

TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m., CST

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

Board Members Present: Monty McInturff, DVM
Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT, Board Vice Chair
Elizabeth Thompson, DVM, Board Secretary
Samantha Beaty, DVM, State Veterinarian, ex officio member
Mark Garrett, DVM

Board Members Absent: Scott Loxley, DVM
Stephen Galloway, DVM Board Chair

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director
Shara Woodard, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant
Mark Cole, Senior Associate General Counsel
Tim Peters, Senior Associate 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 introduced Dr. Garrett as new Board Member, replacing Dr. Simpson.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Dr Galloway submitted a written comment to amend page 8 on the meeting minutes from December 9, 2021, stating that his motion should have been entered to revoke Dr. Moran’s license in reference to the Contested Case Hearing. Dr. McInturff confirmed Dr. Galloway’s recommendation for amendment.

Dr. Thompson made a motion to approve the Board meeting Minutes from December 9, 2021, with amendment’s as noted, with a second by Dr. Garrett. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Office of Investigations

Ms. Jaime Byerly, Director of Office of Investigations, gave the investigative/monitored practitioner reports to the Board.

PERIOD: 2022 Calendar Year To-Date

COMPLAINTS

New Complaints	Veterinarian	Vet Tech	Euthanasia Tech	Facility
Substance Abuse	1	0	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	0	0	0	0
Malpractice/Negligence	5	0	0	2
Unlicensed Practice	4	1	0	0
Unprofessional Conduct	4	0	0	2
Failure to Supervise	1	0	0	0
Medical Records Request	1	0	0	0
Lapsed License	2	0	1	0
Total # New Complaints	13	1	1	4

Closed Complaints				
Closed - Insufficient	7	0	0	2
Complaint Closed BIV	4	1	0	2
Complaint Closed	3	0	0	3
Closed – Letter of Concern	3	0	0	1
Closed – Warning Letter	8	1	0	1
Total # Closed Complaints	25	2	0	9
				0
Total # Currently Open Complaints	36	1	0	0

Financial Report

Finance Director, Ms. Alicia Grice presented the Fiscal Year 2022 Mid-Year report that runs July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. 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 \$300,365.92
- Board Fee Revenue \$429,471.83
- Current Year Net \$129,105.91
- Cumulative Carryover \$1, 516,350.40

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. It would appear that expenditures were charged to the Board at the beginning of the year and it is expected to taper off by the end of the year.

Ms. Grice mentioned that the department has a policy that the reserve balance should remain at a 3-year average doubled, which would make the Board’s reserve sit at \$1M. Assuming the Board closes where it looks to be heading, there will be another conversation about fee reductions in the future.

Discuss legislation and take action if needed

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

Administrator's Report

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

PERIOD: Active Licensees as of April 6, 2022

Total # Veterinarians	2,850
Total # Veterinary Technicians	1,102
Total # Veterinary Facilities	828
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	286
Certified Animal Control Agencies	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	1

LICENSE STATUS

PERIOD: December 3, 2021-April 6, 2022

	DVM	LVMT	Vet Facility	CAET	CACA	CCT
New Licenses/Certificated Issued	57	35	32	20	0	0
Renewals - Total	425	145	72	33	11	0
<i>Number of Paper Renewals</i>	146	25	79	10	10	0
<i>Number of Online Electronic Renewals</i>	281	104	0	14	0	0

<i>Licenses Renewed Online as % of Total Renewals</i>	62%	81%	0%	28%	0	0
Retired Licenses	7	3	0	1	0	0
Expired	30	22	15	21	1	0
Closed Files	0	0	0	0	0	0
Voluntarily Surrendered	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities Closed	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A

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

- 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.

Peer Assistance Update

Ms. Wallace gave an update that the Administrative Office has started the process of getting the request for grant proposal started for a peer assistance program for the Board. This is a fairly long and involved process and the Administrative Office will update the Board on the status.

OGC Report

Mr. Cole introduced Mr. Timothy Peters as the new advisory attorney for this board.

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.

Mr. Cole gave the Office of General Counsel Report to the Board. The OGC currently has fifteen (15) open cases on fourteen (14) respondents, one being a facility. There are no cases set for hearing, and one (1) Consent orders to present in this meeting.

