and Azure Holland; Robin Lazaro, RVT; and Mrs. Krissie Newman. Also present were Board Attorney, George Hearn; Executive Director, Dr. Tod J. Schadler; and Student Liaison Priya Allen.

Dr. Bull reviewed with 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: Natalie Young, PharmD, Director of Realo; Jennifer Shults, DVM, President of NCVMA; John McHugh; Jon Carr, NCVMA Attorney; Brenda Stevens, DVM, Past President NCVMA; Beckie Mossor, RVT; Ed Faulkner, DVM, Vice President of NCVMA; Donna Hayes; Crystal Bennett; Joseph Wright, DVM; Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO, NC Physician's Health Program (NCPHP).

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The September 10, 2020 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Cannedy, moved to approve the September 10, 2020 Board meeting minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved unanimously.

The September 30, 2020 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Mrs. Lazaro motioned to approve the minutes with corrections, seconded by Mrs. Newman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

In response to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, the NCVMB is continuing to suspend the requirement that only 10 hours of CE may be obtained via online learning for 2021.

A motion that Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians may obtain their CE completely online/virtually (both interactive and non-interactive) if necessary, to complete their requirement for 2021 was made by Dr. Holland and seconded by Dr. Dean. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Reports:**

**North Carolina Physician's Health Program (NCPHP) Report:**

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Dr. Joseph Jordan gave an update, explaining that there are now six veterinarians under contract. The NCPHP now has testimonials on their website. Dr. Jordan has asked Dr. Brenda Stevens to represent the NCVMA on the NCPHP Board and she has accepted.

The committee working on a Scholarship for financial assistance within the NCPHP met on September 28, 2020. Dr. Komich, seconded by Dr. Cannedy, made a motion to authorize the NCPHP to develop and administer a substance abuse financial assistance (Scholarship) program for veterinarians and veterinary technicians licensed by the NCVMB and residing in North Carolina. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

At 8:56 a.m. the Board took a break and returned at 9:30 a.m.

**President's Report:**

The AVMA Model Practice Act has an exemption for “any licensed individual of a licensed or regulated profession within the State who is providing assistance requested by a veterinarian licensed in the State, acting with consent from the client, and acting under the supervision of the licensed veterinarian. The licensed veterinarian shall maintain responsibility for the veterinarian-client-patient relationship.” Discussion followed and it was

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decided to continue research concerning and revisit at the January 2021 Board meeting.

Dr. Shults attended the Chiropractic Board meeting in October 2020. Discussion followed about chiropractors who have animal certification.

A discussion about student interns and veterinary student perceptees led to a decision to research it further. The discussion was tabled.

**Chief Inspector's Report:**

Dr. Joseph Wright, Chief Inspector, reported there have been 216 inspections since the last meeting. Inspections are still scheduled prior to them being conducted. Dr. Jeffer inspected 68 facilities; Dr. Peer inspected 103 facilities; and Dr. Wright inspected 45 facilities. Only two serious violations letters were issued during this time. Dr. Wright indicated that most facilities are still practicing curb-side. There has also been a lot of new facility openings.

Dr. Schadler congratulated the inspectors on a great job done of getting up-to-date on inspections and their continued education effort for facilities.

**State Veterinarian's Report:**

Dr. Meckes, State Veterinarian, reported that the new laboratory ribbon cutting happened on October 6, 2020, but that the open house will be

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sometime next year. The existing State laboratory system set a record for submissions and tests this past year.

There are continued efforts in assisting the swine industry. There is still an overstock of hogs in North Carolina. African Swine Fever is still being monitored. The poultry industry processing capacity is doing well as there are 14 processing plants in North Carolina.

**Legislative Committee:**

Keith West, Assistant to the Executive Director, reported to the Board on the proposals submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings for administrative rules concerning Veterinary Telemedicine and for amending the rule entitled, Petition for Inactive Status, to include “registrants”. The sixty days comment period will expire on January 4, 2021. On January 14, 2021 the Board will make a determination of these rules along with any public comments received to submit as stated in the registrar or make changes based on public comments. Any substantial changes will require the Board to begin the process over from the beginning.

