

TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES

Date: December 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m., CST

Location: Office of Health Related Boards
Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

Board Members Present: Monty McInturff, DVM
Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT, Board Vice President
Elizabeth Thompson, DVM
Samantha Beaty, DVM, State Veterinarian, ex officio member
Stephen Galloway, DVM, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent: Scott Loxley, DVM
Mark Garrett, DVM

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director
Lyndsey Boone, Regulatory Board Administrative Manager
Shara Woodard, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant
Mark Cole, Senior Associate General Counsel

Call to Order

Ms. Wereszczak called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CST. A roll call of the Board Members and Board staff present was initiated by Ms. Wallace, Unit 3 Director. Ms. Wallace informed the Board members that Dr. Robert Simpson's term had come to an end and Dr. Mark Garrett had been appointed.

Public Comments

Ms. Wallace provided notice that the Board would hear public comments during this meeting and gave instructions for doing so by signing the registry at the door. It was announced that individuals may present any applicable question or comment to the Board, however, the Board may only take action on items that are published on the agenda for this meeting. The Board then has the option request to add an item to a future meeting agenda regarding any new topic introduced by way of a public comment if they believe action may need to be taken on that particular subject.

Ms. Wallace also noted that prior to the date of any Board Meeting, any member of the public is welcome to submit a written comment or inquiry to the Board via email at Veterinary.Health@tn.gov or via postal mail addressed to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Mr. Cole reviewed the Conflict of Interest statement with the Board Members, as follows:

If you have a personal or financial interest in the outcome of any issue or matter before this board which may suggest a bias on your part, you are asked to state that interest on the record so that a determination can be made as to whether there exists a need for recusal. You are reminded that it is the duty of this board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee and that the administration of this solemn responsibility is dependent upon avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 12, 2021, Board meeting as written, with a second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 13, 2021, Taskforce Meeting as written, with a second by Dr. McInturff. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Dorsey Luther gave the investigative/monitored practitioner reports to the Board.

PERIOD: 2021 Calendar Year To-Date

COMPLAINTS

New Complaints	Veterinarian	Vet Tech	Euthanasia Tech	Facility
Substance Abuse	3	0	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	1	0	0	0
Malpractice/Negligence	13	0	0	1
Unlicensed Practice	4	1	0	3

Unprofessional Conduct	49	0	0	4
Lapsed License	2	0	1	1
Total # New Complaints	72	1	1	9
Closed Complaints				
Closed - Insufficient	10	0	0	2
Complaint Closed BIV	6	0	0	2
Complaint Closed	24	0	0	3
Closed – Letter of Concern	2	0	0	1
Closed – Warning Letter	13	0	0	1
Total # Closed Complaints	55	0	0	9
				0
Total # Currently Open Complaints	38	1	0	0

Financial Report

Finance Director, Ms. Alicia Grice presented the Fiscal Year end report that runs July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. This is the first complete fiscal year that was completely impacted by the pandemic. The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners has continued to run in the black this year. The highlights for this fiscal year are as follows:

- Total Expenditures \$553,258.45
- Board Fee Revenue \$786,904.38
- Current Year Net \$233,645.93
- Cumulative Carryover \$1,389,392.06

Ms. Grice mentioned to the Board that it appears that employee wages had jumped, however she did check to make sure that nothing was charged to the Board that was not supposed to be. Travel did not have payouts for this year but that is expected to return to normal in the next fiscal year.

Ms. Grice mentioned that the Board's Cumulative Carryover Balance was appropriate base don policy.

Discuss legislation and take action if needed

There were no legislative reports for the Board to review at this meeting.

Guest Presentation- AAVSB PAVE for Veterinary Technicians

AAVSB Executive Director, James Penrod made a brief presentation on the PAVE program for Veterinary Technicians. PAVE stands for Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education equivalence for Veterinary Technicians. This program would allow veterinary technicians to request to have documents sent directly to the AAVSB from primary source institutions to submit to the state when applications are submitted and ensure that all education transcripts would not have gaps in course curriculum. The program is potentially going to be available in early 2022. Dr. McInturff questioned if Mr. Penrod thought this process would help streamline the application process, and Mr. Penrod stated that he thought it would. Ms. Wallace brought to the Board's attention that it is already in the rules for Veterinarians to use the PAVE program. Dr. Galloway asked the staff if it would cost the Board anything to put this program into effect. Ms. Wallace informed the Board that it would not cost anything to use the PAVE program, it would just require a rule change that Mr. Cole would be able to walk them through.

Dr. Galloway made a motion for the legal staff to initiate work on a rule change for veterinary technicians, with a second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Ms. Woodard presented the Administrator's report, as follows:

PERIOD: Active Licensees as of December 2, 2021

Total # Veterinarians	2,835
Total # Veterinary Technicians	1,092
Total # Veterinary Facilities	829
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	290
Certified Animal Control Agencies	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	1

LICENSE STATUS

PERIOD: August 5, 2021-December 2, 2021

	DVM	LVMT	Vet Facility	CAET	CACA	CCT
New Licenses/Certificated Issued	73	63	52	24	4	0
Renewals - Total	425	145	72	33	11	0
<i>Number of Paper Renewals</i>	161	29	72	15	11	0
<i>Number of Online Electronic Renewals</i>	264	116	0	18	0	0
<i>Licenses Renewed Online as % of Total Renewals</i>	62%	81%	0%	28%	0	0
Retired Licenses	8	2	0	0	0	0
Expired	43	19	30	25	0	0
Closed Files	0	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntarily Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities Closed	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	0	N/A

Ms. Woodard also presented the remaining dates for the 2022 Board Meetings, as follows:

- April 13, 2022
- August 3, 2022
- December 14, 2022

Ms. Wallace reminded the Board Members that as their term of service comes to an end, they are asked to continue to sit on the Board and continue those duties until either the Board Member is reappointed to the Board or a new Board Member is appointed in their place.

