

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, May 12, 2022**

At 8:01 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 and virtually through Zoom. Present in person were the following Board members: Drs. Michael Martin, Ronald Komich, Kent Dean, Azure Holland, and Allen Cannedy. Robin Lazaro, RVT, and Mr. Timothy Gold were present. Also present in person were Board Attorney, Matthew Skidmore, and Dr. Tod J. Schadler, Executive Director. Board President Dr. Susan Bull was present via Zoom.

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 through Zoom: Claire Holley, Executive Director for NCVMA; Ed Faulkner, DVM, President elect for NCVMA; Maureen Susi, President of NCAVT; Jon Carr, attorney for North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association (NCVMA); Dr. Joseph Wright, Chief Inspector for NCVMB; Gail Thomssen, Humane Society of US; Dr.

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Dante Martin, President of NCVMA; Kristin Block, Block Sport Hounds; John McHugh, Director of State Legislature ASPCA; Dr. Steven Marks, NCSU Associate Dean; and Dr. Joseph Jordan, CEO, NC Physician's Health Program (NCPHP) joined in person.

The March 10, 2022 Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Changes were recommended regarding grammar. Dr. Komich made a motion to accept minutes after corrections were made and Dr. Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business - Reports:**

**Nomination Committee Report:**

Dr. Bull recommended positions from the nomination committee to be Dr. Holland as President, Dr. Cannedy as Vice President, and Mrs. Lazaro as the Secretary/Treasurer. All board members voted in favor of the recommendations.

**AAVSB Meeting Report:**

All board members are looking forward to the conference as it will be very informative.

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**Position Statement: Definition of “Specialist”**

Dr. Schadler discussed position statements, definition of a “specialist”, and information from the AVMA. He stated that there have been complaints about Veterinarians at facilities who were listed as a “specialist” without being Board certified. He also stated that there should be clarification of the definition of “specialist” as it can be misleading to the public.

Dr. Komich made a motion to approve the definition of “specialist” and Mrs. Lazaro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Veterinary Reciprocity:**

Information the Board received regarding Reciprocity was reviewed and discussed. The NCVMB felt there was not currently a need to make changes to the Practice Act.

**President’s Report:**

Dr. Bull stated that the AAVSB named Dr. Schadler as an interim to their Board of Directors. Dr. Bull stated that this will be Dr. Dean’s last

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meeting but he is still active until the Governor appoints his replacement. She thanked him for his service, time, and accomplishments over the past 10 years.

**Board Dates for 2022:**

<b>Board Meeting Date</b>	<b>Committee 8 Dates</b>	<b>Committee 9 Dates</b>
January 13, 2022	January 12, 2022	January 5, 2022
March 10, 2022	March 9, 2022	March 2, 2022
May 12, 2022	May 11, 2022	May 4, 2022
July 7, 2022	July 6, 2022	June 29, 2022
September 8, 2022	September 7, 2022	August 31, 2022
November 10, 2022	November 9, 2022	November 2, 2022

**North Carolina Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) Report:**

Dr. Joseph Jordan presented copies of the report and gave an update on the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program.

The NCVHP Scholarship brochure draft will be ready for distribution by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The brochure will provide a better understanding of what the scholarship program can and cannot do for Veterinarians.

**State Veterinarian's Report:**

Dr. Martin gave an update on the status of African Swine Fever and Avian influenza. Dr. Martin also discussed information regarding the vaccine for Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease.

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**Legislative Committee Update:**

Deputy Director Keith West reported that there are no changes from the previous report. House bill changes are still under consideration. Both Mr. West and Dr. Schadler explained that the approved proposed legislation language from the January 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting should be modified to increase the inspection fee from \$125.00 to \$150.00.

There was a discussion of the purpose and reasoning for the increase. Dr. Schadler asked for approval of the increase.

Dr. Komich made the motion to increase the fee from \$125 to \$150. Dr. Holland seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Chief Inspector's Report:**

Dr. Wright reported there have been 157 inspections since the last meeting. Dr. McFetridge did 22 inspections, Dr. Jeffer did 39 inspections, Dr. Peer did 66 inspections, and Dr. Wright did 30 inspections. There have also been 15 new facility requests.

At 9:30 a.m. the board took a break and reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

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**Attorney's Report:**

Mr. Skidmore reported that there have been 52 closing letters completed since January, and currently working on 15 which will bring the total to 67 by the next meeting.

Mr. Skidmore also stated that the board members are up to date on the Ethics training.