Consent Orders

Kathleen Kunkle, DVM #1125

Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Board with Tennessee Veterinarian License Number 1109 on February 2, 2006, with a current expiration date of February 29, 2020.

Respondent, Little House Animal Hospital at Grassland Park of Franklin TN, at all times pertinent hereto has been owned and supervised by Kathleen Kunkel, DVM.

Respondent allowed the premises permit to expire on February 29, 2020 and continued to practice on an expired premises permit.

On March 5, 2021, Respondent submitted the renewal form.

It is therefore ordered that pursuant to TENN CODE ANN 63-12-106, TENN COMP R & REGS 1730-02-.15, and Board policy, Respondent must pay twelve(12) Type C civil penalties of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, representing a civil penalty for each month that Respondent operated and practiced in a veterinary facility without a premises permit for a total of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200). 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, and Board policy, 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. The maximum amount for the assessment of costs shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

Ms. Wereszczak and Dr. McInturff stated that they know Dr. Kunkle, but their knowledge would not cause bias. Mr. Cole stated that he did not see a reason for their recusal.

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, with a second by Dr. McInturff to approve the Consent Order for Dr. Kathleen Kunkle as written. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Agreed Citation

Alexandria Leach, DVM #5883

Dr. Leach was found to be in violation of TCA 63-12-120, by failing to maintain sufficient continuing education credits, and was short twelve (12) hours during CE audit. This deficiency resulted in a civil penalty in the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) and the requirement to complete all deficient hours within 90 days.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, with a second by Dr. Thompson to approve the Agreed Citation as written. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Applicant Interview/File Review/Waiver

Renee Pitts, LVMT- CE Waiver Request

Ms. Pitts requested a waiver for her 12 CE in person hours for 2022, instead requesting to take those hours in an online format due to her husband's military deployment overseas. Ms. Pitts provided sufficient documentation to support her request.

Per the Board's Rule "1730-03-.12(4) Waiver or Extension of Continuing Education (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."

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, with a second by Dr. Thompson to approve the waiver. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Steven Stoneman, DVM- Waiver of Active Practice

Upon review of Dr. Stoneman's application file for veterinary licensure, he is requesting a waiver for the requirement of active practice. He applied by reciprocity, and his application was found to be in good order except for the rule that requires actively practicing for 3 of the last 5 years. Dr.

Stoneman submitted a letter with his application explaining that his reason for not having met the active practice requirement due to unforeseen health issues.

Dr. Stoneman was present to answer questions from the Board. Dr. McInturff asked Dr. Stoneman about his education and how long he had been practicing prior to his lapse. Dr. Stoneman stated that he had been practicing for a number of years and in the past few years has obtained 150 of CE hours to keep up with his knowledge of veterinary medicine. Dr. Zimmerman has made an offer of employment should he receive his license.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, with a second by Dr. Garrett to approve the waiver of active practice. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Melanie Manganaro, DVM- 3rd Temp License Request

Upon review of Dr. Manganaro's application file for veterinary licensure, she is requesting a 3rd temporary license. She was not able to appear before the Board in person, so a phone call was placed to Dr. Manganaro.

Per TCA 63-12-113 The board may issue a temporary license to practice veterinary medicine, to be used only under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian, upon payment of a fee as set by the board, to: (1) A veterinarian who meets all qualifications and requirements pursuant to this chapter and who has applied to take the examination as provided in § 63-12-115. Such license shall remain valid until the results of the examinations are made known to the applicant; (A) Failure on both examinations will result in immediate termination of the license; If the applicant fails one (1) of the examinations, the applicant may be issued a second temporary license but must continue under direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian and only until the results of the next regularly scheduled examination are known; (ii) If an applicant fails the same examination on two (2) separate testing dates, the applicant may, in the discretion of the board, and upon agreeing to meet any additional requirements of the board, be issued a third temporary license for up to one (1) year, plus the time until the results of the second regularly scheduled examination after issuance of the temporary license are made known; (iii) No applicant shall be allowed to take the same examination more than three (3) times; (B) During the validity of the temporary license, the applicant must be under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian;" it would be at the Board's discretion to approve a 3rd temporary for up to one year.

