President Joseph Gordon, D.V.M., called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 8:15 A.M. Others in attendance were Board members Drs. David Brooks, Herbert Justus, Amy Lewis, David Marshall, and Kenneth Padgett. The Board Attorney, Mr. George Hearn, and Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey were also present. Members of the public in attendance were Ms. Nancy & Edna Deas.

The Executive Director read the minutes of the June 14, 2001, meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Brooks, the minutes were approved as corrected.

The Board reviewed the lack of response of Mr. John Brochu to the Board’s letters of inquiry. Dr. Padgett made a motion to reconsider the motion of August 25, 2000, concerning equine dental services. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The motion of August 25, 2000, read as, “A veterinarian may provide equine dental services through the direct supervision of an individual who the veterinarian has determined is competent to assist the veterinarian in providing these services.” The motion of August 25, 2000, failed with all members of the
Board opposed. The Executive Director is to inform Mr. Brochu that the motion of August 25, 2000 was reconsidered and did not pass.

The Board reviewed the information from the last meeting concerning the veterinarian who, according to the Jacksonville Daily News, held a tomcat neuter clinic at Moore Stables. Dr. Lewis made a motion to reconsider the motion made at the last meeting to initiate a Board complaint against the veterinarian in question. Dr. Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed with Dr. Padgett abstaining. Dr. Lewis made a motion to not initiate a complaint against the veterinarian in question, but to instead send a letter explaining the Administrative Rules concerning minimum facility and practice standards. The motion passed with Dr. Brooks opposed and Dr. Padgett abstaining.

The Board discussed Dr. John Lemay and his failure to pay the Civil Monetary Penalty and recovery of costs. Dr. Lewis made a motion to send him a letter requesting payment. If he does not pay within ten days following the receipt of that letter, a notice of hearing is to be issued for a violation of the Board order. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
The Board reviewed the status on the hiring of an investigator for the Board. The Board further redefined the role and position of an investigator. The Executive Director to proceed with filling the position.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 9:25 A.M. for a five-minute break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 9:37 A.M.

Dr. Gordon reported on his trip to Boston to attend the American Association of Veterinary State Boards’ meeting. No further action was taken.

The Board reviewed the status of the Practice Act revisions. No further action was taken.

Dr. Lewis made a motion to rescind the motion of the June meeting to send Kathleen J. Nazar, D.C. a letter stating that veterinary orthopedic manipulation is allowed if prescribed in a veterinarian-client-patient-
relationship under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian at an inspected veterinary practice facility. A letter is to be sent to Dr. Nazar stating that the law does not permit veterinary orthopedic manipulation by anyone other than a licensed veterinarian. Dr. Justus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hearn reported that the Court of Appeals case of Ms. Karen Keltz is to be heard on Monday, August 27, 2001.

Mr. Hearn reported that House Bill 722 has passed and was signed by Governor Michael F. Easley on July 12, 2001.

Mr. Hearn discussed with the Board possible dates for administrative hearings. The Board took no further action.

The Executive Director distributed a financial report to the Members of the Board. Dr. Lewis made a motion to approve the report. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 10:35 A.M. for a break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 10:47 A.M.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

00011-2-1  Ms. Donna F. Secrest, R.V.T., (Complaint by the Board) – Consent Order.

00046-2-1  Dr. Jonathan Kent-Kealii Stone, (Complaint by the Board) – Consent Order.


01011-1-1  Dr. George R. Silver, (Complaint by Mr. & Mrs. Glenwood R. Smith) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01016-5-1  Ms. Marguerite Yates, R.V.T., (Complaint of Ms. Marjorie Waynick) - Probable cause for a hearing. Notice of Hearing to be issued.

01003-1-1  Dr. Joni Lee Carson (Gnyp), (Complaint of Ms. Patty Poeth) – Reconsidered at the request of Ms.
Poeth. No change to previous decision to issue a Letter of Caution.

