



Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

State of Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Thursday, October 24, 2024 9:30 AM PDT

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas Strip South:7830 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89123
Video Conference Access: Microsoft Teams
Telephone Access: (929) 229-5741

Call to Order: 9:35 am Dr. Steve Damonte called the meeting to order and took roll.

Attendance

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 (Public member)

Staff Present:

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

1. Public Comment:

Kevin Leon Martin, Jr. spoke to the Board regarding the importance of pets in our families, the veterinary professionals tasked with caring for the pets, and the Veterinary Board in upholding the standards of veterinary medicine.

Edward Cervantes read a statement regarding a NV Senate Bill regarding mobile dental vans and veterinary care for veterinary emergency and critical care. To provide dental and veterinary care to those who could not afford it. SB110. Accessible veterinary care. NRS439 and NRS638. Allocating funding for pet owners, and goals.

2. Approval of Board Minutes

A. July 18, 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

A. 02-2024DVM-09: Vivian Yi, DVM (3241): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

No settlement has been reached.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to go to hearing if no settlement is reached.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

Public Comment: None

B. 12-2023DVM-83: Erin Lee, DVM (2855): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

No settlement has been reached.

Motion: Dr. White moved to go to hearing if no settlement is reached.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

Public Comment: None

C. 04-2024DVM-27: Erin Price, DVM (1988): Settlement Agreement

Mr. Louis Ling reviewed the case and provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the settlement agreement.

Second: O'Dea

Vote: All aye. Ms. Vaquera and Mr. Travis abstained.

Public Comment: None

D. 03-2024DVM-16: Pedro Olivencia, DVM (3092): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

No settlement has been reached.

E. 03-2024DVM-17: Joshua Rexing, DVM (2012): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

No settlement has been reached.

F. 03-2024FAC-18: Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (H417): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action.

No settlement has been reached.

Agenda Items 3D-3F were considered as one item.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to go to hearing if no settlement is reached.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

Public Comment: None

G. 03-2024DVM-15: Cassaundra Moens, DVM (2558): Settlement Agreement

Mr. Louis Ling reviewed the case and provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Settlement Agreements.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept the settlement agreement.

Second: Ms. Vaquera

Vote: All aye. Dr. White, Dr. Hosking, and Dr. Damonte abstained. Dr. O'Dea recused himself.

Public Comment: None

H. 05-2024LVT-35: Cynthia Lara, LVT (LVT1603): Settlement Agreement

I. 05-2024LVT-36: Angella Medrano, LVT (LVT1058): Settlement Agreement

Mr. Louis Ling reviewed the case and provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Settlement Agreements for agenda items 3H and 3I as one item.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the settlement agreements for Cynthia Lara, LVT and Angella Medrano, LVT.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Dr. Bullard, Dr. Knehr, and Dr. O'Dea abstained.

Public Comment: None

J. 09-2024PAR-62: Anita Dennison, DVM (3412): Settlement Agreement for Parallel Letter of Reprimand

Mr. Louis Ling reviewed the case and provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Parallel Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to accept the parallel discipline.

Second: Bullard

Vote: All aye. Ms. Vaquera and Mr. Travis abstained.

Public Comment: None

K. 06-2024DVM-38: Sharon Burns, DVM (0936): Settlement Agreement

Mr. Louis Ling reviewed the case and provided the Board with an overview of the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to accept the settlement agreement as written.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Mr. Vaquera and Mr. Travis abstained.

Public Comment: None

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

A. Charles Felz, DVM: Application for Veterinarian Licensure

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Felz was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to approve the application for licensure.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye.

B. Aimee Gordon, DVM: Application for Veterinarian Licensure

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Gordon was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Hosking moved to approve the application for licensure.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

C. Andra Booth, DVM: Application for Second VGAL Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Booth was not present for discussions.

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

Second: Dr. Knehr.

Vote: All aye.

D. Quintin Gray, DVM: Application for Second VGAL Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Grey was present for discussions.

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

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye. Dr. Bullard recused himself.

E. Rachel Schneider, DVM : Application for Second VGAL Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Schneider was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. White moved to extend the VGAL registration for 1 year.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye.

F. Amanda Estrada, VTIT: Application for Third VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Estrada was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Estrada's VTIT registration for 1 year with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye. Crystal Vaquera recused herself.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to amended the motion to extend the registration through 11/1/2025.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye. Ms. Vaquera recused herself.