Ms. Werszczak asked Dr. Manganaro to explain her situation as to why she is requesting a third temporary license. Dr. McInturff asked what duties she has been performing with her other temporary license.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to grant the 3rd temporary license for 1 year, with a second by Dr. Thompson. There was a brief discussion surrounding the rules for temporary license and statutes for temporary license and a time restriction to be included in the motion. A roll call vote was called as follows:

Dr. McInturff- Yes
Dr. Thompson- No
Dr. Garrett- No
Ms. Wereszczak- No

The motion failed

A second motion was made by Dr. Thompson to grant a temporary license with a time limit, causing the temporary license to expire after the next opportunity to take the NAVLE with allowance for the posting of scores; if Dr. Manganaro does not pass the NAVLE on this attempt, then the temporary license will be revoked, with a second by Dr. Garrett. No discussion was made on this motion. A roll call vote was called as follows:

Dr. Garrett- Yes
Dr. McInturff- No
Ms. Wereszczak- Yes
Dr. Thompson- Yes

This motion passed.

Julia Adams, DVM- Petition for Reinstatement

Mr. Cole presented the case for Dr. Adams to Board for their review. He discussed the Agreed Order that previously revoked her license through Voluntary Surrender in 2020. Mr. Cole also made a statement that letters were received by Dr. Robert Simpson when he was on the Board regarding Dr. Adams. Mr. Cole asked if any of the other Board members had received this letter also, Dr. Thompson and Ms. Wereszczak mentioned they had received the letter and forwarded them to the Administrative Office. They both confirmed that it would not be a problem for them to participate in this item.

Dr. Adams appeared before the Board in person to make a statement and answer any questions that the Board had. She expressed her desire to return to practicing Veterinary Medicine. She brought other individuals with her to speak on her behalf.

The Board accepted public comment from Kathy Miller, who stated that she has known Dr. Adams for many years and seen her donate time to the community. States she is her friend and a co-

exhibitor in dog shows. Dr. McInturff asked Ms. Miller if she would see Dr. Adams as a threat to animals and Ms. Miller answered “no”.

The Board accepted public comment from Dr. Tracey Bealer, a vet school classmate and close friend to Dr. Adams. Dr. Bealer stated that she was aware of Dr. Adams’ legal troubles and that Dr. Adams practiced for nearly two years after her legal issues before going before the Board. Dr. Bealer is in support of reinstatement for Dr. Adams.

The Board accepted public comments from Dr. Fornebeau. She works in Dr. Adams’ practice and asked the Board to reinstate and provide help for their practice as she has been practicing mostly on her own in Dr. Adams’ absence. Dr. Fornebeau felt that her personal legal issues had no bearing on her practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Adams made further statements on her own behalf regarding her love of practice and specialty area of canine reproduction.

Mr. Cole asked Dr. Adams what therapy she has been taking. She responded through her pastor, a family therapist, and a life coach.

Mr. Cole addressed the Board, stating Dr. Adams was licensed in 2002, and had two previous disciplinary actions before her license was voluntarily surrendered/revoked in 2020. The Nursing Board has a policy that if someone is on probation for criminal indications that they can not re-apply for licensure, but vet Board does not have that rule in place. Mr. Cole questions it being just over a year since the license was revoked to show evidence of character. He stated it was not a mistake, but she took action to commit a crime, that was stopped. He believes it is too soon and that the State asked the Board to deny reinstatement at this time and allow her to get additional help, then show the board proof.

Attorney Ned Babb addressed the Board, stated he did not know that the State would recommend denial of the reinstatement. Notes Dr. Adams had shared custody of her 14-year-old daughter. Notes her clinic staff do not see any issues with the idea of practicing with her again. Suggests it would be reasonable to reinstate the license with consideration of additional CE, monitoring, supervision as possibilities.

Dr. McInturff asked Mr. Cole if counseling or supervision would be an option for this situation. Mr. Cole stated that counseling, practice monitoring, and TMF evaluation, as possibilities that the State would recommend.