The Board will be presenting, to Senator Rabon, a bill to change G.S. § 90-87.10(6) concerning Theriogenology. Proposed statute: “Any person from providing for or assisting in the practice of artificial insemination in food and fiber animals”.

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**Registered Veterinary Technician Committee:**

Robin Lazaro, RVT, reported that the committee is continuing the discussion regarding title protection and other issues. It was suggested that the Board start with educating the public about what registered veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants are allowed to perform.

**Student Liaison:**

Priya Allen gave an update on the virtual learning at NCSU-CVM. All is still going well. All exams will be held before Thanksgiving.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Dr. Schadler presented an update on licensing activities and a finance report. Disciplinary/monetary payments are all up-to-date.

At 11:09 a.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

At 11:34 a.m. Dr. Cannedy made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to GS § 143-318.11(a)(3), seconded by Mrs. Newman. Approved unanimously.

At 2:58 p.m. the Board returned from closed session and resumed the regular meeting.

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

- a. 2020030-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Crystal Bennett – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- b. 2020036-1 – Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Melissa D. Campbell and Ms. Christina Cox Miles – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- c. 2020057-1 – Brittany Renee Bristol, DVM (Catawba Valley Animal Hospital) – Mr. James Oder – Letter of Caution
- d. 2020061-1 – Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kiana Prince – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- e. 2020047-1 – Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kelsey Phillips – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- f. 2020045-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Lisa Winslow – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- g. 2020051-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Mr. Timothy Wayne Scarbrough – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- h. 2020062-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Tammy Graves – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- i. 2020063-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Stacey Chaplin – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order
- j. 2020055-1 - Janine Marie Oliver, DVM (Benessere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Kristie J. Scott – Dismissed pursuant to Consent Order

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- k. 2020067-1 – Rachelle Marquez Khare, DVM (Atrium Animal Hospital) – Ms. Trina Morella – No probable cause, dismissed
- l. 2020069-1 – Bonita Gay Angel-Westlake, DVM (Angel Animal Hospital) – Ms. Geneva McDougald – No probable cause, dismissed
- m. 2020059-1 – Kathryn Ann O’Hara, DVM (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Mr. Jacob Davis - continued

Dr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Lazaro, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 1. The report of Committee 1 was approved unanimously. These decisions are preliminary and will not be final until the decision is accepted into the minutes, the letter explaining the decision is drafted by the Board Attorney and is approved by the Committee chair and 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 further review and action.

A motion was made by Dr. Meckes to approve the Consent Order for voluntary surrender of license of Dr. Janine Marie Oliver and to authorize Dr. Bull to sign. Mrs. Lazaro seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the civil monetary penalties assessed for the following complaints 2020025-1; 2020038-1; 2020040-1 at

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the September 10 and 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 Board meetings are withdrawn, but the letters of reprimand for each of these complaints will still be issued.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9**

- a. 2020026-9 – David Alan Conde, DVM (Dr. Conde Mobile Veterinary Practice) – Mr. Donald T. Currin – Continued
- b. 2020031-9 – Charles Thomas Steinman, DVM (Salisbury Animal Hospital) – Ms. Sara Jarvis - No probable cause, dismissed
- c. 2020037-9 – Marlon Klaus Sequeira, DVM (Veterinary Care Anywhere Animal Hospital) – Ms. Amanda Hartman – Letter of caution
- d. 2020054-9 – Abelina Gaona, DVM (Vetcare for Pets Animal Hospital) – Ms. Trudy Parrish – No probable cause, dismissed
- e. 2020048-9 – Steven A. Walker, DVM (Countryside Animal Hospital) – Ms. Christina R. Pittman-Ward – Letter of caution
- f. 2020048-9 – Antiyonne Natrice Hauser, DVM (Humane Society of the Piedmont Spay, Neuter & Wellness Clinic) – Ms. Marla Kasper – No probable cause, dismissed

Dr. Dean made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Newman, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 9. The report from Committee 9 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

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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.

Mrs. Newman, 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 Dr. Holland, seconded by Dr. Cannedy, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM  
Executive Director