



Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

State of Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 9:30 AM PDT

Location: Aloft Hotel: 2015 Terminal Way, Reno, NV 89502
Video Conference Access: Microsoft Teams
Telephone Access: (929) 229-5741

Call to Order: 9:40 am Dr. Steve Damonte called the meeting to order and took roll.

Attendance:

Present:

Board members present:

Steve Damonte, DVM (President)
James O’Dea, DVM (Vice-President)
Deborah White, DVM (Treasurer)
Michael Knehr, DVM
John Bullard, DVM (remote)
Crystal Vaquera, LVT
Stacy Hosking, DVM, DACVIM
John Travis

Staff Present:

Jennifer Pedigo, EMBA (Executive Director)
Louis Ling, Esq. (Board Counsel)
John Crumley, DVM (Lead Investigator)
Christina Johnson, LVT (Senior Inspector and
Licensing Specialist)

1. Public Comment

Public Comment: No public comment.

2. Approval of Board Minutes

- A. April 18, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to approve the April Minutes as amended.
Second: Dr. Hosking
Vote: All aye

3. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Actions

- A. 06-2023DVM-47: Terry Muratore, DVM (0551): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept the Consent Order.
Second: Dr. Bullard



Vote: All aye. Investigation Committee B (Dr. White, Dr. Damonte, and Dr. Hosking).

- B. 06-2023LVT-53: Jennifer Wahayu, LVT (LVT1470): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye. Investigation Committee A (Dr. Hosking and Ms. Vaquera) abstained.

4. Requests for Review/Approval/Waiver of Registration, Licensure Requirements, Examination Requirements, Extensions, Education Approval, Criminal Background, Disciplinary Actions, or Reinstatement

- A. Bommireddy Reddy, DVM: Application for Veterinarian Licensure

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to approve Dr. Reddy's DVM application.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye

- B. Michael LaPorte, DVM: Application for Veterinarian Licensure

Motion: Mr. Travis moved to deny Dr. Laporte's DVM application.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye

- C. Benjamin Reynolds, DVM: Application for Diplomate Licensure

Motion: Dr. Hosking moved to approve Dr. Reynolds Diplomate application pending passing the ophthalmology specialty exam.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye

- D. Jasmine Bogan: Second VGAL Extension Request and Additional NAVLE Attempts

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to issue 1 year VGAL extension and 1 attempt at the NAVLE in April 2025.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye. Dr. Bullard abstained.



E. Aleksander Janjic: Second VGAL Extension Request

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to issue an extension for 1 year.
Second: Dr. Hosking
Vote: All aye

F. Nima Mahramasrar, DVM: Second VGAL Extension Request

Motion: Dr. Knehr approved Dr. Mahramasrar's VGAL extension for 1 year.
Second: Dr. White
Vote: All aye

G. Kimberly Holford: Additional NAVLE Attempts

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve Dr. Holford one NAVLE attempt.
Second: Dr. Hosking
Vote: All aye

H. Gholamreza Esmaeili, DVM: Additional NAVLE Attempts

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to approve Dr. Esmaeili for two NAVLE attempts.
Second: Dr. Knehr
Vote: All aye

I. Rebecca Carbajal: VTIT Extension and Further VTNE Attempts

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to approve Ms. Carbajal's VTIT for 1 year and one VTNE attempt.
Second: Dr. Hosking
Vote: All aye

J. Sara Colby: LVT Application and Education Approval

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve Ms. Colby's education for LVT.
Second: Dr. O'Dea
Vote: All aye



K. Hailey Jesness: LVT Application and Education Approval

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve Ms. Jessness' application and education for LVT licensure.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye

L. Tessa Marshall: VTIT/LVT Application and Education Review

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to approve Ms. Marshall's education for VTIT/LVT.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye

M. Chrysta Borba: VTIT/LVT Application and Education Review

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to approve Ms. Borba's education for VTIT/LVT.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye

5. Staff Reports

A. Inspection Report

Ms. Johnson presented the Inspection Report.

B. Administrative Activity Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Administrative Activity Report.

C. Financial Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Financial Report.

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve the financial report

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye

D. Budget for Fiscal Year 2025



Ms. Pedigo presented the draft budget for the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025).

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve the 2025 Budget.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye

E. Investigation Report

Dr. Crumley presented the Investigation Report.

F. Legal Report

There were no documents to present. Mr. Ling gave a brief overview of the recent Supreme Court decision Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo and any foreseeable impact it may have on the Board or the State of Nevada.

G. Legislative Report (Presenters: Jennifer Pedigo)

Ms. Pedigo presented the Legislative Report.

6. Administrative Hearing for Consideration and Decision Related to the Matter of Robert Loose, DVM (2377), Case No. 12-2022DVM-78

Motion: Dr. White moved to go into closed session at 10:20 am.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to open session at 11:15 am.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye

Motion: Dr. O'Dea made a motion to dismiss the case.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: Crystal Vaquera, Michael Knehr, John Bullard voted aye. Dr. White, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. Damonte abstained. Mr. Travis abstained.



7. Consideration and Approval of the Investigation and Complaint Survey

Dr. Crumley and Ms. Pedigo presented information regarding the development of the surveys and gathered Board feedback. No action was taken.

8. Consideration of Possible Future Statutory Changes for the 2025 Legislative Session

Mr. Ling and Ms. Pedigo presented proposed language changes to NRS638 for the upcoming 2025 Legislative Session.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to move forward with the proposed regulation changes.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye

9. Regulation Committee Report, Regulation Review, and Discussion

Ms. Pedigo presented the discussions of the regulation committee for possible review. No action was taken.

10. Executive Director Annual Performance and Salary Review

Motion: Dr. White moved that the Board review this item to the October 24, 2024 Board meeting to consider with the completed 2024 Fiscal Year Financial Audit.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye

Public Comment

Michelle Wagner, NVMA, made public comment announcing her retirement and introduced Heather Nichols as the new executive director of the NVMA.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. O'Dea made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

