

TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES

Date: December 14, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m., CST

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

Board Members Present: Montgomery McInturff, DVM
Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT, Board Vice Chair
Mark Garrett, DVM
Scott Loxley, DVM, Board Secretary
Stephen Galloway, DVM Board Chair

Board Members Absent: Samantha Beaty, DVM, State Veterinarian, ex officio member
Elizabeth Thompson, DVM

Staff Present: Kimberly Wallace, Regulatory Board Administrative Director II
Lyndsey Boone, Regulatory Board Administrative Director I
Shara Woodard, Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant
Tim Peters, Senior Associate Counsel

Call to Order

Dr. Galloway 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. It was noted that Dr. McInturff was not present at Roll Call but arrived 10 minutes into the meeting. Ms. Wallace also stated that Dr. Beaty was not present due to work conflicts and that Dr. Thompson is no longer on the Board due to taking another position that will be in conflict with her position on the Board.

Ms. Wallace noted that Ms. Woodard is no longer with the Division and that Ms. Boone has been promoted to Administrative Director I for the Veterinary Board.

Discuss and consider approval of Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2022, Board Meeting

Ms. Wereszczak made a motion to approve the Board meeting Minutes from August 3, 2022, with a second by Dr. Loxley. There was no discussion on the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of Investigations

Roger Knowlton, Intake Coordinator from the Office of Investigations gave the investigative reports to the Board.

PERIOD: 2022 Calendar Year To-Date

COMPLAINTS

New Complaints	Veterinarian	Vet Tech	Euthanasia Tech	Facility	CACA
Substance Abuse	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual Misconduct	1	0	0	0	0
Malpractice/Negligence	14	0	0	4	0
Unlicensed Practice	2	1	0	0	1
Unprofessional Conduct	34	0	0	7	3
Failure to Supervise	1	0	0	0	0
Medical Records Request	1	0	0	0	0
Lapsed License	0	1	1	5	0
Drug Diversion	1	0	0	0	0
Criminal Conviction	0	0	1		
Total # New Complaints	55	2	2	16	4
Closed Complaints					
Closed - Insufficient	20	0	0	4	0
Complaint Closed BIV	6	1	1	2	0
Complaint Closed	27	1	1	2	0
Closed – Letter of Concern	7	0	0	0	0
Closed – Warning Letter	11	1	0	2	1
Total # Closed Complaints	71	3	2	10	1

Total # Currently Open Complaints	32	0	1	9	3
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Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation

Fiscal Director, Alicia Grice was present to give the FY 22 Year-End Report (June 30, 2021-June 30, 2022)

Total Expenditures \$641,316.23
Board Fee Revenue \$794,181.64
Current Year Net \$152,865.41

Ms. Grice presented the Board few different fee reduction scenarios. After discussion between the Board Members, Dr. Loxley made a motion to approve the follow fee reductions with a second by, Dr. McInturff.

Renewal Fee		
Profession	Current Fee	Approve Reduction 12/14/22
Veterinary Facility	\$ 160.00	\$ 100.00
Veterinarian	\$ 360.00	\$ 250.00
Cert. Animal Control Agencies	\$ 160.00	\$ 80.00
Veterinary Medical Technician	\$ 90.00	\$ 55.00
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	\$ 100.00	\$ 55.00
Cert Animal Chem Capture Tech	\$ 100.00	\$ 55.00
Animal Chemical Capture Cert.	\$ 200.00	\$ 80.00
Application and Licensure Fee		
Profession	Current Fee	Approve Reduction 12/14/22
Veterinary Facility	\$ 360.00	\$ 150.00
Veterinarian	\$ 125.00	\$ 100.00
Cert Animal Chem Capture Tech	\$ 100.00	\$ 75.00
Animal Chemical Capture Cert.	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00

Discuss and take action as necessary regarding Legislation

No action to be taken.

Receive Requests from the Veterinary Facility Inspectors

Dr. James Everett, State Inspector for Middle and East TN, submitted a request for clarification from the Board for a decision at the August 3, 2022, Board Meeting.

“I would like to inquire concerning a decision made by the board in the August meeting. It involves Tennessee Code 63-12-139 concerning clinics within retail establishments with 2,500 sq feet or more retail space. This code (63-12-139) required a separate entrance for these clinics and has always been controversial. I had originally made the Hendersonville Wellness Clinic within the Tractor Supply Store non-compliant, the second entrance was into a fenced garden center still within the retail establishment.

The Board then took action to reverse this inspection to make this clinic (Hendersonville Wellness Clinic) compliant.