Mr. Cole mentioned that Dr. Adams is on probation until 2027 for a criminal offense. Dr. McInturff wanted to know if the Board waited until 2027 to issue Dr. Adams a license what that would look like.

Ms. Wereszczak asked what Dr. Adams' other disciplinary actions were for. Mr. Cole mentioned that in 2014 license was disciplined for complication from a dog spay procedure and in 2015 her license was disciplined for allowing unlicensed staff to participate in procedures.

Dr. McInturff stated that a professional should speak to Dr. Adams regarding her mental health to help her in times of increased mental stress. Friends are not trained professionals. He would encourage her to get trained professional assistance and report back to the Board. Dr. McInturff would like a professional to state on her behalf as to her mental health. Dr. Beaty concurs, and stated the Board needs to clearly define the goals of what she would need for reinstatement of licensure.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, to deny reinstatement at this time and for Dr. Adams to further pursue license reinstatement in the future, with a second by Dr. Thompson. Discussion on the motion stated that Dr. Adams would need to appear again before the Board after completing a professional evaluation with recommendation from TMF or similar peer assistance program.

The motion passed unanimously.

Break 11:06 am CST
Resume 11:17 am CST

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. McInturff 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. Thompson. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification List

Licensed

Veterinary Facility 2265 Airport Pet Emergency Clinic
Veterinary Facility 2223 Animal Clinic Downtown
Veterinary Facility 2224 Animal Clinic East
Veterinary Facility 1492 Animal Hospital Of Signal Mountain
Veterinary Facility 2238 Brogli Lane Weaver & Alexander Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2244 Easyvet
Veterinary Facility 2215 Embassy Veterinary Center

Veterinary Facility 2213 English Veterinary Care
Veterinary Facility 1855 Greenbrier-Springfield Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2245 Knoxville Pet Emergency Clinic
Veterinary Facility 2249 Mcgehee Clinic For Animals
Veterinary Facility 2216 Mountainstone Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2155 Nolensville Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility 1883 Stage Road Animal Hospital Llc
Veterinary Facility 2007 Vip Petcare
Veterinary Facility 2235 White House Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2197 Avian And Exotics Center Of Nashville
Veterinary Facility 2217 Belle Meade Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2220 Chester County Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 1993 Companion Animal Hospital Of Fountain City Pc
Veterinary Facility 1988 Creekwood Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2221 Family & Friend Pet Clinic
Veterinary Facility 2207 Hixson Pet Wellness Center
Veterinary Facility 2246 Just For Pets Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility 1830 Main St. Pet Wellness Center
Veterinary Facility 2225 Northwest Tennessee Veterinary Services
Veterinary Facility 2250 Robertson County Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility 435 Rogersville Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2227 Standifer Gap Pet Hospital
Veterinary Facility 2206 Tenn South Veterinary Services
Veterinary Facility 2229 Vip Petcare Clinic At Petsense 7198-Dyersburg
Veterinary Facility 503 Volunteer Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility 2247 Wolf River Pet Hospital

Licensed

Veterinarian 7333 Austin Shelbie
Veterinarian 7510 Batts Katlyn
Veterinarian 7471 Beeson William
Veterinarian 7573 Bowie Aleaya
Veterinarian 7577 Britt Shelby Agnew
Veterinarian 7579 Brookshaw Ingrid Leigh
Veterinarian 7578 Demetre-Moss Nicole Alice
Veterinarian 7594 Dobbs Andrew
Veterinarian 7606 Filipovic Marco Dr
Veterinarian 7596 Forester Calvin
Veterinarian 7593 Fuentes Roman Jailene Marie Dr.
Veterinarian 7595 Fuller Joseph Dr
Veterinarian 7605 Heise Richard Dr.
Veterinarian 7359 Helms Aaron David

