

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Minutes

Date: April 5, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

Location: Iris Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: R. A. Tai Federico, D.V.M., Vice-President
Kim D. Johnson, D.V.M.
Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary
Robert J. Simpson, D.V.M.
Elizabeth B. Thompson, D.V.M.
Karen S. Walsh, L.V.M.T.
Ann Strong, Public Member

Members Absent: Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

Staff Present: Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator
Lisa Lampley, Board Director
LaChina McKinney, Board Attorney

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Federico at 9:05 a.m.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Board members reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to approve the December 1, 2016 minutes. The motion carried.

Applicant Interviews

Amy L. Butler, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Amy L. Butler, DVM**. Dr. Butler was not present. Dr. Johnson recused herself and spoke on behalf of Dr. Butler. Dr. Butler answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. Butler submitted a written explanation regarding a 2010 conviction for Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Krista B. Cooper, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Krista B. Cooper**. Ms. Cooper was not present. Dr. Federico recused himself and spoke on behalf of Ms. Cooper. Ms. Cooper answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Cooper submitted a written explanation regarding a 2012 conviction for Reckless Endangerment. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Mary A. Gardner, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Mary A. Gardner, DVM**. Dr. Gardner was not present. Dr. Gardner answered “no” to the question on the application regarding any disciplinary action in another state. Licensure verification received from the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners indicated disciplinary action in 2014. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to defer action on the file and to request Dr. Gardner’s presence at the next board meeting. The motion carried.

Courtney P. Louk, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Courtney P. Louk**. Ms. Louk answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Louk was present to answer any questions from the members of the board regarding convictions in 2012 for Poss Open Alcohol Beverage Container in a Motor Vehicle; Person 18-20 Poss/Purch/ATT Purch/Hae Another Purch Alcohol; Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Alcohol/Drugs. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Taylor M. Nicolle, L.V.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary technician submitted by **Taylor M. Nicolle**. Ms. Nicolle answered “no” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Nicolle was present to answer any questions from the

members of the board regarding a 2010 conviction for Alcohol-Minor/Possession. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Samuel A. Samir, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinarian submitted by **Samuel A. Samir, DVM**. Dr. Samir is a graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Beni-Suef Egypt. Dr. Samir personally submitted a certified copy of his final transcript as part of the application process. Dr. Samir stated that due to civil problems it would take many years for the transcript to be received directly from the school. He requested that the submitted certified copy be accepted for licensure in Tennessee. Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report

Ms. LaChina McKinney, Board Attorney, reported the Office of General Counsel has twelve (12) open cases pertaining to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. There are four (4) Consent Orders and one (1) Order of Compliance to be presented to the Board at this meeting.

Consent Order – Sally B. Beaumont, D.V.M.

Dr. Beaumont was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. LaChina McKinney, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Beaumont practiced in a veterinary facility without a premises permit from March 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Dr. Beaumont agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) plus costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Consent Order – Robert P. Parsonson, D.V.M.

Dr. Parsonson was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. LaChina McKinney, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Parsonson failed to document and properly maintain accurate records for patients on more than one occasion and was found in violation of rules pertaining to professional incompetence. Dr. Parsonson agreed to a reprimand of his license to practice veterinary medicine and agreed to obtain five (5) continuing education hours on recordkeeping and ten (10) continuing education hours on internal medicine. These hours are in addition to continuing education hours required to maintain licensure. He agreed to pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried with Ms. Strong opposed.

Consent Order – Miranda A. Lilly, D.V.M.

Dr. Lilly was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. LaChina McKinney, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Lilly engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine at Ferguson Animal Hospital from February 12, 2016 to June 28, 2016 without a Tennessee license. Dr. Lilly agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) plus costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried with Ms. Strong opposed. The Board requested that a companion case be opened on the supervising veterinarian who allowed the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.

Consent Order – Arlyn B. Blazer, D.V.M.

Dr. Blazer was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. LaChina McKinney, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Blazer practiced in a veterinary facility without a premises permit from about February 2011 to January 2017. Dr. Blazer agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of seven thousand and one hundred dollars (\$7,100.00) plus costs of the proceedings. Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

Order of Compliance – Sheila A. Jackson, C.A.E.T.

