

STATE OF NEVADA



BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minutes

April 21, 2022, at 8:30 am.

**Viticus Group-Oquendo Campus
2425 E. Oquendo Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89120
Second Floor**

Video/Teleconference Venue:

Telephone/Audio Only: 857-799-9907

Online meeting ID: nevadaveterinary

Online meeting: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/nevadaveterinary>

Steve Damonte, DVM, President
James O’Dea, DVM, Vice President
Deborah White, DVM, Treasurer
John Bullard, DVM
Deborah White, DVM
Michael Knehr, DVM
Melissa Schalles, LVT
Jacqueline Peterson, Public Member

Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director
Christina Johnson, LVT, Hospital Inspector
John Crumley, DVM, Investigator
Coretta Patterson, DVM, DACVIM, Investigator
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel

Dr. Damonte, Board President called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. Dr. Damonte took roll call of Board members and staff.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Board Minutes for Possible Action

A. January 20, 2022, Board Meeting minutes

B. LVT/VTIT Alternate Credential Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 3/16/2022 meeting minutes

Discussion: The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the minutes for Items A – B with noted corrections.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Unanimous.

No public comment was given.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Action & Disciplinary Hearings for Possible

Action: The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. (NRS 241.030)

A. 05-2021DVM-39: Jovanna Canty, DVM (2637): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

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

Motion: Dr. Sandoval moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Passed: Unanimous; Dr. O’Dea and Dr. Knehr abstained.

No public comment was given.

B. 06-2021DVM-54: Sterling Havel, DVM (2741): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

Discussion: Mr. 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: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: Unanimous; Ms. Peterson and Ms. Schalles abstained.

No public comment was given.

C. 08-2021DVM-59: Aaron Bivens, DVM (2061): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

Discussion: Mr. 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.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Unanimous; Dr. White, Dr. Sandoval, and Dr. Damonte abstained.

Public comment was given.

D. 08-2021DVM-65: Armando Martinez, DVM (1379) and 08-2021FAC-66: Caring Hands Animal Hospital (H331): Consent Order or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

Discussion: Mr. 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.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Passed: Unanimous; Dr. White, Dr. Sandoval, and Dr. Damonte abstained.

No public comment was given.

E. 10-2021DVM-71: Abney Brown, DVM (2571): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

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

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Unanimous; Dr. White, Dr. Sandoval, and Dr. Damonte abstained.

No public comment was given.

F. 11-2021DVM-72: Kimberly Robinson, DVM (2340): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Hearing.

Discussion: A Settlement Agreement was not reached prior to the meeting. The Board voted to proceed to hearing if an agreement is not reached.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to proceed to hearing if a signed Settlement Agreement is not received.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: Unanimous; Dr. Knehr, Dr. Bullard, and Dr O’Dea abstained.

No public comment given.

3. Requests for Review/Approval/Waiver of Registration, Licensure Requirements, Examination Requirements, Extensions, Education Approval, Criminal Background, Disciplinary Actions, or Reinstatement (For Possible Action)

A. Danielle Sasada: Request for approval of education requirement for LVT/VTIT

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Sasada was present for discussions.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to accept Ms. Sasada's education for licensure.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: All aye.

B. Aymah Ibrahim, DVM: Reactivation of Veterinary License (1675)

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Ibrahim was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to deny Dr. Ibrahim's reactivation application.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: All aye.

C. Devin Spears: Request for Approval of LVT application

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Mr. Spears was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to accept Mr. Spears application for LVT.

Second: Dr. Bullard

Passed: Nay - all. Motion failed.

Motion: Dr. White moved to deny Mr. Spears application for LVT.

Second: None.

Passed: Motion rescinded.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to table Mr. Spears' application for LVT until he can be present.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: All aye.

4. Staff Reports (For Possible Action)

A. Inspection Report-Christina Johnson, LVT

Ms. Johnson presented the inspection report.

B. Administrative Report-Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director

Ms. Pedigo presented the administrative report.

C. Investigation Report-John Crumley, DVM, Investigator

Dr. Crumley presented the investigative report.

D. Legal Report, Louis Ling, Esq

Mr. Ling advised the Board on protocol for disciplinary hearing.

E. Legislative Report- Neena Laxalt

Ms. Laxalt presented the legislative update.

F. Financial Report-Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director

Ms. Pedigo and Dr. White presented the financial budget for Fiscal year 2022 and 2023

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to accept the 2022 and 2023 budget.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: Unanimous.

5. Consideration and Discussion of Possible Future Regulation, Statute, or Policy Items (For Possible Action)

A. Ad Hoc Committee Report Regarding Point System for LVT/VTIT Application Evaluation (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented the Ad Hoc Committee report.

The Board wanted to Bachelor of Science candidates to perform the prerequisite 1000 hours within 2 years of applying for VTIT and for all on the job training hours to be documented with paystubs or verified by staff at the facility the hours are performed with or paystubs.

The Board would like the points awarded for continuing education (CE) to be applied 1 point per 1 hour of CE to prevent all animal education being performed by CE only.

B. Regulation NAC638.0432 regarding Continuing Education for Attending Board Meetings (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo queried the Board regarding continuing to offer continuing education for attending Board meeting as there is now no complaint review before the full Board.

Motion: Dr. Sandoval moved to continue offering CE for attendance of Board meetings.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Unanimous.

C. Review of Draft Language for Future Regulations (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented the draft language and asked the Board if they would like further workshops or to schedule a regulation hearing.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to move forward with the Regulation Hearing.

Second: Ms. Peterson

Passed: Unanimous.

6. Review and Determination Regarding Contract for Legal Services as Board Counsel with Louis Ling (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo and Mr. Ling presented the continue Mr. Ling's contract with the Board for legal services.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to accept the updates to Mr. Ling's contract.

Second: Dr. O'Dea
Passed: Unanimous.

7. Review and Determination Regarding Continuing Education (For Possible Action)
A. *Fundamentals of Small Animal Anesthesia and Analgesia (8 hours)*

Discussion: Ms. Schalles has reviewed the program and recommends the program for approval

Motion: Dr. Damonte moved approve the program submitted by Sharon Holcombe, LVT.

Second: Dr. Sandoval

Passed: Unanimous.

8. 03-2022DVM-10: Matter of Terry Muratore, DVM (0551):

The hearing is scheduled to occur 4/29/2022.

9. Agenda items for next meeting

- Increased repercussions for continued repeat violations during hospital inspections.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjournment for Possible Action

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to adjourn at 1: 30p.m.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: Unanimous.