My interpretation of this Board decision is that any clinic within a retail establishment with a main entrance for customers of the retail establishment and any type of second entrance is compliant to meet the definition of this code (63-12-139), this would include armed emergency only exits/entrances, gated fenced storage areas, loading/unloading docks, roll up doors, fenced garden areas, ect. With or without parking for customers at these second entrances. Was the intent of the Board to use entrances such as these aforementioned ones, as the second entrances?

Another related concern is the grandfather clause (c) (3). Clinics that were issued a premise permit before January 2015 would be exempt from the separate entrance requirement, Pawsplus recently changed owners and had submitted to the Board new clinic applications for approximately 75 stores. Will the grandfather clause carry over to the new owners or will change

of ownership void this exemption? The majority of these Pawsplus - Tractor supply clinics are already exempt from the second entrance code (63-12-139). Please advise on both these concerns so that inspectors for the Board can follow the Board’s instructions.”

Dr. Galloway wanted to speak on the second half of the letter in regard to the grandfathering clause when needing the second entrance if applicable when the ownership changes between facilities. Board attorney, Tim Peter’s stated that the statute is left open to interpretation from the Board if they want to tie the grandfather clause to the facility or to the premises permit itself. Dr. McInturff inquired if any of these new applications based on change of ownership, if there are going to be any modifications to the facilities themselves. As far as Dr. Everett is aware, there will not be any modifications to the existing facilities.

Dr. Everett’s other concern is that since these are brand new applications, it will mean that their paperwork is completely new and there is no way for them to know if they have been permitted since 2015 to be eligible for the grandfather clause.

Mr. Peter's spoke to the Board stating that it is their decision if they want to tie the grandfather clause to the permit itself or the facility itself. Dr. Loxley stated he would be favorable to not making a decision at this moment and to allow Dr. Everett to complete the inspections as brand new permit and marking them non-compliant if needed and the facilities appear before the Board when applicable.

The Board has decided their does not need to be a motion and to proceed inspecting the facilities as new applications and the Board will have to review each facility on a one-off basis.

The Board moved on to the other half of the inquiry from Dr. Everett on how to define a second entrance. Ms. Wallace read the TCA 63-12-139 into the record that speaks specifically to second entrances. It was stated how you can't enforce the public to use the second entrance but that it's there if needed. Dr. McInturff went on to say that it needs to be a publicly accessible area, i.e., no loading docks, must be handicap accessible, etc.

Dr. Clark spoke to the Board about the original intent of this statute was that veterinary clinics could be located in malls or shopping centers and that you shouldn't need to take a sick animal all the way through the mall, pass the food court, etc. to get to the clinic.

The Board then inquired with Dr. Clark on the first half of the issue on grandfathering a facility into the second entrance clause, specifically if there were modifications done to a facility would it no longer be exempt from the second entrance. Dr. Clark stated that it would have to be extensive work done for it to be considered modification and that it shouldn't be grandfathered in.

Dr. Galloway went back to the original statement and to complete inspections as normal and treat them as new application/facilities and mark them non-complaint if needed and they may appear before the Board for review. Dr. Galloway also states that the second entrance needs to be a pedestrian entrance for consumers, unobstructed and safe for customers to enter through.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the TN Medical Foundation (TMF)

Dr. Baron came before the Board to present the specifications on what TMF can provide the Board's licensees. Ms. Wallace let the Board know that the administrative office is in the midst of working on an RFPG to allow the Board to have a peer assistance program, and that TMF may bid on the contract when available. TMF's contact information is as follows: 615-467-6411, physical address is: 5141 Virginia Way, #110, Brentwood, TN 37027.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to send out an email blast on suicide prevention and whom to contact to all licensee's, with a second made by Dr. Garrett. The motion passed.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Board Administrative Office

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

PERIOD: Active Licensees as of December 5, 2022;

Total # Veterinarians	2,958
Total # Veterinary Technicians	1,122
Total # Veterinary Facilities	826
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technician	294
Certified Animal Control Agencies	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians	1
Animal Chemical Capture Certification	1

LICENSE STATUS

PERIOD: July 28, 2022 – December 5, 2022

	DVM	LVMT	Vet Facility	CAET	CACA	CCT
New Licenses/Certificated Issued	71	49	25	23	1	0
Renewals - Total	429	158	145	31	9	0
<i>Number of Paper Renewals</i>	141	34	145	12	9	1

<i>Number of Online Electronic Renewals</i>	288	124	0	19	0	0
Retired Licenses	9	5	0	2	0	0
Expired	35	23	15	22	1	0
Closed Files	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probation	1	0	0	0	0	0
Revoked	1	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities Closed	N/A	N/A	15	N/A	0	N/A

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

- April 12, 2023
- August 2, 2023
- December 13, 2023

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.