Ms. LaChina McKinney, Board Attorney, presented the Order of Compliance to the Board. Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

Investigations and Disciplinary Report

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently twenty (20) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Dorroh also provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders.

Legislative Update

The following legislation was reviewed:

SB0519/HB0568- This bill requires pet store operators to provide customers with a list of the purchaser's rights, which the bill goes on to describe. Under this bill the purchaser would have fourteen (14) days to have a dog examined by a veterinarian to determine whether the dog was unfit for purchase. If the dog is deemed unfit for purchase, then the customer could seek reimbursement from the pet store. The method for seeking reimbursement and the limits on reimbursement also are prescribed in the bill. This bill does not directly impact the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

SB0063/HB0251- The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners currently terminates on June 30, 2017. This bill extends the Board to June 30, 2021.

SB0755/HB0896- This bill adds that a governmental animal control agency must prominently display, in its main facility, its certification for chemical capture. This bill will take effect upon becoming a law.

SB0989/HB1103- This bill adds a new section under the Dogs and Cats Spay/ Neuter Law requiring a 48 hour holding period before a shelter, public or private entity or other facility may spay or neuter an animal if the agency has reason to know (via tags, microchip or other knowledge) that the animal has an owner. During the holding period, the agency must attempt to contact the owner and maintain a written record of such attempt which must be maintained for 3 years. This act would take effect July 1, 2017. This bill does not directly impact the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Review/Discussion – Proposed Rule Amendments

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed rule amendments pertaining to Veterinarians (Chapter 1730-01) and Veterinary Facilities (Chapter 1730-02) received from Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and VIP - PetCare.

Dr. Walter Clark was present to answer questions from members of the board regarding the proposed rule amendments submitted from TVMA. Mr. John Farris, Attorney and Mr. Thomas Kerr, were present to answer questions from members of the board regarding proposed rule amendments submitted from VIP Pet-Care. The Board also received comments from Dr. James L. Everett, Facility Inspector for Middle and East TN regions, regarding the proposals.

Ms. LaChina McKinney, Board Attorney, stated she would prepare a draft to be presented to the Board at the next meeting for their review and consideration of authorizing a rulemaking hearing.

2018 Board Meeting Dates

The Board confirmed the following meeting dates for calendar year 2018:

April 11 & 12
August 2 & 3
December 5 & 6

Discussion – 2017 American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual Meeting

Upon discussion, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approved funding for Ms. LaChina McKinney, Ms. Lisa Lampley, and one board member to attend the 2017 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference scheduled to be held September 14 – 16, 2017 in San Antonio, TX.

Report - Controlled Substance Monitoring Database Program

Dr. Ladd attended the meeting held on March 21, 2017 and gave a brief update on the work of the committee. Members of the board agreed to rotate attendance at the meeting and reviewed the upcoming 2017 meeting dates.

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Dr. Simpson agreed to review requests for approval of continuing education hours and make recommendations to the board regarding approval/disapproval. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Walsh will continue to review courses until their term expires and/or a replacement board member is appointed.

Inspection Status Report

A total of one hundred sixty-three (163) inspections were conducted during the period of November 2016 thru February 2017.

Director's Report

Ms. Lampley expressed her appreciation to the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) for the opportunity to once again participate in the Music City Veterinary Conference held February 24 – February 26, 2017 in Murfreesboro, TN. Approximately eighty-five (85) students from the UT College of Veterinary Medicine attended the conference on Friday and Ms. Lampley spoke to them about the licensure process.

Ms. Lampley spoke about the licensure process to the graduating students of the veterinary technology program at Columbia State Community College (approximately twenty-six students) on March 23, 2017 and will be speaking to the students at Chattanooga State Community College (approximately seventeen students) on April 10th, and to the students at UT – Martin on a date to be determined.

Ms. Lampley informed board members the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA), formerly the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, provides an opportunity for licensing board members to view a form of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) and requested that any interested board members let her know and she would be glad to make the arrangements.