Veterinarian 7584 Hespel Adrien-Maxence Charles-Edouard
Veterinarian 7590 Jensen Alison
Veterinarian 7556 Kessler Amy Elizabeth
Veterinarian 7581 King Deven T
Veterinarian 7598 Kramer Viktoria Lynn dr
Veterinarian 7583 Leroy Crystal
Veterinarian 7586 Martin Olya Dr.
Veterinarian 7600 Mckinney Michael Murchie
Veterinarian 7562 Morgan Ashley Dr.
Veterinarian 7597 O'Brien Karen E
Veterinarian 7574 Olson Michaela Christina
Veterinarian 7592 Pate Brittany Nicole
Veterinarian 7397 Pickett Jaime Klimsey
Veterinarian 7602 Pizzicarola Anthony Frank Dr.
Veterinarian 7599 Rainey Christopher Terrol
Veterinarian 7591 Ritter Colleen Renee DVM
Veterinarian 7576 Robers Kristen Jalyn
Veterinarian 7572 Roe Shellee D'Ann Dr
Veterinarian 7570 Satteson Courtney Anne
Veterinarian 7575 Smartt Whitnie Michelle
Veterinarian 7522 Stewart Allison Ann
Veterinarian 7587 Szafranski Nicole Dr.
Veterinarian 7601 Taylor Natasha L.
Veterinarian 7585 Tingle Jonathan
Veterinarian 7589 Tsoumalis Shona
Veterinarian 7588 Wood Anne C.
Veterinarian 7571 Zaino Kaitlyn

Reinstated

Veterinarian 4957 Crocker Karen Ledona
Veterinarian 5506 Fritz Sarah Duncan
Veterinarian 6945 Haddock Sean
Veterinarian 4252 Hertha David William
Veterinarian 3628 Jones Michael P.
Veterinarian 6870 Killingsworth Mary Kathryn Waites
Veterinarian 5883 Leach Alexandria Nichole
Veterinarian 6130 Norby Natalie Jo
Veterinarian 5428 Saunders Amanda Dawn
Veterinarian 3062 Wade Harold H
Veterinarian 4690 Carter Kimberly B.
Veterinarian 3958 Crites Justin Ervin
Veterinarian 3393 Joshnson-Brown Isis Lorraine

Veterinarian 3763 Kilgore Reena Diane
Veterinarian 5029 Kottkamp Katherine C.
Veterinarian 3737 Souders Kristie Lea
Veterinarian 4827 Todd Jon Marc

Reinstated

Cert. Animal Control Agencies 88 Memphis Animal Services

Licensed

Veterinary Medical Technician 2263 Acord Bailey
Veterinary Medical Technician 2260 Angelos Madison Grace
Veterinary Medical Technician 2243 Bean Julie Ann
Veterinary Medical Technician 2251 Chumbler Jillian Starr
Veterinary Medical Technician 2228 Church Jessica Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician 2250 Conti Rachel
Veterinary Medical Technician 2248 Corder Casey Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician 2247 Correia Lillian Faye
Veterinary Medical Technician 2245 Cortazzo Laura
Veterinary Medical Technician 2204 Cortright Alie
Veterinary Medical Technician 2238 Drushal Melody
Veterinary Medical Technician 2261 Johnson Corinne
Veterinary Medical Technician 2244 Johnson Todd Mr.
Veterinary Medical Technician 2246 Kirk Angel
Veterinary Medical Technician 2232 Mcvoy Lauren Mae
Veterinary Medical Technician 2236 Moore Lauren Maddison
Veterinary Medical Technician 2257 Oswald Billie Oswald Mrs.
Veterinary Medical Technician 2233 Parks Brittany Nicole
Veterinary Medical Technician 2252 Roney Monica Renee
Veterinary Medical Technician 2259 Rowlett Heather E
Veterinary Medical Technician 2256 Sewell Jessica M
Veterinary Medical Technician 2249 Sigel Grace
Veterinary Medical Technician 2242 Smith Jesse
Veterinary Medical Technician 2235 Smith Victoria Ann
Veterinary Medical Technician 2255 Sparks David Parker II
Veterinary Medical Technician 2230 Styer Amanda Pullium Mrs
Veterinary Medical Technician 2241 Therriault Jessica Lynn
Veterinary Medical Technician 2254 Vandusen Savanna Duncan
Veterinary Medical Technician 2239 Ward Alexis
Veterinary Medical Technician 2234 Williams Katelin Ying
Veterinary Medical Technician 2237 Yoakum Taylor

