

STATE OF NEVADA



BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES

Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 9:30am.

Aloft Hotel
2015 Terminal Way
Reno, NV 89502

Video/Teleconference Venue:

Telephone/Audio Only: 857-799-9907

Online meeting ID: nevadaveterinary

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

Steve Damonte, DVM Board President
James O’Dea, DVM, Board Vice President
Deborah White, DVM, Treasurer
Stacy Hosking, DVM
Michael Knehr, DVM
John Bullard, DVM
Crystal Vaquera, LVT
Jacqueline Peterson, Public Member

Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director
Christina Johnson, LVT, Hospital Inspector
John Crumley, DVM, Investigator
Louis Ling, Board Counsel

Dr. Steve Damonte, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Dr. Damonte took roll of Board members and staff.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Board Minutes for Possible Action

A. April 20, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Discussion: The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: Dr. Deborah White moved to accept the minutes.

Second: Dr. Stacy Hosking

Passed: Unanimous.

No public comment was given.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Action & Disciplinary Hearings (For Possible Action)

A. 09-2022DVM-50: Lance Kidder, DVM (2727): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: Ms. Jennifer Pedigo informed the Board that no agreement had been reached with Dr. Kidder and requested a vote to proceed to hearing.

Motion: Dr. White moved to proceed to hearing.

Second: Dr. Steve Damonte

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

No public comment was given.

B. 09-2022DVM-51: Alison Bellgrau, DVM (2767): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: Ms. Jennifer Pedigo informed the Board that no agreement had been reached with Dr. Bellgrau and requested a vote to proceed to hearing.

Motion: Dr. White moved to proceed to hearing.

Second: Dr. Steve Damonte

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

No public comment was given.

C. 11-2022DVM-68: Travis Meyer, DVM (2215): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: Mr. Louis 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: Dr. O’Dea

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

No public comment was given.

D. 11-2022DVM-69: Diana Guernick, DVM (2244): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: 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.

Second: Dr. Knehr

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

No public comment was given.

E. 12-2022DVM-78: Robert Loose, DVM (2377): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: Ms. Jennifer Pedigo informed the Board that no agreement had been reached with Dr. Loose and requested a vote to proceed to hearing.

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to proceed to hearing.

Second: Dr. Knehr

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

No public comment was given.

F. 01-2023DVM-05: Scott Bradley, DVM (463): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

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

Motion: Ms. Jacqueline Peterson moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

Second: Dr. Bullard

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

No public comment was given.

G. 01-2023DVM-06 Kelsey Bailey, DVM (2972): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action

Discussion: 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.

Second: Dr. Bullard

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

No public comment was 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. Katelyn Grenager: Request for VGAL Extension

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Grenager was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to extend Dr. Grenager’s VGAL for 12 months.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Passed: All aye; Dr. Knehr abstained.

B. Balpal Sandhu, DVM: Review and Approval of DVM Application

The item not presented. Dr. Sandhu has withdrawn his application.

C. Kayla Barclay: Request for Approval to Retake VTNE

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

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to approve Ms. Barclay for two final attempts at the VTNE.

Second: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: All aye.

D. Amanda Kocar: LVT Application for review

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

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to accept Ms. Kocar’s education for LVT licensing.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Passed: All aye.

E. Jennifer Bernardo: LVT/VTIT education for review

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

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to accept Ms. Bernardo’s education for LVT licensing.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Passed: All aye.

F. Jonathan Esmond: LVT/VTIT education for review

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Mr. Esmond was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to accept Mr. Esmond’s education for VTIT/LVT licensing.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: All aye.

G. Nadine Alfonso LVT/VTIT education for review

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

Motion: Dr. White moved to deny Ms. Alfonso’s VTIT application.

Second: Dr. Damonte

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. Financial Report-Jennifer Pedigo, Executive Director

Ms. Pedigo presented the financial report.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the financial report.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Passed: All aye.

D. Investigation Report-John Crumley, DVM, Investigator

Dr. Crumley presented the investigative report.

E. Legal Report, Louis Ling, Esq

Mr. Ling presented the legal report.

F. Legislative Report- Neena Laxalt

Ms. Pedigo and Neena Laxalt presented the legislative report.

5. Consideration and Discussion of Possible Future Regulation, Policy, Education Advisory Opinions, and Outreach (For Possible Action)

A. Regulation Committee Update

Ms. Pedigo presented an update for the regulation committee.

B. Draft Regulations for Review

Ms. Pedigo presented an update regarding draft regulations. Additionally, the Board discussed plans to hold a regulation workshop at the October meeting to discuss pending draft regulations for public comment.

C. Policy Waiving Practical Exam for LVTs who are applying for ET Licensure

Ms. Pedigo queried the Board regarding the possibility of waiving the practical exam for LVT's applying for ET licensure.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to waive the practical exam for LVT's applying for ET registration.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Passed: All aye.

D. Advisory Opinion Regarding the Tasks of Ear Cropping, Tail Cropping, Declaw and Dewclaw Removal as the Practice of Veterinary Medicine.

Ms. Pedigo queried the Board for an advisory opinion regarding whether ear cropping, tail cropping, declaw, and dewclaw removal is the practice of veterinary medicine. Mr. Ling will draft an Advisory Opinion for review at the October meeting.

6. Presentation and Discussion of 'Anatomy of a Complaint' Draft by Dr. John Crumley (For Possible Action)

Dr. Crumley presented a truncated version of the Anatomy of a Complaint presentation for review and to solicit comments from the Board.

7. Budget for FY24 and FY25 for Consideration and Approval (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo and Dr. White presented the budget for fiscal years 2024 for approval as well as a projected 2025 budget.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept and review the budget yearly.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: All aye.

8. Consideration and Discussion of Contract for Database Services from Thentia (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented the contract for database services from Thentia.

Motion: Dr. White moved to table discussions until clarification can be obtained regarding the Board's questions.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Passed: All aye.

9. Consideration and Discussion Regarding Establishment of an Educational Advisory Committee (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented ideas regarding creating an educational advisory committee.

Motion: Dr. White moved to create an educational advisory committee with Dr. O’Dea, Ms. Vaquera, and Dr. White.

Second: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: Unanimous.

10. Review and Discussion of Annual Performance Review of Executive Director, Jennifer Pedigo, and consideration of salary increase (For Possible Action)

Dr. White and Dr. O’Dea present the review data for Ms. Pedigo’s performance review.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to perform reviews annually and for a current pay increase of 12%.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Passed: Unanimous.

11. Agenda items for next meeting

None

12. Public Comment: Michelle Wagner made public comment regarding her excitement for the new Anatomy of a Complaint presentation.

13. Adjournment for Possible Action

Motion: Dr. White moved to adjourn at 3:19p.

Second: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: All aye.