Receive Reports and/or Requests from the Office of General Counsel

Mr. Timothy Peters presented the OGC report as follows:

Conflict of Interest Statement

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.

Litigation:

There are fourteen (14) open cases with the OGC. There are no cases set for contested hearings and there are four (4) consent orders for Board approval.

Rules:

These rules are pending review:

1730-01 – Biennial Renewal Fee

1730-02 -- Veterinary Facility Inspections to Obtain a Premises Permit; Fees

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

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

OGC Disciplinary Report- see attached

Summary: This report provides the total number of licensees currently being monitored for discipline.

The total number of Veterinarians being monitored for discipline is 14.

The total number of Veterinarians on reprimand is 1 with terms.

The total number on probation is 8 with terms.

The total number on suspension is 0.

The total number revoked/surrendered is 5

The total number of Vet. Techs being monitored for discipline is 0.

The total number of CAET's being monitored for discipline is 0.

The total number of Veterinarian Facilities being monitored for discipline is 7 (6 reprimanded and one on probation with terms.

Presentation of Orders, Agreed Citations, and Other Disciplinary Items

Consent Orders

Billy Fuller, DVM #3664

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 3664 on September 26, 1997, with a current expiration date of May 31, 2025.

At all times pertinent hereto Respondent was working as a veterinarian in Gate City, Virginia.

On or about the third day of January 2022, signed a Consent Order with the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine for conduct stemming from an inspection conducted at a clinic where Respondent was the veterinarian-in-charge on or about December 23, 1997, which listed the following violations which are violations of Virginia Code and Regulations Governing the practice of Veterinary Medicine:

- a) Three expired drugs were found in the working stock of drugs;

- b) The original invoices received by the veterinary establishment of Schedule II through Schedule IV drugs did not indicate the actual date of receipt;
- c) A current biennial inventory of schedule II-V medications completed within two years of the previous biennial inventory could not be located at the time of inspection;
- d) The drug distribution record for administration and dispensing of Schedule II-V drugs were not maintained in chronological order;
- e) A patient record failed to identify the treating veterinarian, the person making entry into the record, drugs administered, drug quantity, drug strength and dosage, and routine of administration; and
- f) Initial rabies certificates did not provide the required disclaimer.

In the Consent Order, Respondent admitted to the conduct in paragraphs a) through f) above and was disciplined for the conduct in paragraphs a) through f) above. The Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine approved the Order on or about the 3rd day of January 2022.

For the purpose of avoiding further administrative actions with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the following:

- a) Respondent's license to practice as a veterinarian (License Number 3664) is hereby Reprimanded.
- b) Respondent agrees to pay a Civil Penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).
- c) Respondent understands the ratification of this Consent Order is a formal disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (N.P.D.B.) and/or similar agency, as a Reprimand. Respondent further understands that a failure to comply with the terms of this order shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

Dr. Galloway requested the Order to be edited to remove TN from it. Dr. Loxley made a motion to accept the Consent order, with a second from Dr. Garrett. The motion passed.

Thomas Holt, DVM #4558

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 4558 on June 20, 2005, with a current expiration date of November 30, 2022.

On or about May 7, 2021, Respondent diagnosed Ryder, a miniature schnauzer, with a rear hip dislocation and a fracture on his front leg. Surgery was performed that day.

Respondent did not immobilize Ryder's hip after surgery or clean the incision site. In addition, the rear leg was not in a sling or in any way immobilized. Respondent instructed Ryder's owner that Ryder was to return in four (4) weeks.

Ryder's owner called the Respondent's office expressing concerns due to the splint on Ryder's forepaw. Respondent's wife, who is not licensed as a veterinarian, offered pain meds to Ryder's owner to help alleviate Ryder's pain

On or about May 19, 2021, another veterinarian made a home visit to vaccinate other dogs in the household. This veterinarian checked Ryder and was concerned regarding the splint on Ryder's front leg developing sores and advised Ryder's owner to clean the incision site.

On or about May 20, 2021, Ryder's owner called to set up an appointment with the Respondent for a splint and dressing change the next day. When the owner and Ryder arrived, Respondent was not in the office. Respondent's wife took out the staples and stitches from the incision site. Under the splint on the front leg a pressure sore was festering with pus oozing from the pressure sore.

On or about May 25, 2021, Ryder was brought back to Respondent's office, and Respondent refused to change the splint, calling the pressure sores "par for the course". Respondent did not take x-rays of the front and back legs.

On or about May 27, 2021, Ryder's owner removed the splint off the foreleg, concerned about the festering pressure sore. There was no padding under the splint., and adhesive tape was used in excess around the splint.