Directors Report-Notice of Consultant Resignation, Dr. Walter Clark

Ms. Wallace brought to the Board's attention that long time consultant for the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Dr. Walter Clark, is resigning at the end of 2022. Mr. Cole mentioned to the Board that the position of consultant needs to be filled sooner rather than later to give the new consultant time to work alongside Dr. Clark before he steps down. Mr. Cole suggested having Dr. Simpson step into the role of consultant but would like the Board's input on any other candidates by the April 2022 board meeting. Dr. McInturff requested that Mr. Cole email out the qualifications to become a consultant.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to give Dr. Clark a plaque for his service, with a second by Dr. McInturff. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OGC Report Report

Mr. Cole gave the Office of General Counsel Report to the Board. The OGC currently has sixteen (16) open cases, one being a facility. There are two (2) cases set for hearing, and four (4) orders to present in this meeting.

The rules that are pending internal review are as follows:

1730-01-Biennial Renewal Fee

1730-03-Biennial License Renewal Fees; Composition and Method of Attainment of CE Hours

1730-05-Certificate of Completion from Euthanasia Course; Euthanasia Methods

Contested Case

John Michael Moran, DVM License#6111 Docket Number 17.25-211400A

Administrative Judge Michael Bagley presided over this case with Mark Cole as attorney for the State and Mr. Babb as attorney for the Respondent.

Dr. Moran was present for the hearing, as well as one witness speaking on Dr. Moran's behalf.

Findings of Fact: Presently, and at all relevant times, the Respondent, John Moran, DVM possessed a certificate of license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Kentucky issued by the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Dr. Moran's accreditation by the National Veterinary Accreditation Program was permanently revoked by the USDA as reflected by the notice letter dated February 11, 2019. On January 15, 2019, Dr. Moran signed a plea agreement in United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Case Number 5:18 CR-112-JMR-02. A Judgement in the Criminal Case was entered on April 23, 2019, and pursuant to that plea agreement, the Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, a violation of 18 U.S.C. 371.

In his plea agreement in the Criminal Case, Dr. Moran made the following admissions, which are collateral estoppel and therefore, as a matter of law, are facts about which there is no genuine issue:

- a. At all relevant times, Dr. Moran was a veterinarian practicing in Flemingsburg, Kentucky.
- b. Since 1980, the U.S. Department of Agriculture accredited Dr. Moran, which authorized him to fill out Interstate Certificates of Veterinarian Inspection for cattle that traveled interstate.
- c. The Animal Health Protection Act authorizes the USDA to regulate the interstate movement of cattle, to prevent the introduction or dissemination of any livestock disease.
- d. Cattle traveling interstate must be accompanied by an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, filled out by an accredited veterinarian, which includes the species and number of animals traveling, the purpose of the travel, the origination and destination addresses, and the names of the consignor and consignee.
- e. ICVIs are also filed with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.
- f. At all relevant times, Eugene Barber & Sons, Inc, was a cattle company based in Lexington, Kentucky.
- g. Beginning in or about 1998, and continuing through April 2015, Eugene Barber & Sons, Inc. and Dr. Moran Conspired to violate federal laws requiring that interstate shipments of cattle be inspected by a USDA accredited veterinarian and be accompanied with an ICVI.
- h. In furtherance of that agreement, Dr. Moran gave Barber & Sons pre-signed ICVIs in booklets of twenty-five.
- i. Barber & Sons paid Dr. Moran ten dollars per certificate.
- j. The ICVIs were otherwise blank, and Barber & Sons personnel would fill out the ICVIs to accompany interstate shipments of cattle.

- k. The ICVIs were false because Dr. Moran did not inspect the cattle before Eugene Barber & Sons, Inc. shipped them interstate.
- l. Between April 2013 and April 2015, Dr. Moran sold at least 675 pre-signed ICVIs to Barber and Sons that were used for interstate shipments of more than 60,000 cattle.
- m. On April 23, 2019, in the Criminal Case, Dr. Moran was sentenced to three years of probation and fined \$10,000.

Dr. Moran responded to questions asked by Mr. Babb, Mr. Cole, and the Board.

Break begins at 11:41am CST

Resumes at 11:48am CST

Dr. David Franklin Davenport responded to questions asked by Mr. Babb, Mr. Cole, and the Board, speaking on behalf of Dr. Moran.

Closing remarks were made by both attorneys.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to accept the findings and fact, second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to accept the conclusion of law striking from the record #5 which states "Pursuant to 201 KAR 16:010 Sec. 5, "A veterinarian shall not issue a certificate of health unless he has personal knowledge through actual examination and appropriate testing of the animal that the animal meets the requirements for the issuance of the certificate"", with a second by Dr. Thompson. The brief discussion on this motion was from Dr. Galloway that the animals in question are food animals so this rule should not apply. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. McInturff asked Judge Bagley for clarity on what the Boards options may be. Mr. Cole stated to the Board that the Board has options for Reprimand, Probation, Suspension and Revocation.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to suspend Dr. Moran's license for 3 months and after that 3 month period he would go on probation for an additional 3 years and pay for court costs, second by Dr. Thompson. In discussion, Dr. Galloway stated he believes this motion is too light and is leaning toward the revocation order. Dr. Beatty made a statement on how severe the offense is if the USDA revokes Dr. Moran's accreditation. A roll call vote was conducted: Dr. McInturff voted yes, Dr. Thompson voted no, Dr. Galloway voted no, Ms. Wereszczak voted no. The motion failed.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to accept the reasons for discussion striking paragraph 7, second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. A roll call vote was conducted: Dr.

McInturff voted no, Dr. Thompson voted yes, Dr. Galloway voted yes, Ms. Wereszczak voted yes. The motion passed.

The Board's decision was made in consideration of the Board's mission to protect the public health and welfare of the animals and people of the State of Tennessee.

Break 1:00pm CST

Resume 2:00pm CST

Consent Orders

Janet Dorte Grace, DVM License# 3554

Finding of Fact: Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 3554 on January 27, 1997, with a current expiration date of August 31, 2021.

Respondent owns and operates 5 Points Animal Hospital located in Nashville, TN.

On January 16, 2020, Board Investigators made an unannounced visit to 5 Points.

Investigators observed that Respondent's eyes were glazed, and she appeared to be impaired.

Investigators announced who they were and purpose of visits, providing Respondent with a formal letter.

Respondent was confused, thinking they were from Drug Enforcement Administration(DEA).