01018-1-1 Dr. Michael E. Sink and Dr. Diego Igacio Munoz, (Complaint of Ms. Betty Robertson) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01027-1-1 Dr. Rebecca Bradley Ferguson, (Complaint of Ms. Wanda M. Pollard) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Caution.

01021-1-1 Dr. Jeannine Michelle Hostetter, (Complaint of Ms. Nancy & Edna Deas) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01022-5-1 Ms. Stephanie Ann Ross, R.V.T., (Complaint of Ms. Nancy & Edna Deas) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01020-1-1 Dr. Wendy Alphin Jones, (Complaint of Nancy & Edna Deas) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

01025-1-1 Dr. Christa A. Gallagher, (Complaint of Ms. Shelly L. Brown) – Dismissed, no probable cause.
Dr. Lewis made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 1 report. Dr. Padgett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

01012-1-7 Dr. Christina Marie Boyd, (Complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Eric Bolden) – Disciplinary action, Letter of Caution.

01015-1-7 Dr. Steven Joseph Farance, (Complaint of Ms. Jean Ingold) – Disciplinary action; Letter of Caution.

01017-1-7 Dr. Frederick J. Knowles, (Complaint of Mr. George Durham) – Disciplinary action, Letter of Reprimand.

01026-1-7 Dr. Claude S. Kidd and Dr. William H. White, (Complaint of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Young) – Disciplinary actions, Letter of Reprimand and $1,000 civil monetary penalty against Dr. Kidd and a Letter of Caution against Dr. White.
01025-1-7 Dr. Michael J. Puckett, (Complaint of Ms. Ginger Roseman) – Dismissed, no probable cause.

Dr. Marshall made a motion to approve the Committee on Investigations Number 7 report. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 12:20 P.M. for a break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Mr. Hearn spoke on behalf of the Committee on Investigation and the Board concerning complaint number 01022-5-1, filed by Ms. Nancy & Edna Deas against Stephanie Ann Ross, R.V.T. The Committee cannot find an intentional misrepresentation by Ms. Ross and there is no ground for a disciplinary action.

Dr. Padgett made a motion to approve the application for licensure as a veterinarian from Jack E. Bonham, D.V.M. Dr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
The Board reviewed the information concerning PetMed Express a non-resident pharmacy providing prescriptions to North Carolina residents. The Board took no further action.

The Board discussed VetSound, Inc., which is a business corporation that is not owned by a veterinarian, and its possible delivery of veterinary services. Dr. Lewis is to investigate further and report back at the next Board meeting.

The Executive Director discussed records retention with the Board. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed including a statement in the next President’s letter about a mobile unit being a representation of the profession to the public. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed developing a list of priorities for the revisions to the Veterinary Practice Act. No further action was taken.
The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing office space for the Board. A meeting is to be scheduled with Mr. Franklin Freeman to further explore this possibility.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 2:20 P.M. for a break.

The regular meeting of the Board reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

The Board discussed General Statutes 44A, Statutory Liens and Charges and how they apply to the practice of veterinary medicine. No further action was taken.

The Board discussed what appears to be the corporate ownership of veterinary practice facilities by non-veterinarians. Mr. Hearn is to send a letter of inquiry to those veterinarians who appear to be in-charge or owning facilities of this nature.

The Board discussed the possibility of sending a letter to all veterinarians about the services of a consulting veterinarian and the veterinary-client-patient-relationship, the delivery of services to the public or
another veterinarian, and the maintaining of medical records. This letter could be part of the president’s letter. No further action was taken.

Dr. Marshall discussed with the Board the possibility of a joint letter with the Board and the Department of Agriculture concerning veterinary practice facilities that provide boarding. No further action was taken.

On a motion by Dr. Lewis, seconded by Dr. Justus, the Board approved the actual expenses for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote upon a motion by Dr. Justus and seconded by Dr. Padgett at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director