On or about May 31, 2021, Ryder's owner called Respondent's office to request a copy of his x-rays. There was no reply from the Respondent.

On June 4, 2021, Ryder's owner took him to see the veterinarian who saw Ryder on May 19, 2021. That veterinarian took x-rays and determined that the hip was not in the socket and she could not see a fracture in the foreleg, however, it appears that the elbow joint had been out of socket. The recommendation was for Ryder to see a specialist, who would either perform surgery or an amputation. The splint was changed to a soft splint and the owner was instructed to change the bandages every week.

On or about June 18, 2021, Ryder went back to the second veterinarian, and x-rays were once again taken. There had been no fracture on the foreleg, but the elbow joint was, swollen and unable to bend due to the displacement. The veterinarian tried multiple times to obtain Ryder's medical records from the Respondent but was unable to do so.

On or about June 29, 2021, Ryder saw a veterinarian at Veterinary Care and Specialty Group, who estimated the surgery to correct the issues with Ryder would cost between \$9,800 and \$12,700, and it there was a good chance that it would not be successful. Ryder did not have the surgery and is on pain medications.

It is therefore ordered that, pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-12-106 and TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1730-02-.15, the Tennessee veterinary license of Respondent Thomas Alexander Holt, DVM, license number 4558, is hereby REPRIMANDED upon ratification of this Order.

Respondent must complete five (5) hours of continuing education (CEs) in the treatment and management of fractures in orthopedic surgery within one (1) year of ratification of his order. These CEs are to be in addition to the required hours as set forth in Tenn. Rules and Regs. 1730-01-.12.

Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1730-01-.15 and Board policy, one (1) Type A civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), representing one civil penalty. Said civil penalties must be paid in full within one (1) year of the ratification of this Consent Order.

Dr. Garrett made a motion to deny the consent order as written, with a second by Dr. Loxley. Discussion on the order from Dr. Garrett was that the Continuing Education is light and should maybe be increased. There was discussion from the Board but there could not be any further information from the attorney's office outside what is stated in the findings of fact.

Roll call vote is as follows:

McInturff – Yes

Loxley – No

Wereszczak – Yes

Galloway – Yes

Garrett – Yes

Motion passed and the Consent order is denied. Dr. Garrett's recommendations to the attorney are that Dr. Holt should take 6 hours in Ethics, Rules and Regulations, and 10 hours in Orthopedic Surgery and Wound Management; in addition to the already stated hours. The Board gave Dr. Holt one year to complete the CE upon ratification of the Order. The Board stated they are concerned that Dr. Holt has someone in his facility practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

Guy R. Sanders, DVM #1770

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 1770 on July 1, 1979, with a current expiration date of July 30, 2022.

Respondent practices veterinary medicine in Cleveland, Tennessee.

On or about July 19, 2020, "Cooper" was taken to Respondent to be treated for worms. Respondent told Cooper's owner that he was going to take his temperature. And see if there was an infection.

The next day, when Cooper's Owner came to pick him up, a thermometer was left in his rectum. Respondent stated, "it wasn't the first thermometer, and it probably won't be the last."

On or about December 4, 2020, an American Bulldog "Camilla" was having a cesarian section performed by the Respondent. Respondent told Camilla's owner that eight were delivered, but one did not survive. After Camilla returned home, she delivered two more puppies, and one of those did not survive. When questioned, the Respondent stated that he "had removed all the puppies, and there were not any places they could hide." Respondent also stated he "guessed he could have taken an x-ray."

To 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 #4562, placed on is hereby REPRIMANDED upon ratification of this Order.

Respondent must complete within six (6) months after ratification of this order, five (5) hours of continuing education credit (CEs) on the topic of surgery.

Respondent must pay, pursuant to TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. 1730-01-.15 and Board policy, one (1) Type B civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), representing one civil penalty for knowingly performing a surgical procedure without the Owner's consent in such a manner as to impact directly on the care of the client. Said civil penalties must be paid in full within six (6) months of the ratification of this Consent Order.

Dr. Loxley made a motion to accept the Consent Order, with a second by Dr. Garrett.

The Roll Call vote is as follows:

McInturff – Yes

Loxley – Yes

Wereszczak – No

Galloway – Yes

Garrett – Yes

The motion passed.