Investigators counted all controlled substances, and reviewed controlled drug logs. The following discrepancies were noted:

- A. Large dosages from multiple vials of injectable buprenorphine, including 10.3 mL, of a 15ml vial, labelled "19H" were unaccounted for;
- B. Large dosages from multiple vials on injectable hydromorphone, including 14mL of a 20 ml vial, labelled "20A" was unaccounted for;
- C. A 20 mL vial of injectable hydromorphone containing 16.7 mL labelled "19S" marked "broken" on the log;
- D. Large amounts of gabapentin 300mg capsules were unaccounted for including 307 capsules from a bottle labelled "19D" and 175 capsules from bottle labelled "19E"; and
- E. Large amounts of gabapentin 100mg capsules were unaccounted for including 105 capsules from a bottle labelled "19I".

Investigators were unable to determine discrepancies with tramadol 50 mg tablets due to very poor record keeping.

The requested drug invoices did not correlate with the drugs on hand.

Multiple staff member had access to the narcotic keys stored on a shelf in a box with a rock on top, inside of an unlocked office.

On September 30, 2020 the DEA obtained a Surrender for Cause of DEA Certificate from Respondent.

M.K. a former Operations Manager of 5 Points provided a detailed sworn statement and confirmed the multiple drug discrepancies, and Respondent's behaviors such as "odd mannerisms", "glassy eyed", "nose sniffing", and "spacy".

M.K. states Respondent 5 Points did not count or quantify the controlled medications, so there was no running total of amount of controlled medication left after each use.

M.K. states she informed both the practice manager, Kara Sustic, and the Administrator, Robert Grace, that controlled substances were possibly missing and should be tallied after each use. However, neither individual was interested in changing the way that controlled substances were being logged.

In September 2019 after M.K. again discussed the possible medications discrepancies with practice manager. 5 Points began counting the controlled substances.

M.K. then immediately noticed large doses of injectable buprenorphine and gabapentin were frequently missing.

On January 31, 2020 after an earlier DEA visit of January 27, 2020, M.K. states that 4 mL of buprenorphine disappeared.

J.L. stated witnessing Respondent perform a neuter at the end of 2019 with shaking hands that took over one and a half hours to complete. J.L. states the procedure usually takes twenty (20) minutes. Respondent told Department investigators on January 16, 2020 that she has not performed surgery at 5 Points since 2013 due to nerve damage to right arm.

J.L. states she saw Respondent's name on surgery schedule as recently as August 2020.

J.L. states Respondent is "very fuzzy" and behaves as though impaired.

Respondent denied working while impaired.

Respondent admits to being a patient of a pain clinic and is prescribed Nucynta 50 mg once daily, and oxycodone 10/325 mg four times daily.

Respondent denies diversion of controlled substances.

In August 2020, Respondent sold her practice to Southern Veterinary Partners.

Order: For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, specifically, Respondent agrees to Revocation of Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, license #3554 immediately upon ratification of this Order.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve the Consent Order as written for Janet Dorte Grace, DVM, with a second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Phillip D Hammock, DVM License#3144

Findings of Fact: Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 3144 on June 5, 1992, with a current expiration date of February 28, 2022.

Respondent was licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Florida, having been issued license number VM 8383.

On April 8, 2020 Respondent was disciplined by the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine (FBVM) with non-reporting Probation of one (1) year for failure to keep contemporaneously written medical records as required by the rule of FBVM (section 474.214(1)(ee), Florida Statutes (2017)). Respondent was also ordered to pay an administrative fine as well as Costs related to the investigation and prosecution of case.

Order: It is therefore ordered that pursuant to T.C.A. 63-12-106 and TENN. COMP. R. & REGS 1730-02-.15, that Tennessee veterinary license of Respondent Phillip D. Hammock, DVM, license number 3144, is hereby Reprimanded, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Consent Order.

In addition, Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN CODE ANN 63-1-144, 63-12-143, and TENN COMP R. & REGS RULE 1730-01-.15, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including but not limited to all costs assessed against the Board by the Department's Office of Investigations for this matter. These costs shall be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount

for the assessment of costs shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). All costs must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to approve the Consent Order as written for Phillip D. Hammock, DVM, with a second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vickie Howell, DVM License#2383

Findings of Fact: Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 2383 on January 25, 1984, with a current expiration date of August 31, 2022.

Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto was the owner and lead veterinarian at Vet Care Animal Hospital in Greeneville, TN.

On or about June 17, 2019, Erin Fortner (“Owner”) brought Corrie (“Patient”), a nine-year-old female West Highland Terrier, on a new patient visit to Dr. Howell.

Respondent obtained Patient’s medical history, which primarily consisted of urinary tract infections (“UTI”) and ear infections.

Respondent then performed blood work and a urinalysis which both came back normal.

Despite the normal results, Respondent continued discussing UTI’s and insisted on performing a radiograph to eliminate the possibility of bladderstones. Owner replied that Patient seemed happy and healthy and did not see the need for further testing. Respondent insisted that bladderstones could be asymptomatic and Owner eventually consented to the radiographs.

After reviewing the radiographs, Respondent concluded that Patient had bladderstones and informed Owner that there was a non-food object present in Patient’s stomach as well.

Owner maintained that Patient had no history of consuming objects and insisted that the object was probably food, but Respondent disagreed and speculated as to what the object might be.

Respondent insisted that Patient undergo emergency surgery as the stones could break, block the urethra, cause kidney failure, and cause Patient to die. Respondent’s assistant brought a squeaker from a toy and discussed coins to illustrate possible objects that might be consumed by a dog. After this warning, Owner consented to surgery to remove the stones and the object in Patient’s stomach to be performed the following morning through a minimal incision through a previous spay incision. Patient also requested a tooth cleaning while Patient was under anesthesia.

Lab tests and radiographs fail to support the diagnosis of a consumed non-food object, bladderstones, or the performance of an enterotomy.

After some delay, surgery occurred late the next afternoon. Respondent informed Owner on retrieval that she discovered no object in the stomach nor bladderstones, and therefore opened Patient's intestine, where she discovered the object to be food, specifically fenugreek seeds, and found no bladderstones. Additionally, Respondent reportedly observed irritation in the lining of the bladder and shaved the lining of the bladder. Respondent also "detached adhesions" from the bladder.

Medical records fail to reflect the performance of intestinal surgery.

Owner was unaware that Respondent would perform the various procedures and therefore, did not give consent. Medical records do not contain a signed informed consent.