G. Sarah Fritz, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Fritz was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to extend Ms. Fritz's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with No further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye.

H. Joseph Leyson, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Mr. Leyson was present for discussions.

Motion: Mr. Travis moved to extend Mr. Leyson's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Dr. White recused herself.

I. Marissa Lucido, VTIT: Application for Third VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Lucido was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to deny Ms. Lucido's VTIT extension request.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye.

J. Bianka Lyghts, VTIT: Application for Third VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Lyght was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to extend Ms. Lyght's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All Aye. Dr. White recused herself.

K. Rebecca Monroe, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Monroe was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Monroe's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye.

L. Elizabeth Moore, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Moore was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Moore's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

M. Jessica Oppenheimer, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Oppenheimer was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. White moved to extend Ms. Oppenheimer's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye.

N. Emilie Ordiniza, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Ordiniza was present for discussions.

Motion: Mr. Travis moved to extend Ms. Ordiniza's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

O. Janice Perez, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Perez was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Damonte moved to extend Ms. Perez's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: None

Vote: Motion failed.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Perez's VTIT registration for 6 months with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

P. Julissa Perez, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Perez was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Perez's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye.

Q. Ashley Radley, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Radley was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend Ms. Radley's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

R. Kathleen Ricketts, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Rickett was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to extend Ms. Rickett's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

S. Robby Rodowick, VTIT: Application for Third VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Rodowick was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to extend Ms. Rodowick's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye. Dr. White recused herself.

T. ViDon Ronson, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Ronson was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to extend Ms. Ronson's VTIT registration through 11/1/2025 with no further extensions without an attempt at the VTNE and continuing education as written in the updated VTIT regulations.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Dr. Knehr recused himself.

U. Rachel Royandoyan, VTIT: Application for Second VTIT Extension

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Royandoyan was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to deny Ms. Royandoyan's VTIT extension request.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye.

V. Brittania (Fincher) Vitale: Further Attempts at the VTNE

The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Fincher was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to allow Ms. Fincher's request for a further attempt at the VTNE.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Vote: All aye.

W. Julia Piza: Further Attempts at the VTNE

Dr. O'Dea moved to allow Ms. Piza's request for a further attempt at the VTNE.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to allow Ms. Piza's request for a further attempt at the VTNE.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

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, administrative licensing, AAVSB and CLEAR conference reports.

C. Financial Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the financial report.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to accept the quarterly financial report.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All Aye.

D. Budget for Fiscal Year 2025

Ms. Pedigo and Dr. White presented the budget for FY 2025.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept the budget for FY 2025.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All Aye.

E. Investigation Report

Dr. Crumley presented the investigation report.

F. Legal Report

Mr. Ling reviewed the case of Hines vs. Pardue with the Board.

G. Legislative Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the legislative update.

6. Review and Approval of the Investigation and Complaint Survey

Ms. Pedigo presented the surveys to complainants and licensees involved in consumer complaints.

7. Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statement and Audit

Susan Olsen, with Casey Neilon, Inc.- CPA Firm, presented the 2024 Fiscal Audit.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to agree with the audit findings.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Vote: All aye.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to take no further action or an actuary hired based on the deficiencies found in the audit.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye

8. Executive Director Annual Performance and Salary Review

The Board reviewed all supporting documentation for Executive Director's salary increase.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved for a 7% increase to Executive Director's salary.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

9. Discussion of Investigation and Hearing Process

Ms. Pedigo led a discussion with the Board of the current investigative process and possible changes.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to table the discussion of investigations and hearing process for further discussion at the January 2025 Board meeting.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Vote: All aye.

10. Testing, Retake Updates, and Policy Discussion for VTNE and NAVLE

Item tabled until the January 30, 2025 Board meeting.

11. Report from the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association

Item not presented.

12. Agenda items for next meeting

- a. b. Strategic Plan 2025-2027
- c. Comprehensive Regulation Review
- d. AAVSB Model Regulations for Comment
- e. Testing, Retake Updates, and Policy Discussion for VTNE and NAVLE
- f. Discussion of Investigation and Hearing Process

13. Public Comment

Janelle Lauchman, PT requested to discuss her application request for licensure with the Board. Ms. Pedigo explained that her application was not agendaized for this meeting and our office would reach out with an update.

14. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to adjourn at 4:35pm

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye.