



# Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2025 at 9:30 AM

Location: Aloft Hotel 2015 Terminal Way Reno, NV 89502

Video Conference: Microsoft Teams

Telephone Access: (929) 229-5741

Call to Order: 9:35

## Attendance

### Present:

Steve Damonte, DVM (President)

James O'Dea, DVM (Vice-President)

Deborah White, DVM (Treasurer)

Michael Knehr, DVM

Stacy Hosking, DVM, DACVIM

Michael Knehr, DVM

Crystal Vaquera, LVT

John Bullard, DVM (remote)

James O'Dea, DVM (remote)

John Travis (remote)

John Crumley, DVM, (Lead Investigator)

Michael Laffins, DVM (Investigator)

Christina Johnson, LVT (Senior Investigator,  
Licensing Specialist)

Jennifer Pedigo, EMBA (Executive Director)

Louis Ling, Esq. (Board Counsel)

- 1. Public Comment:** No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item which action will be taken. (NRS 241.020)

Comment: Megan Allman-Dellevoet, LVT would like to propose a change to the scope of practice and supervision level for a traveling/mobile LVT that would not require the LVT to be employed by the RDVM.

## 2. Approval of Board Minutes (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)

### A. October 24, 2024: Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to accept the minutes as amended.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All Aye

**3. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Actions (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)**

**a. 12-2023DVM-82: Mark Ben Paulino (2900): Settlement Agreement.**

Louis Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand

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

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. White abstained.

**b. 02-2024DVM-09: Vivian Yi, DVM (3241): Settlement Agreement.**

Mr Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand

**Motion:** Dr. Bullard moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. White, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. Damonte abstained

**c. 12-2023DVM-83: Erin Lee, DVM (2855): Settlement Agreement.**

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand

**Motion:** Dr. Hosking moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand

**Second:** Dr. O'Dea

**Vote:** All aye; Crystal Vaquera and John Travis abstained

**d. 03-2024DVM-17: Joshua Rexing, DVM (2012): Settlement Agreement.**

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand.

**Motion:** Dr. Bullard moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand.

**Second:** Dr. O'Dea

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. White abstained.

**e. 03-2024FAC-18: Las Vegas Veterinary Specialty Center (H301): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision.**

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand. Presented with the 03-2024DVM-17

**Motion:** Dr. Bullard moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand

**Second:** Dr. O'Dea

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. White abstained

**f. 07-2024DVM-48: Armando Martinez, DVM 1379: Settlement Agreement**

Mr. Ling presented the Consent Decree.

**Motion:** Dr. O'Dea moved to accept the Consent Decree.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. White abstained.

**g. 08-2024FAC-61: Banfield Pet Hospital #1895 (H268): Settlement Agreement.**

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand

**Motion:** Dr. Bullard moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. White abstained.

**h. 08-2024DVM-59: Saher Botros, DVM (2534): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.**

Mr. Ling presented the Settlement Agreement.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All Aye; Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, and Dr. Knehr abstained.

**i. 09-2024DVM-63: Samantha Higa, DVM (3140): Settlement Agreement**

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand

**Motion:** Dr. Hosking moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All Aye; Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, and Dr. Knehr abstained.

**j. 02-2024DVM-12; 04-2024DVM-21: Cesar Castro, DVM (1339): Settlement Agreement**

Mr. Ling presented the Settlement Agreement.

**Motion:** Dr. Damonte moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All Aye; Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, and Dr. Knehr abstained.

**4. Requests for Review/Approval/Modification/Waiver of Registration, Licensure/Exam Requirements, Extensions, Education Approval, Criminal Background Review, Disciplinary Actions, or Reinstatement. (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)**

**a. Karanbir Dosanjh, DVM - Reactivation Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Dosanjh's application. Dr. Dosanjh was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to reactivate Dr. Dosanjh's license without further conditions.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All aye.

**b. Casey Fekete, DVM - VGAL Extension**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Fekete's application.

**Motion:** Dr. O'Dea moved to extend VGAL for 1 year

No Second. Motion Failed.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr made a motion to extend Dr. Fekete's VGAL for 1 year and require at least one attempt at the NAVLE.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All aye.

**c. Pablo Mendoza-Araya, DVM - VGAL Third Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Mendoza-Araya's application.

**Motion:** Dr. O'Dea moved to extend the VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All aye.

**d. Anjen Shah, DVM – VGAL Extension and Further NAVLE Attempts**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Shah's application.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to extend the VGAL for 1 year and one attempt at the NAVLE.

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye.

**e. Erika Sanchez, DVM - Request for further NAVLE attempts**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Sanchez's request.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to extend the VGAL for 1 year and one attempt at the NAVLE.

**Second:** Dr. O'Dea

**Vote:** All aye.

**f. Marissa Lucido, VTIT - VTIT Application for Third Extension**

Ms. Pedigo presented Ms. Lucido's application.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to extend for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye.

**g. Alexandria Sellers - VTIT/ LVT Application and Alternate education review**

Not presented.

**h. Nicole Ramani - VTIT/ LVT Application and Alternate education review**

Ms. Pedigo presented Ms. Ramani's application.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved that Ms. Ramani perform 40 hours of CE refresh her education from 2006 before issuing her VTIT.

**Second:** Dr. Damonte

**Vote:** All aye.

**i. Tyler Amos - VTIT/ LVT Application and Alternate education review**

Not presented. Submitted for education review with Dr. Knehr.

**j. Angelique Smith - LVT Application for Review**

Ms. Pedigo presented Mx. Smith's Application for Review.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to deny Ms. Smith's application due to incomplete education.

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** Aye: Ms. Vaquera, Dr. Damonte, Dr. Hosking, Dr. Knehr, Dr. White, Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard; Nay: John Travis

**5. Staff Reports (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)**

**a. Inspection Report**

Ms. Johnson presented the inspection report.

**b. Administrative Activity Report**

Ms. Pedigo presented the administrative report.

**c. Financial Report**

Ms. Pedigo presented the financial report.

**Motion:** Dr. White

**Second:** Dr. Hosking

**Vote:** All aye.

**d. Investigation Report**

Dr. Crumley presented the investigation report.

**e. Legal Report**

No report presented.

**f. Legislative Report**

Ms. Pedigo presented the Legislative report.

**6. Discussion of Investigation and Hearing Process (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented the proposed revised committee structure.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr

**Second:** Dr. Damonte

**Vote:** All aye.

**7. Consideration of Contract for Legal Services with Ling Ltd. (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented the contract for Ling, Ltd.

**Motion:** Dr. O'Dea moved to accept Mr. Ling's new contract.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.

**8. Consideration of Contract for Legislative Services with Michael Hillerby (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented the contract proposal for Kaempfer Crowell (Michael Hillerby)

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to accept Mr. Hillerby's for Legislative services.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye.

**9. Testing, Retake Updates, and Policy Discussion for VTNE and NAVLE (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented an update to the VTNE and NAVLE testing policies.

**10. Review and Board Comment for AAVSB Model Regulations (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented the AAVSB model regulations.

**11. 2025-2028 Strategic Planning (For Possible Action)**

Ms. Pedigo presented the Board Strategic Plan.

**12. Report from the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association.**

Heather Nichols gave the NVMA update to the Board.

**13. Agenda items for next meeting**

- a. Public outreach planning and strategy discussions
- b. Regulation Review

**14. Public Comment**

No public comment given.

**15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to adjourn 3:35pm

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.