Report of Total Active Licensees as of March 7, 2017:

Veterinarians:	2,312
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	740
Veterinary Facilities:	823

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	268
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	66
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians:	3
Animal Chemical Capture Certification:	1

Continuing Education Audit Report

A total of twenty-three (23) veterinarians were audited during the period of July 2016 thru December 2016. Four (4) licensees were found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements. A total of six (6) veterinary technicians were audited during this same period. One (1) licensee was found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements.

Continuing Education Course Approval

The following requests for approval of continuing education hours were reviewed:

A request from **Hill's Pet Nutrition** for approval of continuing education hours for the following presentations to be presented to veterinary technicians at various locations:

- “**Basic Nutrition – Parts 1 and 2**” – 2 hrs.
- “**Feeding Dogs and Cats**” – 1 hr.
- “**Nutritional Math Oh Boy!**” – 1 hr.
- “**Pet Food Industry**” – 1 hr.
- “**Pet Food Labels: Facts & Fallacies**” – 1 hr.
- “**Application of Preventive Care in Veterinary Practice**” – 1 hr.
- “**Nutritional Assessment**”- 1 hr.
- “**Obesity Management – Parts 1 and 2**” – 2 hrs.
- “**Kidney Disease**” – 1 hr.
- “**Urolithiasis in Dogs and Cats**” - 1 hr.

A request from **IDEXX** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a “**Hematology Wetlab**” for veterinary technicians to be held in Gallatin, TN.

A request from **Merck** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on “**Bravecto**” held August 23, 2016 in Martin, TN and September 20, 2016 in Arrington, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled “**The Truth About Heartworms**” to be held May 17, 2017 in Memphis, TN and May 18, 2017 in Jackson, TN.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialists** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for each of the following sessions to be held in Nashville, TN:

“**The Coughing Dog with a Heart Murmur – Diagnostic and Treatment Challenges**” – April 11th

“Taking the Bite Out of Compassion Fatigue” – June 14th

“Taking the Bite Out of Compassion Fatigue” – December 13th

A request from **Royal Canin US** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation entitled **“Come Have a Bite”** to be held May 23, 2017 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Safe Capture International Inc.** for approval of sixteen (16) continuing education hours for the training workshop **“Chemical Immobilization of Animals”** held February 22 – 23, 2017 in Gatlinburg, TN.

A request from the **Tennessee Bar Association** for approval of four and one-half (4.5) continuing education hours for the **“Animal Law Annual Forum 2017”** held May 12, 2017 in Murfreesboro, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on the topic: **“Cytopoint: Next Generation Therapy for Canine Atopic Dermatitis”** held January 25, 2017 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on **“Dermatology”** held March 21, 2017 in Knoxville, TN and March 22, 2017 in Johnson City, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on **“Cytopoint”** and **“Simparica”** held March 08, 2017 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Veterinary Ophthalmology Services** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for each of the following lectures to be held in calendar year 2017 at the Nashville and Chattanooga office locations:

“Ophthalmic Examination in Dog and Cat” + Wet Lab

“Diagnosis and Treatment of Feline Ophthalmic Disease”

“I’ve Fallen and I Can’t Get Up...” The Canine Lens and its Nuances

“Ocular Emergencies”

“Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Diseases”

“Keratoconjunctivitis Sicca”

“Ulcerative Keratitis”

“Non-Ulcerative Keratitis”

A request from **Vetoquinol** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on **“Equine Behavior and Modalities Currently Available for Management of Stress and Anxiety”** and **“Equine Osteoarthritis”** held March 28, 2017 in Thompson Station, TN.

A request from **Kristi Lively, DVM** for approval of twenty-six and one-half (26.5) continuing education hours for the **“Sustainable Poultry Network USA National Conference”** held November 10 – 13, 2016 in Asheville, NC.

The Board voted to grant five (5) continuing education hours for Dr. Lively's attendance at the "Sustainable Poultry Network USA National Conference" and further stated if Dr. Lively wished to provide further detailed information regarding the conference sessions they would be willing to review again. The Board voted to approve all other courses as submitted.