**AAVSB Conference Planning Report:**

Mrs. Robin Lazaro gave the conference committee update stating that they met mid- April and narrowed down topics for the agenda.

**Student Liaison Report:**

No report. The new student liaison was not able to attend.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Dr. Schadler presented the status report of the number of active Veterinarians and Registered Veterinary Technicians. He reviewed the

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NCVMB's finances and accounts and reported the Board continues to do well financially. Discipline/ Civil Monetary payments are still up to date.

**Old Business:** None

At 9:52 a.m. Dr. Bull asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters. Deputy Director Keith West and Office Administrator Brittany Joyner were asked to step out during the discussion.

At 10:43 a.m Dr. Cannedy made the motion to go into open session and Dr. Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

At 10:43 a.m. Dr. Bull asked for a motion to go back into closed session pursuant to GS § 143-318.11(a)(3) to review complaints with the Board's Attorney. Dr. Martin made the motion and it was seconded by Dr. Cannedy. Motion approved unanimously.

At 12:44 p.m. Dr. Dean recused himself for the discussion of case 2022006-9 and returned at 12:53 p.m.

At 1:20 p.m. the Board returned to open session after Dr. Martin made the motion and Dr. Cannedy seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

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Dr. Dean read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 8.

**Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8**

- a. 2022002- 8 – Tracy L. Borst, DVM (Spay- Neuter Assistance Program of NC) – Ms. Maureen Keenan – Dismissed, no probable cause
- b. 2022003-8 – Rachelle M. Khare, DVM (Whole Pet Veterinary Hospital- Mountain Island) – Mr. Lewis German - continued to be review at the next board meeting
- c. 2022014- 8 – William R. Hutchison, DVM (Cleveland Animal Hospital) – Ms. Cynthia Ellis – Dismissed, no probable cause
- d. 2021092-8 – Edward B. Peurifoy, DVM- (Cabarrus Animal Hospital) – Ms. Roxanne Barnes – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2022010-8 – Charles W. Miller, DVM – (Triangle Veterinary Hospital, Inc) – Ms. Emily Rudd – Letter of Caution
- f. 2022017-8- Federico N. Rivero, DVM – (Caldwell Animal Hospital) – Mr. Travell Hill- Dismissed, no probable cause
- g. 2022022-8 – Carol L. Allred, DVM – (Wilkes Animal Hospital, P.C.) – Ms. Cindy Michaels- Dismissed, no probable cause

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Komich, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 8. The report of Committee 8 was approved. 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 mailed to the



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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. Lazaro read into the minutes the recommendations from Committee on Investigation No. 9.

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

- a. 2022007-9 – Margurette M. Straley, DVM – (Reidsville Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Mary S. Law– Letter of Caution
- b. 2022009-9 – Morgan C. Hackett, DVM- (Triangle Veterinary Referral Hospital) – Ms. Jessica Wistuk – Dismissed, no probable cause
- c. 2022011-9 – Jason R. Hefner, DVM – (Lake Hickory Veterinary Hospital) - Ms. Jessica Queen – Letter of Caution
- d. 2022021-9 – Tina Whitted, DVM – (Conover Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Bethany Hopkins – Dismissed, no probable cause
- e. 2022018-9 - Michael B. Schindler, DVM – (North End Veterinary Clinic) – Ms. Deborah Beasley – Letter of Reprimand
- f. 2022006-9 - William Kent Dean, DVM and Jayme L. Thomason, DVM – (Southern Oaks Animal Hospital) – Ms. Cindy Zimmers – Dismissed, no probable cause
- g. 2022019-9 – Peter T. Gilyard, DVM – (Clemmons Veterinary Clinic) – Mr. Eric Meadley – continued to be reviewed at the next committee meeting

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- h. 2022013-9 – Melissa R. Stoll, DVM, Laurie A. Parish, DVM, and Kimberly D. Toombs, DVM – (Atlantic Animal Hospital and Pet Care Resort) – Ms. Louise Lyons – Dismissed, no probable cause

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cannedy, to approve the report from Committee on Investigations No. 9. The report from Committee 9 was approved unanimously. Dr. Dean recused himself from the closed session discussion regarding case 2022006-9 and abstained from the vote to approve the report of Committee 9. 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 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.

**Other Business:** None

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**Approval of Expenses:**

Dr. Cannedy made a motion to approve the boards expenses, and it was seconded by Dr. Dean. The expenses were approved unanimously.

The Board having no further business, a motion to adjourn made by Dr. Martin, seconded by Ms. Lazaro, passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tod J. Schadler, DVM  
Executive Director