Agreed Citation

Alyssa Laws, LVMT #1773

Ms. Laws was found to be in violation of TCA 63-12-120, by failing to maintain sufficient continuing education credits, and was short nine (9) hours during CE audit. This deficiency resulted in a civil penalty in the amount of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450.00) and the requirement to complete all deficiency hours within 90 days.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, to approve the Agreed Citation for Alyssa Laws, LVMT #1773, as written, with a second by Dr. Garrett. Dr. Loxley inquired on the fee schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Charles Porter, CAET #116

Mr. Porter was found to be in violation of TCA 63-12-121 and Tenn R & Regs 1730-05-.09, by failing to timely renew license. Mr. Porter practiced on a lapsed license for fifteen (15) months. This resulted in a civil penalty of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), and payment must be made within thirty (30) days.

A motion was made by Dr. McInturff, to approve the Agreed Citation for Charles Porter #116, as written, with a second by Dr. Garrett. There was no discussion on this motion.

The motion passed.

Order of Compliance

Larry Mangum, DVM #1875

Disciplinary Coordinator Elizabeth Danler submitted an affidavit stating that Dr. Larry Mangum has been monitored by this Office in accordance with the Board's Order and the standard business practices of this Office and that he is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order.

Dr. Garrett made a motion to accept the Order of Compliance with a second from Dr. Loxley. There was no discussion on this motion. Motion passed.

Applicant Interviews/File Reviews/Waivers & Other Requests

Carl Bello

Dr. Bello applied via Reciprocity but had been disciplined by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medicine for a DWI and warranted an interview by the Board and could not be reviewed administratively.

Dr. Bello was present at the meeting to answer questions. The Board asked Dr. Bello a handful of questions on where he was going to practice, etc. Would he ever make that mistake again.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve Dr. Bello for licensure, with a second from Dr. Loxley. There was no discussion on this motion. The motion passed

Gerald Blackburn

Dr. Blackburn applied to reinstate his Tennessee license, which had been previously disciplined in TN, and requested for a waiver of the requirement of proof of continuous practice, this file could not be administratively approved. Further, the Board should note that the CE documentation provided shows a total of 73 hours (short 7 of the required 80 hours), in addition, of note, the completion of 20 hours of CE is documented as having occurred all on one date of 07/28/2022.

Dr. Blackburn spoke on his previous TN discipline that he was unaware at the time that he needed a premises permit for a veterinary facility and that is why he was disciplined. He had been in compliance ever sense then.

The Board inquired how far behind he is in CE requirements and Dr. Blackburn was unaware that he had submitted incorrect CE to the administrative office but has also since submitting that CE to the administrative office, completed more CE and is more than happy to provide those CE hours to the administrative office.

Dr. Garrett asked Dr. Blackburn why he was wanting to come back to practicing. Dr. Blackburn stated that he had been reached out to, to start working at a local clinic in VA and he had experience personal issue's with finding a veterinarian willing to work on his dog and did not want this to happen to someone else and let their animal suffer as his did.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve Dr. Blackburn for reinstatement contingent upon proper CE being submitted to the administrative office, with a second from Dr. Garrett. There was no further discussion on this motion. The motion passed.

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 Ms. Wereszczak. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Licensed

Veterinary Facility	2293	Arlington Pet Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2258	Banfield Pet Hospital #5308
Veterinary Facility	2290	Concord Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2283	Easy Vet Murfreesboro
Veterinary Facility	2289	Hohenwald Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2304	Hvp Of Tennessee Llc

Veterinary Facility	2310	Overwatch Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2287	Petvet Care Centers (Tennessee) Llc
Veterinary Facility	2284	Rescuevet Inc
Veterinary Facility	2270	Suveto Operations Tn Llc
Veterinary Facility	2269	Suveto Operations Tn Llc
Veterinary Facility	2281	Walnut Grove Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2286	Aberlea Veterinary Life Planning Llc
Veterinary Facility	2280	Berry Hill Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2274	Embassy Veterinary Center Lenoir City
Veterinary Facility	2282	Haywood Animal Hospital Inc.
Veterinary Facility	2267	My Pet'S Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2266	My Pet'S Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	2296	Park City Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	2230	Vip Petcare Wellness Center At Tsc 123-Hendersonville Tn

Reinstated

Veterinary Facility	1116	Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	795	Five Rivers Mobile Veterinary Service
Veterinary Facility	646	Franklin Road Animal Hospital Pc
Veterinary Facility	825	North Madison Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	1876	Riverside Veterinary Clinic

Closed

Veterinary Facility	1870	Seymour Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1883	Stage Road Animal Hospital Llc
Veterinary Facility	775	Animal Medical Center Llc
Veterinary Facility	1065	Berryhill Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	859	Concord Veterinary Hospital
Veterinary Facility	845	Cumberland Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1170	Dekalb Animal Clinic
Veterinary Facility	1150	Five Rivers Pet Emergency ClinicLlc
Veterinary Facility	725	Forest Hill Animal Hospital
Veterinary Facility	1631	Pawsplus
Veterinary Facility	1629	Pawsplus
Veterinary Facility	1665	Pawsplus
Veterinary Facility	611	Robertson County Animal Clinic Pc
Veterinary Facility	423	Shallowford Animal Hospital