Patient's legs were not shaved indicating lack of an IV during surgery. Medical records fail to reflect administration of an IV.

Patient suffered from incontinence following the surgery.

Order: For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, specifically, Respondent agrees to have her license to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, license #2383, placed on is hereby Reprimanded upon ratification of this Order.

Respondent shall also complete nine (9) hours of continuing education covering the Veterinarian-Client Relationship, Surgery, and Radiography as approved by the Division and submit proof of completion within one year from the date of ratification of this Order.

Pursuant to TENN CODE ANN 63-12-106, TENN COMP R REGS 1730-02-.15, and Board policy, Respondent must pay one (1) Type B civil penalty of five hundred (\$500.00), representing a civil penalty for performing a medical procedure absent informed consent, for a total of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in civil penalties. Said civil penalties must be paid in full within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Consent Order.

In addition, Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN CODE ANN 63-1-144, 63-12-143, and TENN COMP R & REGS RULE 1730-01-.15, the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including but not limited to all costs assessed against the Board by the Department's Office of Investigations for this matter. These costs shall be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00). All cost must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve the Consent Order as written for Vickie Howell, DVM, with a second by Dr. Galloway. For discussion Dr. Galloway made a comment to the Board that he had a problem with Dr. Howell up charging and questioned if the order was strict enough. The motion passed unanimously.

Agreed Orders

Nels David Bernander License#2939 Docket Number 17.25-214190A

Stipulations of Fact: Respondent has been at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board as a veterinarian in the State of Tennessee, having been granted license number 2939 on July 7, 1989, with a current expiration date of January 31, 2023.

On or about October 8, 2018, around 9:00 am, Emily and Toby Sharpe (“Owners”) brought in Kylo, a small breed dog that had been experiencing vomiting, poor appetite, and lethargy, to Caring Hands Animal Hospital of Franklin.

Respondent performed an examination and lab work in which the results appeared normal. Respondent questioned Owners as to if Kylo had ingested any foreign objects. Owners responded in the negative. Based on Owners’ response, Respondent did not further inquire for evidence of foreign objects. Respondent kept Kylo overnight for observation and advised Owners he would call them to discuss the results.

On October 9, 2018, Respondent ordered radiographs and x-rays. Respondent reported that he only observed food and some gas in the colon. Because of his observation, Respondent continued to treat Kylo symptomatically. Kylo did not improve.

On October 9, 2018, around 3:00 pm, Owners contacted Respondent because Respondent had yet to contact Owners to discuss the observation and test results.

On October 10, 2018, around 10:00 am, Owners called Respondent to discuss Kylo’s status. Owners were unable to reach Respondent but were promised a phone call after lunch.

After not receiving any communication from Respondent, Owners returned a call at 2:00 pm and respondent was not available. Owners called again at 4:00 pm and were then able to speak with Respondent. Respondent advised Owners that he suspected an obstruction would perform a barium series the following morning.

On October 11, 2018, around 2:00 pm, Owners contacted Respondent to discuss the barium series as Respondent had not yet contacted Owners. Respondent informed Owners that he had yet to start

the barium series, but he had administered anti-nausea medication and antibiotics. He advised Owners that he would contact them at 6:00 pm.

Respondent later started the barium series, as a result of the barium failing to pass through Kylo's colon, Respondent contacted the Owners at 10:15 pm and informed them that surgery was necessary due to an obstruction.

On October 12, 2018, around 11:30 am, Owners retrieved Kylo from Respondent and sought care from Berry Farms Animal Hospital.

Radiograph results from Berry Farms revealed a GI obstruction and emergency surgery was performed on Kylo, in which 15.75 inches of necrotic ileum was resected and anastomosed. Surgery revealed that a large portion of the ileum was completely obstructed by a hair impaction. Kylo showed brief periods of alertness and responsiveness after surgery, but never fully recovered and ultimately expired on October 14, 2018.

Order: Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, agrees to the following:

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent's certificate and license to practice veterinary medicine in the State of Tennessee Reprimanded.

Respondent must complete at least six (6) hours of Continuing Education courses related to Veterinarian-Client Relationship, and Diagnostic Imaging. These hours are to be completed in addition to the hours required to maintain licensure as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in the State of Tennessee. Proof of completion of these additional hours must be submitted within twelve (12) months of the ratification of this Agreed Order.

In addition Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN CODE ANN 63-1-144, 63-12-143 and TENN COMP R & REGS RULE 1730-01-.15 the actual and reasonable costs of prosecuting this case to the extent allowed by law, including but not limited to all costs assessed against the Board by the Department's Office of Investigations for this matter. These costs shall be established by an Assessment of Costs prepared and filed by counsel for the Department. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be \$1,000.00. All costs must be paid in full within sixty (60) days from the issuance of the Assessment of Costs.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve the agreed order as written for Dr. Nels David Bernander DVM, with a second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agreed Citations

Reid Groman, DVM License#

Respondent is licensed as a Veterinarian in the State of Tennessee by the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, license number 6852.

Respondent has failed to properly maintain sufficient continuing education credits in violation of Tenn Code Ann 63-12-120.

Respondent agrees to pay civil penalties in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and providing proof of completion of the required number of continuing education credits.

Respondent admits to the failure to obtain ten (10) hours of continuing education for 2019.

A motion was made by Dr. Galloway to approve the Agreed Citation for Reid Groman, DVM, as written, with a second made by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Interview/File Review/Waiver

Amy Kessler, DVM-Settlement of Prior Legal Action

Upon review of Dr. Kessler's application file for veterinary licensure, she answered "yes" on the application question 11B "Have you ever entered into a settlement of any legal action". The legal action was over the death of a dog that had not previously been seen in that practice and died under anesthesia. She also submitted a letter of explanation and supporting documents to the Board.

Dr. Kessler was present to answer questions from the Board.

