

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, November 17, 2016**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, DVM called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Jane A. Barber, Susan K. Bull, Dwight E. Cochran, R. Douglas Meckes, and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey, and Deputy Director, Dr. Tod Schadler.

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

The September 8, 2016, Board meeting minutes, upon motion by Dr. Cochran and seconded by Dr. Bull, were approved.

The Board welcomed newest staff member, Alice Anne Roberts, to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board.

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Board member Robin Lazaro, RVT joined the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

The Board Investigator reported on his activities since the last meeting. The Investigator left the meeting at 8:28 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported from her attendance at the recent meeting of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) that an ongoing topic continued to be the issue of reciprocal veterinary medical licensure during emergency situations.

Dr. Gemeinhardt asked the NCVMB to re-nominate her to be on the AAVSB Board for another two years. Concurring with this request, Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Meckes, nominated Dr. Gemeinhardt to serve on the Board of AAVSB for another two years. It was approved unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported that the Committee on Investigations No. 5, will stop receiving new complaints. She has formed a new Committee on Investigations, No. 7, comprised of Dwight E. Cochran, DVM, Chair, R. Douglas Meckes, DVM, and Robin Lazaro, RVT.

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At 9:20 a.m. the Board recessed for a break, reconvening at 9:30 a.m.

The Executive Director 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.

Dr. Schadler reported on the updating of the minimum facility and practice standards which will be separated into two categories. He also introduced a proposed new practice facility inspection form for the inspectors. Dr. Schadler further provided the Board with a handout describing the proposed new NCVMB website.

The Board reviewed the 60-Day Temporary Permit Application for Yvette Maria Witte, DVM. Dr. Witte has an active veterinary license in the Dominican Republic and has received multiple permits. Following discussion Dr. Dean made a motion to not approve her application for another permit. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was amended to include that a letter requesting an explanation from Trixie L.

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Martin, DVM and Wendy Royce, DVM of Ms. Witte's job description will be sent. This motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dean made a motion to grant the request of Catherine Ashe, DVM for an extension of time to earn her 2017 continuing education credit because of extenuating circumstances. She will be allowed until June 30, 2017, to earn the required 20 hours. This motion was seconded by Dr. Cochran and approved unanimously.

Dr. Bull reported on her attendance of the AAVSB meeting that was held September 22-24, 2016. No further action was taken.

Dr. Barber and Dr. Dean reported on the FARB meeting they attended September 29-October 2, 2016. No further action was taken.

The Board took a break from 11:50 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

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The Board set the dates for the 2017 Board. Meetings in 2017 will be held January 12, March 9, May 4, June 29, August 24, October 12, and November 30.

At 12:15 p.m. Dr. Meckes left the meeting.

At 12:20 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Jordan and Dr. Clark Gaither gave an updated report from the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP). Dr. Gaither has just started working for NCVHP. In addition to other duties, he will be providing assessments in the Asheville, North Carolina area. The NCVHP new web site will be up and running on December 1, 2016. They left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran, to initiate rule making to amended 21 NCAC 66.0206 – Minimum Standards for Continuing Education. This motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Bull, seconded by Dr. Barber, made a motion to initiate rule making to amended 21 NCAC 66.0106 – Current Information Required by the Board. This motion passed unanimously.

At 2:15 p.m. the Board recessed for a break, reconvening at 2:25 p.m.

Dr. Meckes returned to the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The Board recognized outgoing Board Member Mrs. Katie O. Morgan for her nine years of service on the Board.

Mr. Thomas Mickey announced that Mrs. Krissie Newman has been appointed as the public member to the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board to replace Mrs. Morgan.

Mrs. Katie Morgan left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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At 2:40 p.m., pursuant to G.S. § 90-143-318.11(a)(3), Dr. Cochran made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, and unanimously passed, to enter into closed session for discussion of an employee review.

At 4:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

At 4:17 p.m. the Board recessed for break and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

A motion to ratify the motions passed in closed session was made by Dr. Cochran and seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion was passed.

Dr. Bull made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran, to approve the Amended Consent Order concerning Dr. Paula Bullock. This motion was approved unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

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- 2015039-1 **Melissa Bame Massey, DVM** (Alamance Countryside Mobile Veterinary Service) – Ms. Tina L. Brantley – Continued
- 2016024-1 **Lisa Morton, DVM** (Brigadoon Animal Hospital) – Ms. Megan Willerson – Letter of Caution
- 2016020-1 **Mary Catheine Odom, DVM and Spencer Lee Ellis, DVM** (A Country Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. June Goess – No Probable Cause for both veterinarians
- 2016028-1 **Jennifer Marie Hoch, DVM** (CVS Referral Animal Hospital) – Ms. Callie Haithcock – No Probable Cause
- 2016026-1 **Adam Webb Sisk, DVM** (Davie County Large Animal Hospital) – Ms. Shelley Lilly – Continued
- 2016021-1 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care) – Mr. Justin Berry & Cheralyn Schmidt – Continued

A motion to accept the report and recommendations by Committee for Investigations No. 1 was made Dr. Cochran and seconded by Dr. Meckes. The motion passed unanimously.

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014054-2 **Poppy Masterson, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay
Neuter Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nevils – Continued

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 5

2016013-5 **Robert Ray Rednour, DVM** (Large Animal Veterinary
Services) – Ms. Alice Edwards – No Probable Cause

2016009-5 **Fernando Cardenas, DVM** (3H Mobile Veterinary
Services) – Ms. Kimberly Ely – Continued

2016018-5 **Tracy Lynn Tinsley, DVM** (3H Mobile Veterinary
Services) – Ms. Denise Bricker – No Probable Cause

2016011-5 **Fernando Cardenas, DVM** (3H Mobile Veterinary
Services) – Ms. Leigh Crenshaw – Continued

2016022-5 **Summer Lyn Shivers, DVM** (Brawley Animal
Hospital)- Ms. Marilyn Ciociola – No Probable Cause

2016025-5 **Richard E. Killough, DVM** (Long Animal Hospital) –
Ms. Melissa Santos – No Probable Cause

2016027-5 **Elizabeth Rose Cox, DVM** (CVS-South Charlotte) –
Mr. Andrew Rawls – Letter of Caution

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2016029-5 **Sean Robert Allers, DVM** (North Mecklenburg Animal Hospital) – Mr. Gary Evans and Paula Purvis – No Probable Cause

2016023-5 **Michael Dennis Herman, DVM** (South Charlotte Animal Hospital – now Friendship Animal Hospital) – Ms. Aimee Vowinckel – Letter of Reprimand and a Letter of Caution

Dr. Barber made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bull, to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dean made a motion to approve the expenses for the Board Meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Bull. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Cochran, seconded by Dr. Dean, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director