Veterinary Facility	1603	South Church Animal Hospital
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Licensed

Veterinarian	7746	Agnello Michael Joseph Dr.
Veterinarian	7782	Barks Leah Nicole
Veterinarian	7726	Copeland Michael Ryan Dr.
Veterinarian	7621	Deeb Stephen Raymond Dr
Veterinarian	7747	Derouen Abigail Elizabeth
Veterinarian	7631	Drakeley Molly Margaret
Veterinarian	7770	Durbin Cristen Nicole
Veterinarian	7676	Elrod Rebecca
Veterinarian	7099	Ford Stephanie Leann
Veterinarian	7745	Gammons Hayley Dr.
Veterinarian	7795	Hand Ashley Renee'
Veterinarian	7755	Hand Camaryn
Veterinarian	7748	Harris Brittany Michelle
Veterinarian	7732	Haynes Chloe
Veterinarian	7652	Hearn Brittany Leigh
Veterinarian	7641	Hirsch Susan G
Veterinarian	7783	Hoffeditz Hannah Christine
Veterinarian	7763	Howie Rachel Dr.
Veterinarian	7638	Huey Bobby III Dr
Veterinarian	7758	Huselton Jamie
Veterinarian	7753	Iverson Liam
Veterinarian	7744	Kalua Holly Dr.
Veterinarian	7790	Kim Minjeong
Veterinarian	7737	Kleppinger Katherine
Veterinarian	7715	Kusiek Kirsten Erin Dr.
Veterinarian	7764	Laxton Laura Rose Dr
Veterinarian	7640	Lee Mark DVM
Veterinarian	7767	Lehrling Luke
Veterinarian	7754	Malik Caitlin Elyse
Veterinarian	7756	Manziano Rosemary Dr
Veterinarian	7760	Mcinnis Douglas D
Veterinarian	7751	Meier Elisa Kristine Dr.
Veterinarian	7752	Merchan Laura Camila Ms
Veterinarian	7774	Morse Laura Dr.
Veterinarian	7766	Oliver Montana Raine DVM

Veterinarian	7775	Perlzak Monica
Veterinarian	7761	Perra Corinne
Veterinarian	7757	Pollard Rachel M
Veterinarian	7771	Posey Douglas Neil DVM
Veterinarian	7791	Poston Richard Franklin IV Dr.
Veterinarian	7769	Preston Caleb T Dr
Veterinarian	7719	Robbins Nicholas
Veterinarian	7778	Robinson Meghann Eileen Dr.
Veterinarian	7730	Rose Cayce Lynn
Veterinarian	7739	Rosenblum Shira Tziporah Dr.
Veterinarian	7768	Salinas Isabel Esperanza Dr.
Veterinarian	7147	Sanford Andrew Lawson
Veterinarian	7779	Shelton Michelle
Veterinarian	7780	Singh Ada Dr.
Veterinarian	7784	Taylor Emily Byers Dr.
Veterinarian	7776	Thiemann Rachel Anne Dr.
Veterinarian	7693	Tipton Kristi
Veterinarian	7777	Unda Denise Lucia
Veterinarian	7781	Veligatla Tejaswi Dr
Veterinarian	7773	Vibert Amber DVM Dr.
Veterinarian	7762	Waters Susan Margaret Dr.
Veterinarian	7714	Western Jillian

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Veterinarian	1985	Balthaser Douglas E
Veterinarian	7257	Chamberlain Timothy Mark
Veterinarian	3707	Duvall Joshua John
Veterinarian	5457	Ewing li Henry Pettit
Veterinarian	6813	Finnie Kelsey Regan
Veterinarian	1771	Gayheart Leo
Veterinarian	6335	Graham Carlson Arthur
Veterinarian	3672	Kaetzel David L
Veterinarian	2687	Wood Kevin B
Veterinarian	4201	Adams Julia Lane
Veterinarian	6760	Demello Victoria
Veterinarian	4424	Johnson Nancy Jane
Veterinarian	5621	Pallister Garrison Gail Janine
Veterinarian	2893	Rich Jimmy R Jr

Veterinarian	6329	Vaduva Flavia Mihaela
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Licensed

Cert. Animal Control Agencies	119	Horse Plus Humane Society
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Licensed