Dr. Kessler was asked if she would like to make a statement regarding the case and she stated that everything was written in her letter to the Board and there was nothing else that she would be able to add that pertained to the case.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve the license, with a second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jamie Pickett, DVM-Board Action Follow-Up, Supervising Veterinarian

Dr. Pickett came before the Board at a previous meeting applying for veterinary licensure, as she has previously been licensed and disciplined other states. At the previous meeting, her file was reviewed, and the Board decided to approve her license contingent on her completing and signing

a letter stating she was in agreement with the Board requirements that she must not be a supervising veterinarian in the State of Tennessee for a minimum of two years and in that time she must have a supervising veterinarian, and her supervising veterinarian must be licensed in the State of Tennessee. The individual she stated would be her supervising veterinarian was not licensed in the State of Tennessee. When Dr. Pickett was informed of this, she stated that she believed he was applying for his licensure. As of the date of the Board meeting, that individual still has not applied for a license in the State of Tennessee.

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that the Administrative Office had reached out to Dr. Pickett several times before the meeting about appearing for an applicant interview and Dr. Pickett has not responded.

Dr. Galloway made a motion that the Board send Dr. Pickett a letter stating that she either close the file or respond within 30 days to meet all the criteria that the Board set for her. If she does not respond by the end of the 30 days, the Board will deny her application at the April 2022 Board meeting. Dr. Thompson seconded the motion. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison Stewart, DVM-Request for Waiver of Active Practice Requirement

Upon review of Dr. Stewart's application file for veterinary licensure, she is requesting a waiver for the requirement of active practice. She applied by reciprocity, and her application was found to be in good order except for the rule that requires actively practicing for 3 of the last 5 years. Dr. Stewart submitted a letter with her application explaining the reason that she had not actively been practicing and requesting a waiver from the board for this requirement.

Dr. McInturff asked for legal guidance from Mr. Cole if he should recuse himself due to conflict of interest. Dr. McInturff stated that he would like to vote out of respect to just having a quorum, however Mr. Cole advised him under these circumstances it would be best if he abstained from voting in Dr. Stewart's interview.

Dr. Stewart was present to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Wereszczak asked if Dr. Stewart had kept up with all of her continuing education hours. Dr. Stewart stated that she had.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to approve the active practice waiver, with second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. McInturff abstained.

Justin Woolsey, DVM- CE Waiver Request

Dr. Woolsey sent in a letter to the Board requesting an alteration for the continuing education requirement for the 2022 calendar year. He works with a Christian Veterinary Mission and lives in Mongolia. Dr. Woolsey's family made an unexpected return to the USA for personal reasons.

While in the USA, he completed more hours than was needed for the 2020 and 2021 years. Dr. Woolsey is requesting that the additional hours be used to complete the 2022 CE requirements.

Dr. Woolsey was not present to answer questions from the Board.

Ms. Wallace stated to the Board that per rule 1730-01-.12(4) “a waiver or extension of continuing education may (a) The Board may grant a waiver or extension of the need to attend and complete the required hours of continuing education, (b) waivers or extensions will be considered only on an individual basis and may be requested by submitting a written request to the Board’s administrative office, (c) a waiver or extension approved by the Board is effective for only the calendar year for which the waiver is sought unless otherwise specified in writing by the Board.”

Mr. Cole advised the Board that it may be a better option to waive the continuing education rather than attempting to restructure Dr. Woolsey’s 2022 continuing education hours.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to waive the 2022 continuing education, with a second by Dr. McInturff. There is no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Guest Presentation, TMF Currently Monitored Practitioners-Dr. Michael Baron

Dr. Baron, Medical Director for Tennessee Medical Foundation gave a brief presentation on the number of licensees that are currently being monitored and the number that have been monitored over the last ten years. Currently there are 221 participants that are being monitored, which includes 9 from the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

The monitoring cost for participants in the TMF program is \$2,090.18 per participant per year. The cost for the 9 participants from this Board is \$18,810.00, which the TMF only receives \$2500.00 per year.

Dr. Baron is requesting a formal grant with the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, due to not having a formal contract with this Board, like they do with so many other Boards in the Department.

Dr. Galloway asked Ms. Wallace what the steps would be to get a contract with the TMF. Ms. Wallace informed the Board that this program would have to go through the Request for Grant Proposal and it would be posted publicly for any program that would like to put a bid in for that grant.

Dr. Galloway made a motion for administrative staff to investigate how to get a contract going for a peer group, with a second by Dr. McInturff. There was no discussion on this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Licensure Files

Ms. Wallace informed the Board that the files presented on the Ratification List have been reviewed and found complete and in good order according to the rules for new licensure, reinstatement of license, facility premises permits and the closure of incomplete files.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to approve the Ratification List for new licenses, reinstated licenses, and closed/withdrawn files, as written, with a second made by Dr. McInturff. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification List

Licensed

Veterinary Facility	2214	Apache Trail Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2182	Bells Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2200	Bradford Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2209	Companion Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2179	Cordova Station Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2196	Critter Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2130	Cumberland Animal HospitalCorp
Veterinary Facility	2183	East Brainerd Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2181	Eastview Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2188	Easyvet Of Greater Chattanooga
Veterinary Facility	2198	Forest Hill Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2162	Goodvets The Gulch
Veterinary Facility	2184	Jackson Square Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2174	Morristown Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2167	Paws Of Hope Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2194	Petworks Animal Services
Veterinary Facility	2186	Seymour Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2212	Sullivan County Animal Shelter
Veterinary Facility	2195	Vca Mckay'S Mill Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2204	Vetco #1523
Veterinary Facility	2205	Vetco #1544
Veterinary Facility	2203	Vetco #1566
Veterinary Facility	2173	Vetco #1578
Veterinary Facility	2202	Vetco #1589
Veterinary Facility	2201	Vetco #1637
Veterinary Facility	2171	Vetco 2508

Veterinary Facility	2187	Veterinary Associates Of Murfreesboro
Veterinary Facility	2210	Village Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2240	White Bluff Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2175	White Pine Veterinary Practice
Veterinary Facility	2150	Bluegrass Veterinary Hospital Pllc
Veterinary Facility	2170	Cumberland Creek Mobile Veterinary Service Pllc
Veterinary Facility	2141	East Tennessee Veterinary Hospital Inc.
Veterinary Facility	2180	Easy Vet
Veterinary Facility	2138	Harding Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2166	Hometown Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2185	Main Street Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2177	My Pets Wellness - Hardin Station
Veterinary Facility	2178	My Pets Wellness - Kingston Corner
Veterinary Facility	2163	Pwa Operations Llc

