

STATE OF NEVADA



COMMITTEE

Minutes

The LVT/VTIT Alternate Credential Ad Hoc Committee conducted a meeting on

**December 7, 2021 at 10:00AM at
4600 Kietzke Ln. Suite O-265
Reno, NV 89502**

and

**at the following conference number:
1-857-799-9907**

Board Members Present

James O’Dea, DVM
Michael Knehr, DVM
Melissa Schalles, LVT

Board Staff Present

Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

Public Comment: None

- 1. Review & discussion of system of evaluation for education and applications for those applying as Veterinary Technicians-in-Training (VTIT) and/or Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVT). (For Possible Action)**

Jennifer Pedigo (Executive Director) gave an overview of the sample rubrics prepared using previous applicants with Bachelor’s of Science (BS) degrees in non-animal science related fields such as Biology

or Chemistry. From what came of the draft rubrics, the committee discussed the use of 200 points for basic sciences and the need for 100 points in animal science courses. It was recommended to add a general/miscellaneous veterinary assistance category to encompass courses that may not fit in the stricter components listed in the rest of the rubric.

The committee discussed the possibility of using approved continuing education (CE) courses to fulfill the points that may be needed to complete the 100 point requirement. It was discussed that the CE would need to be in-person to properly evaluate the skills and ensure participation and attendance and that 1 hour of CE would be equivalent to 10 points.

It was also discussed that there be a component of training as a veterinary assistant (VA) in veterinary facilities prior to a veterinary-technician-in-training (VTIT) registration being granted. The range of 500 to 1000 hours was recommended. It was suggested that we make the training hours in a veterinary clinic a requirement for VTIT registration for all BS degrees.

The committee will make these recommendations to the full Board at the Board meeting on January 20, 2022.

2. Presentation of PAVE for Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVT) by the American Association for Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) (For Possible Action)

Nancy Grittman, Senior Director of Program Services for the AAVSB, along with Carol Sparrow, Program Manager-Exams, made a presentation regarding the 'PAVE for LVTs' program. The program is designed to be an evaluation mechanism of foreign graduates with a degree in Veterinary Technology/Nursing from colleges that do not have American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited veterinary technology programs. Ms. Grittman explained that the program would be a clearing house that would collect appropriate documentation for English equivalence, education documentation, and any other elements needed to evaluate the education of the applicant.

Once the program has received the required educational documents, they would evaluate any deficiencies that would need to be corrected by taking courses to fill the education gaps. For example, if an applicant's transcript showed a lack of education in proper post-surgical care, the applicant would be required to obtain training in that area. Ms. Grittman also discussed costs regarding the participation in this program and which jurisdictions have already or are in the process of accepting PAVE for LVTs. The committee asked pertinent questions of Ms. Grittman and Ms. Sparrow.

Once the presentation had concluded, the committee members discussed requiring adding a component of a possible 6 months to 1 year on-the-job training to ensure that the practical skills are sufficient for licensure. This would require adding a requirement for VTIT registration to obtain the requisite hours and to complete and pass the VTNE. These changes will be recommended to the full Board at the Board meeting on January 20, 2022

Items for Next Meeting:

Dr. Knehr requested that the committee or the full Board discuss putting more strict limitations and clearer restrictions on extensions of VTIT registrations when an applicant has not successfully passed or not attempted to take the VTNE examination.

Public comment:

Michelle Wagner, the Executive Director of the Nevada Veterinary Medical Examiners made comment that the discussion was very robust and that it will be exciting to see these changes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.