Veterinary Medical Technician	2303	Allen Brooke Allen
Veterinary Medical Technician	2348	Bapst Amber Mrs
Veterinary Medical Technician	2328	Barker Carly
Veterinary Medical Technician	2306	Bates Mary Margaret
Veterinary Medical Technician	2331	Biffle Alyssa
Veterinary Medical Technician	2270	Bishop Amanda
Veterinary Medical Technician	2311	Brewer Hanna Mae
Veterinary Medical Technician	2338	Brown April Renee
Veterinary Medical Technician	2310	Burrows Chloe Chyann
Veterinary Medical Technician	2336	Cagle Summer
Veterinary Medical Technician	2298	Campbell Allison Blair
Veterinary Medical Technician	2347	Clark Jaelyn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2349	Cornstubble Rylee Michelle
Veterinary Medical Technician	2339	Cox Lillie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2327	Damore Keri Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2269	Davis Jenny
Veterinary Medical Technician	2326	Dingus Alanna Wynn
Veterinary Medical Technician	2337	Fang John
Veterinary Medical Technician	2334	Flesher Kelly
Veterinary Medical Technician	2329	Heitmann Brenna Victoria
Veterinary Medical Technician	2312	Hicks Grace Danielle
Veterinary Medical Technician	2313	Himes Madison
Veterinary Medical Technician	2295	Holmes Erin
Veterinary Medical Technician	2325	Johnson Mykaela Geralan
Veterinary Medical Technician	2323	Johnson Tyquencia Aketa-Jarrell Ms.
Veterinary Medical Technician	2316	Kelley Makenzie Layne
Veterinary Medical Technician	2314	Letzkus Amanda
Veterinary Medical Technician	2350	Long Dakota
Veterinary Medical Technician	2301	Lopez Misti
Veterinary Medical Technician	2315	Mancini Casey
Veterinary Medical Technician	2344	Mcmasters Camden

Veterinary Medical Technician	2304	Messer Cassandra
Veterinary Medical Technician	2353	Nash Emily
Veterinary Medical Technician	2330	Parrish Megan Leigh Ann
Veterinary Medical Technician	2291	Peckham Laurel
Veterinary Medical Technician	2307	Peterson Riley Faith
Veterinary Medical Technician	2317	Rhea Tatyana Domonique
Veterinary Medical Technician	2322	Sanderson Amy Elizabeth
Veterinary Medical Technician	2352	Smith Mackenzie Caitlin
Veterinary Medical Technician	2302	Thomas Monet M
Veterinary Medical Technician	2308	Tidwell Jeremiah Dawson
Veterinary Medical Technician	2305	Van Zanten Ieneke Van Zanten Mrs
Veterinary Medical Technician	2324	Verhey Lydia Ann
Veterinary Medical Technician	2293	Ward Kristen Marie
Veterinary Medical Technician	2321	Witt Hannah Nicole

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Veterinary Medical Technician	1905	Hicks Nicolette Keating
Veterinary Medical Technician	1773	Laws Alyssa Leann
Veterinary Medical Technician	2087	Lunn Kayleigh Mrs.
Veterinary Medical Technician	832	Manning Terri Lee
Veterinary Medical Technician	1594	Matney Jessica Rae

Licensed

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1122	Archibald Angela Marie
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1116	Archibald Keith
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1123	Baker Josh
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1121	Carlson Jenna
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1111	Chrisman Kayla Nichole
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1101	Grimes Allison Marissa Mrs.
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1124	Harris Shelby
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1103	Houser Katelyn Jessica
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1119	Mancini Casey
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1105	Moorer Trevor Devon
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1120	O'Connor Kory
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1131	Palmer Kevin Bradley
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1109	Piersaul David Eugene
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1115	Preisner Jason D

Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1117	Preisner Tawnee
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1125	Rhoads Cheryl
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1130	Richards Emily Christine
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1102	Smith Bobbie Latricia Ms.
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1110	Wallin Amy Jeanette
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1114	Waters Sadie Ashton Mrs.
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1112	Watson Seth Robert
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	1107	Wellborn Katherine Olivia

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Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	969	Bridges Bruce Wayne
Cert. Animal Euthanasia Tech	939	Sutton Morgan Mechelle

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.

Review and consider Continuing Education and Other Course Requests, and Continuing

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

A request from BluePearl for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for discussion topic “**Pancreatitis**” that will go over common presenting complaints, commonly available testing pros and cons, therapy options and some case examples, this will take place in person in the Summer of **2023 in person**.

A request from BluePearl for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on “**CPR**” by Dr. Kristen Datte in **2023 in person**.

A request from BluePearl for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on “**Intro on Treating Blocked Cats**” by Mary Schacher, LVMT in **2023 in person**.

A request from BluePearl for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on “**Anesthesia**” by Christopher Letizia, LVMT in **2023 in person**.