Closed

Veterinary Facility	1408	All About Animals Db: Animal House
Veterinary Facility	1131	All Animals Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility	811	All Creatures Mobile Veterinary Services
Veterinary Facility	515	Animal Clinic Of Tullahoma
Veterinary Facility	1324	Animal House Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1264	Cumberland Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	776	Eastview Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1769	English Veterinary Care
Veterinary Facility	1271	Morristown Animal HospitalP.C.
Veterinary Facility	1525	New Hope Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1341	Southside Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2053	The Pet Hospitals - Downtown
Veterinary Facility	962	White Bluff Animal Clinic

Licensed

Veterinarian	7533	Agrawal Alea	
Veterinarian	7565	Armstrong Andrew James Dr	
Veterinarian	7545	Atamanchuk Kelsey Renee	

Veterinarian	7564	Bingham Emily	
Veterinarian	7563	Bower Catherine Nicole Dr.	
Veterinarian	7270	Brown Breanna Caitlin	
Veterinarian	7526	Butts Brittany	
Veterinarian	7511	Carlson Alexandra	
Veterinarian	7539	Coats Jill Singsank	
Veterinarian	7534	Davis Abaigeal Olive Mleziva	
Veterinarian	7524	Devine Elizabeth	
Veterinarian	6883	Dugan Breanna Crystal	
Veterinarian	7536	Dunlap Madison Marie	
Veterinarian	7506	Ferraz Vanessa Couto De	
Veterinarian	7568	Garwood Chelsea Dr	
Veterinarian	7456	Gauldin Jessica	
Veterinarian	7521	Golm Stephanie Lynn	
Veterinarian	7566	Gregorich Scott	
Veterinarian	7547	Harvey Cheryl	
Veterinarian	7544	Hill Jerri Anne Williams	
Veterinarian	7509	Huey Adam	
Veterinarian	7540	Kelly Patrick Anthony	
Veterinarian	7557	Landreth Victoria Olivia	
Veterinarian	7559	Lee Kenneth Don Dr	
Veterinarian	7552	Martin Kellie H	
Veterinarian	7505	May Megan Ellison Jean	
Veterinarian	7310	Mcadams Molly Moore	
Veterinarian	7538	Mccaffrey Claire E	
Veterinarian	7548	Mckee Erin	
Veterinarian	7531	Miler Charity Elizabeth	
Veterinarian	7560	Morse Sarah Christine	
Veterinarian	7523	Muth Jill Renee	
Veterinarian	7535	Nance Heather	
Veterinarian	7561	Naroo Courtney Eleanor	
Veterinarian	7447	O'Bryan Hannah Rose	
Veterinarian	7445	Powers Alexa Kim	
Veterinarian	7546	Reum Jessica Dr.	
Veterinarian	7537	Rhue Lauren Elise	
Veterinarian	7554	Sanders Julie N Dr.	
Veterinarian	7495	Sandler-Burtness Emily Allyn	
Veterinarian	7550	Spencer Debora J	

Veterinarian	7515	Stewart Katrina Jane	
Veterinarian	7542	Stokes Jennifer	
Veterinarian	7541	Vigeral Mariana	
Veterinarian	7543	Wilcosky Amy L.	
Veterinarian	7528	Williams Laura Elisabeth	
Veterinarian	7569	Wilson Laura Stanton Dr	

Reinstated

Veterinarian	7178	Arnold Jesse	
Veterinarian	2973	Badger Charles R Sr	
Veterinarian	1712	Collins Randall M	
Veterinarian	5549	Franco Michele Ann	
Veterinarian	5960	Greenberg Michael Jason	
Veterinarian	5370	Gripshover Ellie May	
Veterinarian	6852	Groman Reid P	
Veterinarian	6232	Mitchell Megan Michelle	
Veterinarian	3179	Myers Robert Daniel	
Veterinarian	6308	Page Ashlee Mae	
Veterinarian	4052	Scott Jason Alan	
Veterinarian	6742	Smith Hannah Jane	
Veterinarian	4051	Talley Carrie Ruth	
Veterinarian	6426	Thompson Kristina Ann	
Veterinarian	3172	Whistler Suzanne	
Veterinarian	6388	Williams Timothy Nathaniel	
Veterinarian	5251	Young Benjamin Garrett	
Veterinarian	4011	Gables Scott Allen DR.	
Veterinarian	4778	Campbell Justin Hunter	
Veterinarian	5561	Coats Charles Jason	
Veterinarian	6602	Jackson Rachel	
Veterinarian	5692	Khalafalla Suzanne Marie	
Veterinarian	5010	Lombardo Deanna Michele	
Veterinarian	4188	Murakami Tsuyoshi	
Veterinarian	5562	Roberts Kandace Kay	
Veterinarian	4633	Winslow Jonathan Thacher	
Veterinarian	6774	Zimmerman Hayley Hollier	

Licensed

Cert. Animal Control Agencies	115	Jackson Animal Care Center
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Reinstated

Cert. Animal Control Agencies	62	Cheatham County Animal Control
Cert. Animal Control Agencies	24	Greenbrier Animal Control
Cert. Animal Control Agencies	48	Williamson County Animal Center

Licensed

Veterinary Medical Technician	2163	Babel Jessie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2211	Barger Ashley Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician	2212	Bean Candace Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician	2193	Bowman Heather Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician	2210	Brugmann Kinsey Danielle
Veterinary Medical Technician	2194	Brummitt Desirra Chantal Miss
Veterinary Medical Technician	2203	Camenisch Morgan Elizabeth
Veterinary Medical Technician	2186	Cawthon Marissa
Veterinary Medical Technician	2195	Chambers Rebecca
Veterinary Medical Technician	2209	Comer Lindsey
Veterinary Medical Technician	2166	Cookingham Allissa Brynn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2181	Crane Renee Annette
Veterinary Medical Technician	2179	Curd Samantha Grace
Veterinary Medical Technician	2216	Dalton Ashton Brooke
Veterinary Medical Technician	997	Daniels Jenny Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2177	Detwiler Gidgit
Veterinary Medical Technician	2223	Digirolomo Courtney Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician	2183	Dittman Stephanie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2191	Elliott Cami Jo
Veterinary Medical Technician	2199	Faulkenberg Kelli Dawn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2188	Ferguson Stormie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2162	Frank Macy Ryan
Veterinary Medical Technician	2154	Gardner Desiree
Veterinary Medical Technician	2219	Gooch Michaela Parish Mrs.
Veterinary Medical Technician	2218	Grimes Megan