Continuing Education Waiver Request(s)

The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of continuing education requirements for calendar years 2017 and 2018 submitted by **Hillary Mincher, DVM**. Dr. Mincher requested that she be allowed to obtain the twenty (20) required hours via multi-media format due to her being out of the country in Mongolia for a two-year period. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the request. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of continuing education requirements for calendar years 2016 submitted by **Neil Utkov, DVM**. Dr. Utkov requested a waiver of the requirements due to illness. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the request. The motion carried.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the presented list of newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, certified animal control agencies, and certified animal chemical capture technicians. The motion carried.

Veterinarians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Laura D. Bacon
Jamie R. Bishop
Andrew V. Bodenstein
Amy L. Bonavita
Wilson C. Brookshire
Andrea J. Carlomagno
Rachel E. Cox
Ronald D. DeForrest
Stacey L. Elwartowski
Lee C. Emery
Melanie S. Falato
Heathe D. Grech
Star M. Gregory
Myles K. Hill
Shannon M. Johnson
Laura E. Keith
April S. Marklin

Kevin S. Maschek
Robert K. McDonald
David M. McGee
Erica L. Moore
Hillary L. Morrison
Debra J. Offenbacher
Jaime Rechy Jr.
Michael S. Riddle
Jessica M. Rogers
Jordan P. Scheib
Chase A. Seyer
Lindsay D. Seyer
Sarah M. Sirica
Sarah L. Tankersley
Jessica L. Todd
Marcia M. Toumayan
Kelly E. Triana

Veterinary Medical Technicians– Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Donna L. Akin	Morgan B. Johnson
Macey D. Barnes	Kerra G. Kilgore
Brittany D. Berry	Ashlie E. Leirer
Frances N. Brokering	Christopher P. Letizia
Kayla D. Brooks	Elizabeth A. McCalester
Caroline O. Butler	Calan B. Miller
Katherine M. Caves	Katelyn E. Morris
Kirby E. Cherry	Erin M. Morrison
Samantha C. Debord	Allyson L. Payne
Stefanie N. Douglass	Megan L. Petty
Sunni R. Ellis	Xochitl Prieto
Roseanne F. Farmer	Ceceilia L. Pullen
Jamie E. Fridenberg	Chelsea L. Rankin
Melanie M. Garrity	Laura L. Smead
Leah M. Godsey	Alesia F. Steed
Mary Ann E. Grell	Kelly F. Tardif
Samantha M. Hammack	Kelli D. Vandergriff
Nicole R. Harriman	Chelsea B. Wadley
Haly N. Haynes	Karlie F. Woodard
Justyne Hughes	

Veterinary Facilities

Chattaneuter
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Community Veterinary Clinic LLC
Countryside Veterinary Hospital PLLC
Critter Care Clinic
Critter Care Cruiser
Day and Night Animal Hospital LLC
Germantown Parkway Animal Hospital
Graham Animal Clinic
Harpeth Hills Animal Hospital
Hooks Pet Clinic
Main St. Pet Wellness Center
Mountain Home Veterinary Hospital
Nippers Corner Pet Medical Center
PawsPlus
Rhea Pet Medical Center LLC

Richland Animal Clinic
Roark Small Animal Clinic
Seymour Veterinary Clinic
Stage Road Animal Hospital LLC
Veterinary Care and Specialty

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Susan E. Baker
Matthew A. Belue
Alexandra Childress
Issac T. Christopher
Kasey S. Endsley
Seith E. Hensley
Jennifer L. Holder
Jay A. Jones

Whitney J. Van Zandt
Travis C. Ollie
Amanda M. Sutter
Haley R. Woodard

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Chris Coleman, Attorney**, writing on behalf of a veterinarian licensed in Tennessee who wishes to apply in Arkansas for a license to cultivate and/or operate a medicinal marijuana dispensary. His client is requesting guidance from the Board regarding the effect (if any) that applying for such permit would have on his status as a licensed Tennessee veterinarian in good standing. Upon discussion, the Board stated they did not foresee any violations regarding his license to practice veterinary medicine in Tennessee as long as the two operations are kept separate; however, they issued a reminder that any criminal conviction is grounds for discipline of his Tennessee license. Additionally, if licensed to practice veterinary medicine in any other state and there is an infraction, that is also grounds for discipline of his Tennessee license.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 1:46 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the meeting held on August 16, 2017.