Reinstated

Veterinary Medical Technician 1836 Andrews Amanda Brenna
Veterinary Medical Technician 1790 Mayfield Christina
Veterinary Medical Technician 1361 Russell Kelcey Lee
Veterinary Medical Technician 1842 Wheeler Ashley
Veterinary Medical Technician 1523 Whitaker Jennifer Nicole

Licensed

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1065 Bell Rinicka
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1079 Bowman Chelcie Jo
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1066 Cameron Halie Crysta
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1075 Crosby Laura
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1080 Delph Jennifer Mrs
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1076 Fowler Sarah
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1077 Gray Garbriella Marie
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1060 Humphrey Shelbie Taylor
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1078 Jackson Kristen Gabrielle
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1052 Lowery Thomas Magner
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1069 Major Katherine
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1068 May Kaitlyn
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1070 Mckay Sandra Helena
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1074 Miller Learyn Elizabeth
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1045 Pfaff Kaysen
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1057 Rose David J
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1064 Snead Courtney Elizabeth
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 1067 Tribble Siarah Michelle

Reinstated

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 897 Hicks Penny
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech 234 Klein Angela Gail

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

CSMD Report

Dr. McInturff informed the Board that there was nothing applicable to veterinary to report from the last CSMD meeting.

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 TN Tech University for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for **“Controlled Substance Diversion in Veterinary Medicine: Policy, Strategy, and Ethics”**.

A request from Nashville Vet Specialist for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for **“Atrioventricular Blockage”, “Ventricular Arrhythmias”, “Bundle Branch Blocks”**.

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for **“Creating Culture, Impacting Patient Care and Increasing Revenue ”, “Game On: Tips and Tricks to Protect Your Pharmacy”**, and two (2) continuing education hours for **“Shared Learnings from Million Dollar Producers”**.

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for **“Chronic Pain is a Disease- NOT a Symptom”**.

A request from Zoetis Petcare for approval of one (1) continuing education for **“Bonding with Pet Owners through Dermatology”**.

A request from Upstate Vet for approval of seven (7) continuing education hours for **“Cardiac vs Respiratory Disease”, “Nutrition Modulation of the GI Biome”, Inappetence & Weight Loss in Chronic Disease: Why Treatment Matters”, “Ulcers in Ophtho”, Oncologic Emergencies”, and “Internal Medicine: What’s so internal? Part I & Part II”**.

A request from Boehringer Ingelheim for approval of six (6) continuing education hours for **“Trace Minerals: Getting the Timing Right Impacts Your Health Program and Your Bottom Line”, “The BVDV Shift: It’s Not Your Momma’s Bug No More”, “Nutritional Strategies for Health and Performance of Receiving Calves”, “BRD Treatment and Control: A Practitioner’s Perspective”, “Transitioning Calves from the Sale Barn to the Stocker Operation”, and “Systems-Based Thinking and Records Management for the Stocker Operation”**.

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hours for “**Vaccination and Vaccination Guidelines for the General Practitioner**”, “**Managing Feline and Canine Diabetes**”, “**Heartworm Disease Anytime Anywhere**”, “**Feline Hypertension**” and 1.5 continuing education hour for “**The ABCD’s of the 2019 ACVIM Cardiology Guidelines**”.

Dr. Galloway submitted a written recommendation for the Board to approve all CE course requests 13a-13g.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff to approve the CE course requests for agenda items 13.a – 13.g, as presented, with a second made by Dr. Garrett. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence Review

AAVSB- Topics to Discuss - This is for informational purposes and discusses different dates that will be coming up that the Board should be aware of. Ms. Wallace went over the purpose of the document from the AAVSB. Dr. McInturff went to the Board Basics and Beyond and would like to recommend that the new Board member Dr. Garrett be sponsored to attend this conference.

AAVSB-VTNE Exam Updates- This is for informational purposes and discusses the changes to the VTNE delivery modality and scheduling process for candidates. Ms. Wallace reviewed this form and asked if any members had any questions or comments. None were offered.