Veterinary Medical Technician	2189	Hall Alyssa N
Veterinary Medical Technician	2207	Hennessee Jacklyn Rylee
Veterinary Medical Technician	2119	Howe Ashley Lynn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2178	Hughston Liz
Veterinary Medical Technician	2215	Johnson Sabella Mechelle
Veterinary Medical Technician	2159	Jones Tracey Allison
Veterinary Medical Technician	2224	Klingaman Christine Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2225	Landers Nicole Grace
Veterinary Medical Technician	2214	Laws Olivia Taylor
Veterinary Medical Technician	2169	Lees Rachel Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2229	Long Lexie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2202	Lopez Katherine Aileen
Veterinary Medical Technician	2201	Love Kristine
Veterinary Medical Technician	2208	Lyles Kaitlyn Faye
Veterinary Medical Technician	2226	Madon Hailee Madison
Veterinary Medical Technician	2190	Mcmillan Ansley Renee
Veterinary Medical Technician	2206	Miller Clinton Dewitt
Veterinary Medical Technician	2196	Montagna Bernadette Elise
Veterinary Medical Technician	2131	Myers Summer
Veterinary Medical Technician	2161	Newman Samantha Leigh
Veterinary Medical Technician	2227	Oesch Megan Yvonne
Veterinary Medical Technician	2220	Pitzer Christina
Veterinary Medical Technician	2222	Ramage Riley Eloise
Veterinary Medical Technician	2185	Reda Allison Kate
Veterinary Medical Technician	2174	Robertson Kelsey Lynn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2200	Rutrough Kayla Ann
Veterinary Medical Technician	2213	Sampson Paige
Veterinary Medical Technician	2217	Smelser Myranda Dawn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2180	Smith Brandi
Veterinary Medical Technician	2184	Tochen Meryl
Veterinary Medical Technician	2197	Upham Jennifer Dawn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2173	Valtin Britteny Lynn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2192	Vittum Victoria
Veterinary Medical Technician	2205	Welker Nicole Elizabeth
Veterinary Medical Technician	2198	York Kaitlynn Mackenzie

Reinstated

Veterinary Medical Technician	1371	Bell Ciara Ashley
Veterinary Medical Technician	714	Bolinger Aleah Daniece
Veterinary Medical Technician	1599	Butler Caroline Olivia
Veterinary Medical Technician	366	Price Julie E.

Licensed

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1054	Baier Makala Ann
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1043	Bauer Kailah Marie
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1039	Bryant Laura Elizabeth
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1055	Caldwell Jimmy Douglas
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1019	Cargan John
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1051	Crosby Samantha Ann
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1032	D'Alonzo Suzanne
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1038	Delgado Amy
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1041	Grimes Terry Lamar
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1047	Hall Jeffrey Tyler
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1035	Huffstetler Judy Kay
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1061	Kelly Janet
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1046	Kissell.Sr Terry Lynn
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1056	Murray Heather Dawn
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1042	Muszynski Kristina Marie
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1048	Nimtz Stephanie
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1062	Sellers Brittany Wynne
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1044	Tarkington Meredith
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1063	Wade Christian Sullivan
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1059	Wallace Brandon
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1058	Weathersby Sarah Elizabeth

Reinstated

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	663	Baum Jacob Edwin
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	941	Mcneil Stephen A
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	82	Weaver Randall Scott

Receive Reports and take action as needed regarding Taskforce/Committee Reports

CSMD Report

Ms. Wallace stated to the Board that Dr. Simpson had been serving on the CSMD committee as the Board's representative, and with his recent end of term service there is not a report for this meeting.

Taskforce Report Regarding Euthanasia Drugs

Mr. Cole informed the Board that the Taskforce Meeting regarding the Euthanasia Drug shortage was very short with only Administrative Staff and Dr. Simpson present. It was determined by Dr. Simpson and a reference from Dr. Clark that there was not an immediate need to put an emergency rule into place. There was a brief shortage of the drugs used to euthanize animals, however the supply is coming back.

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Rulemaking, Rulemaking Hearings, Rule Amendments, and Policies

All rulemaking information was previously presented in the OGC Report earlier in the meeting. There were no policy items for the Board to review in this meeting.

Approve/Deny CE courses and Waiver/Extension Requests

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

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for "**Dermatology**" and two (2) continuing education hours for "**Heartworm Prevention**".

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for "**Fecal Parasite Detection**".

A request from Zoetis for approval of eight (8) continuing education hours for "**Dental Wetlab**".

A request from Zoetis for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for "**Feline Anesthesia**".

A request from Saporito for approval of one (1) continuing education for "**Diagnostic Parasitology 201**" and five (5) continuing education for "**Diagnostic Parasitology 202**".

A request from Saporito for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for "**Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 201**", "**Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 202**", "**Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 203**", "**Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine**".

Medicine 204”, “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 205”, “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 206”, “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 207”, and “Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 208”.

A request from Saporito for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for “**Veterinary Acupuncture 201**”, “**Veterinary Acupuncture 202**”, “**Veterinary Acupuncture 203**” and twelve (12) continuing education hours for “**Veterinary Acupuncture 204**”.

A request from Saporito for approval of four (4) continuing education hours for “**Veterinary Emergency Medicine 201a**”, “**Veterinary Emergency Medicine 201b**”, and “**Veterinary Emergency Medicine 201c**”.

A request from Saporito for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for “**Common Disease of Companion Animals 201**”, “**Common Disease of Companion Animals 202**”, and twelve (12) continuing education hours for “**Common Disease of Companion Animals 201-202**”.

A request from Saporito for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for “**Natural Veterinary Medicine 201**”, “**Natural Veterinary Medicine 202**”, “**Natural Veterinary Medicine 203**”, and “**Natural Veterinary Medicine 204**”.

A request from Saporito for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for “**Glaucoma**”, two continuing education hours for “**Glaucoma 202**”, “**Glaucoma 203**”, one (1) continuing education hours for “**Glaucoma 204**”, two (2) continuing education hours for “**Glaucoma 205**”, “**Glaucoma 206**”, “**Glaucoma 207**”, and one (1) continuing education hours for “**Glaucoma 208**”, “**Glaucoma 209**”, and “**Glaucoma 210**”.

