

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 21, 2025**

At 1:40 p.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; Ronald Komich, DVM; Edward Faulkner, DVM; Allen Cannedy, DVM; Tim Gold; Robin Lazaro, RVT; and Andrea Gentry- Apple, DVM. Board member Michael Martin, DVM was not present. Also present were Keith West, Executive Director; Melissa Bowman, Deputy 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 N.C.G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

At 1:42 p.m., pursuant to G.S. § 143.318.11 (a)(3) and (6), a motion was made to go into closed session by Edward Faulkner, DVM and seconded by Robin Lazaro, RVT. The motion was approved unanimously.

At 1:48 p.m., Allen Cannedy, DVM made a motion to leave closed session and Edward Faulkner, DVM seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Final Review and Summary of Action Items:**

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Executive Director, Keith West will notify Kristian Sean Rhein, DVM,  
that the Board will deny his application for licensure.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by  
Robin Lazaro, RVT, seconded by Edward Faulkner, DVM, passed  
unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith West  
Executive Director