MVH-Reciprocity- The Board received a document from the Animal Policy Group that is looking to assist Mars Veterinary Health and other multi-state practices in expanding reciprocity for veterinarians and addressing the current shortage. The Animal Policy Group would like the opportunity to discuss this issue with the Board in hopes of establishing competitive reciprocity standards in the State of Tennessee. Ms. Wereszczak asked if this would make getting licensed in the State of Tennessee easier. Ms. Wallace asked the Board if they wanted to request this group to come speak before the Board. The Board decided to not issue a request to this group but if they wanted to speak to the Board, they could submit a formal request to the Board.

Temporary License for Veterinarians from Ukraine- The Board received a request from Dr. Jeffrey Peck requesting consideration for temporary licensure for individuals fleeing the Russian invasion into Ukraine. Dr. Peck appeared before the Board to make a statement and answer any questions that the Board may have. Dr. McInturff asked how this request could differ from an internship? Could they be a technical assistant whereby not requiring licensure? Dr. Peck stated that for someone from the Ukraine it would need to be financially viable, compensation for their skill set. Dr. Garrett asked if this would set a precedence for other types of conflict and worldwide issues that currently exist or may develop in the future.

Mr. Cole recommended that the Board not vote on this request at this meeting but put together a committee to investigate this problem. Dr. McInturff asked Ms. Wallace to reach out to the

AAVSB and determine if any other states have a temporary emergency license for foreign veterinarians. The Board will determine at the August meeting if a Taskforce is needed, as the current rules do not make provision for temporary licenses in this manner.

Inspection Follow-Up- C-ARM in Surgery- Ms. Wallace reviewed a request submitted to the Board by Dr. James Lyons on behalf of Mineral Wells Animal Clinic, with regards to being non-compliant on a recent facility inspection. Dr. Lyons was present to make a statement and answer questions from the Board. Dr. Lyons provided photos of the surgery room with the C-Arm in the surgery room and a list of procedures done with the C-Arm. They believe that the C-Arm is as a surgery tool and does not impede emergency treatment being in the room.

Ms. Wereszczak asked if the equipment is only used during surgical procedures. The inspector, Dr. Climer, cited them as using the surgery room for storage of the equipment. They confirmed they do not bring non-surgical patients in the surgical suite to use the C-Arm, except for approximately 2-3 times per year of watching a bolus of food travel through the esophagus. Staff maintains sterile procedures when using the C-Arm.

Ms. Wereszczak is concerned about contamination of moving the equipment between rooms. Dr. Beaty notes that exposure outside of surgery increases risk of contamination to the patient in surgery. There was a question on whether it is stored there or does it live in the surgery room to be used. Dr. Lyons stated that it is used regularly, typically weekly, or more.

Dr. Garrett asked Board Consultant, Dr. Walter Clark his opinion. Dr. Clark stated that in his opinion, the storage in surgery room was intended to keep non-surgical items for use in other parts of the hospital from being stored in the surgery rooms, but things that are actually going to be used in the surgery room are okay to be kept there. Dr. Clark believes the intent of the rules is do not store things in the surgery room that are not going to be consistently used there.

A motion was made by Dr. Thompson, with a second by Dr. McInturff that in regard to the inspection for Mineral Wells, the C-Arm is a piece of equipment that can be stored in the surgical suite. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Old & New Board Business

Veterinary Board Consultant- Dr. Clark Retirement 12/31/2022- The Board was asked to submit recommendations of individuals to potentially replace Dr. Clark as the Board's Veterinary Consultant. Ms. Wereszczak brought up Dr. Robert Simpson as a potential consultant candidate. Mr. Cole requested that the Board Members look within their network for additional potential candidates. Having someone from the local Nashville area would typically be ideal. Mr. Cole asked the Board to come up with other names so there is more than one recommendation.

Dr. Clark noted the increase in caseload due to increased complaints that it can be a daunting task. Mr. Cole stated the inability to investigate during the pandemic contributed to the increase in cases.

Dr. McInturff mentioned Donnie Hendricks and a few other names as possibilities. Dr. Beaty suggested contacting the TVMA for recommendations.

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. Thompson made a motion for adjournment with a second made by Dr. Garrett. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Veterinary board meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on August 3, 2022.



Board Chair

Date