A request from Blue Pearl for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for “**What is Triage?**”

A request from Dr. Blazeovich for approval of ten (10) continuing education hours for “**Veterinary Dentistry and Oral Surgery**”

A request from Dr. Bonney for approval of thirteen (13) continuing education hours for “**Proctored Examination**”.

A request from Elanco for approval of four (4) continuing education hours for “**Practice Management**”.

A request from San Diego Zoo Wildlife Chemical Capture Course for approval of continuing education hours for “**Chemical Capture Course**”.

Dr Galloway made a recommendation to approve CE course requests for agenda items 14.a-14.m and 14.o on behalf of the CE subcommittee. Dr. Galloway made a recommendation to discuss 14.n and 14.p.

A motion was made by Dr Galloway to approve the CE course requests for agenda items 14.a – 14.m and 14.o, as presented, with a second made by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr Galloway made a request to discuss 14.n from Dr. Bonney regarding his request for thirteen (13) continuing education hours for “Proctored Examination”. Dr. McInturff stated that testing is not considered learning and CE hours were intended to be from learning courses. Dr. Galloway recommended to deny the CE request with a letter to Dr. Bonney stating that she could submit supervised training with a letter from a supervising veterinarian that states it was a clinical session. A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to deny this continuing education request, with a second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chemical Capture Training, San Diego Zoo Global Academy - A request was brought to the Board from the San Diego Zoo Global Academy for the Safe Capture Chemical Immobilization Training On-Line at the August 2021 meeting. At that time, it was requested by the Board that a representative from this course supply information to the Board to determine if it meets the requirements per Rule 1730-06-.08.

Mark Drew from the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Chemical Capture course was reached by phone and gave a brief overview of the program and what it entails. Ms. Wereszczak asked Mr. Drew how individuals that took the course would be able to meet the marksmanship requirement. Mr. Drew informed the Board that these individuals would need to come to the location and prove that they can use the gun safely. Dr. Galloway asked why they were bringing it to the Tennessee Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Mr. Drew informed the Board that there were applicants in Tennessee that were inquiring about their program.

Mr. Drew answered questions asked by the Board.

Dr. McInturff stated that some form of training in this area would be good, and Dr. Beatty agreed. Dr. Beatty suggested talking to another state to determine how they implement this program for certification.

Dr. McInturff motion to accept this course as a continuing education for Veterinarian and Veterinarian Technicians for 2022, second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence Review

AAVSB-Veterinary Essential Competency Profile - This is for informational purposes and discusses the core competencies of the profession that are to be maintained throughout a veterinarian's career. Planned uses for the validated competency profile include:

- Establishing a common language for describing expectations for regulated practice
- Supporting practitioner self-assessment and professional development activities
- Facilitating labor mobility

AAVSB-Veterinary Care Elite Program- This is for informational purposes and discusses the Veterinary Care Elite program. The AAVSB states that this program's members are role models for colleagues, highly regarded in their workplace, and sought after by practices looking to hire exemplary professionals and that by enrolling in this program, veterinary technicians agree to maintain the highest standard of veterinary professional care.

FDA-Notice on Ivermectin- This is for informational purposes and informs the Board about a letter that was sent out by the FDA on the use of Ivermectin and the spike in individuals that are seeing adverse reactions to this drug.

Shawn Workman-Online Prescriptions- Dr. Workman emailed the Board asking about online prescriptions and making a recommendation to the Board to approve online prescriptions. There was no action taken by the Board.

Sarah McKissick- Vet Tech Educational Requirements- Ms. McKissick sent a letter to the Board regarding vet tech education requirements. She did not attend an AVMA accredited school, however in Georgia she was grandfathered in due to her experience. She would like to petition the Board to allow grandfathering in and other state license to count instead of education. Dr. Galloway stated she would need to petition the Legislature; the Board has nothing to do with that.

George Williams-Refund Request- Dr. Williams is requesting a partial refund of his reinstatement fee due to the unusual circumstances over the past year. He states that he did not receive his renewal due to the pandemic's effect on the USPS service. He states that the renewal process is over burdensome. Ms. Wallace stated that per rule renewal and reinstatement fees are nonrefundable. Dr. Galloway and Ms. Wereszczak stated that a news letter could be a good thing the beginning of the year.

Conference/Event Report

FARB 2022

It was determined that no one on the Board would like to attend.

Discuss Old & New Board Business

Mr. Cole mentioned to the Board that if any Board members receive correspondence, they should immediately forward it to the Administrative office. This could potentially affect anything that the licensee would like to have done due to that Board member having to recuse themselves from voting.

Dr. Galloway made mention that he would like for the facility inspectors to have identification on them when inspecting facilities.

Election of Officers

Board Officers

Ms. Wereszczak nominated Dr. Galloway for President of the Board.

Dr. Galloway nominated Ms. Wereszczak for Vice President of the Board.

Dr. McInturff nominated Dr. Thompson for Secretary of the Board.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to accept those nominations to the Board, second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CE Sub-Committee

Dr. Galloway stated he would continue on the CE Sub-Committee and Dr. McInturff volunteered to serve on the committee.

Dr. Thompson made a motion to accept those nominations, second by Dr. Galloway. There was no discussion on this motion. This motion passed unanimously.

CSMD Representative

Dr. McInturff volunteered to be the CSMD Representative.

Dr. Galloway made a motion to accept the nomination, second by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call for Public Comment

Ms. Wallace provided notice of one additional opportunity for the submission of public comments, noting the requirement of signing in on the in-room registry prior to addressing the Board. She reminded the public that while they may present any question or comment they wish to bring to the Board's attention, the Board may only take action on items that were published on the agenda for this meeting. The Board has the option request to add an item to a future meeting agenda regarding any new topic introduced by way of a public comment, if they believe action may need to be taken on that particular subject. As always, public comments may also be submitted in writing and sent by mail to The TN Veterinary Board, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, TN 37243 or sent via email to Veterinary.Health@tn.gov.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be heard, Dr. Galloway made a motion for adjournment with a second made by Dr. Thompson. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Veterinary board meeting adjourned at 4:40pm CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on April 13, 2022.

Woke R Wallace

Board Chair

4/13/22

Date