A request from Elanco for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a course titled **“Vaccines: Which Ones, When and Why”** by Elise Kelly, DVM on **August 30, 2022 in Memphis TN.**

A request from Zoetis for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a course titled **“Dogs Drool: Canine Infectious Respiratory Disease Complex”** by Carrie Everett, DVM in **2022** across TN.

A request from Zoetis for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a course titled **“Suffering in Silence: Feline OA”** by Jerrod Johnson, DVM in **2022** across TN.

Dr. Galloway submitted a recommendation for the Board to approve the above CE course requests.

A motion was made by Dr. Galloway to approve the CE course requests as presented, with a second made by Dr. McInturff. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Euthanasia Certification Approval Request

The Board listened to a request from Dr. Carrie Spencer with the University of FL Euthanasia by Injection. The request was reviewed at the August 3, 2022, meeting but it was only approved for continuing education and not euthanasia injection. The request is up for review again to have the course approved for euthanasia certification after providing the additional information that the Board requested, which was ‘Euthanasia Methods’ and do they euthanize an animal during training as is required in the TN Practice Act.

Dr. Spencer was unavailable by Dr. Cathy Anderson was available for questions and comments. Dr. Galloway asked Dr. Anderson if the course they provide euthanize’ s an animal during their practice version. Dr. Anderson stated that they do and went over all the different methods that they train their students on to perform euthanasia.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to approve this course to be approved for Euthanasia Certification in TN, with a second from Dr. Garrett. There was no further discussion on this motion. The motion passed.

Dr. George Moss CE Waiver Request

Submitted a request to have his 2022 Continuing Education to be postponed to 2023 and to complete a total 40 hours in 2023.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to allow all hours to be completed in 2023 for a total of 40 hours, with a second from Dr. Garrett. Dr. Galloway, Dr. Loxley and Ms. Wereszczak voted nay and Dr. Garrett and Dr. McInturff voted aye. The motion failed.

Dr. Garrett made a motion to waive all CE hours for 2022, with a second from Dr. Loxley. All voted yes. Motion passed.

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

No action to be taken.

Review of Correspondence and Notices

Notice – FDA via AAVSB: OTC to RX

The AAVSB submitted a notice from the FDA about Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263 in June 2021 which outlined a plan for transitioning certain over-the-counter (OTC) antimicrobial products for animals to prescription (Rx) status. As outlined in FDA's Guidance for Industry (GFI) #263, we expect approved animal drug products containing medically important antimicrobials that are currently available as OTC products to transition to Rx status beginning in June 2023. To help prepare for this transition, FDA/CVM is conducting outreach to increase awareness about this expected change. Outreach efforts so far have included disseminating information in September to some target audiences (TX, AZ, OR) through radio and social media.

Conference/Event Reports and Upcoming Events

Dr. Galloway inquired if anyone from the Board staff will be attending the Music City Veterinary Conference. Ms. Wallace stated that if the Board requests staff to be there, that could be arraigned but there was very little to any foot traffic and inquiries from licensees at the meeting and did not want to waste Board funds to pay for staff to attend and have a booth.

Ms. Wallace went on to let the Board know that all the Student Outreach programs have been converted to online presentations and does not require to have staff attend the meeting in person.

The Board discussed how to disseminate Board information to the licenses and public, whether staff attends the MCVC meeting, holds a presentation of FAQ's, passes out a sheet with contact information/board website.

Dr. McInturff made a motion to have a flyer or handout at the TVMA desk at the MCVC with Board contact information and the Board's website, with a second from Ms. Wereszczak. No further discuss on the motion. The motion passed.

Discuss Old & New Board Business

No action to be taken.

Election of Board Officers

Dr. McInturff made a motion to keep all positions the same with a second from Dr. Loxley. Dr. McInturff made a motion to have Dr. Loxley as the Board Secretary since Dr. Thompson is longer on the Board. Dr. Garrett inquired what the roles of all the Board Officers are, which Ms. Wallace elaborated on.

There was no further discussion on the motion. The motion passed.

The Board Officers are as follows:

President: Dr. Stephen Galloway
Vice President: Leslie Wereszczak, LVMT
Secretary: Dr. Scott Loxley
CSMD Representative: Dr. Montgomery McInturff.

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.

Dr. Galloway thanked Ms. Woodard for her time with the Board and wished her well going forward.

Dr. Galloway also congratulated Dr. McInturff on winning the President's award with the AAEP.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be heard, Dr. McInturff made a motion for adjournment with a second made by Dr. Loxley. There was no discussion on the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Veterinary board meeting adjourned at 1:00pm CST.

These Minutes were ratified by the Board on April 12, 2023.



Board Chair

04/12/2023

Date