

STATE OF NEVADA



BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minutes

July 21, 2022, 10:00a.m.

**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, President
James O’Dea, DVM, Vice President
Deborah White, DVM, Treasurer
John Bullard, DVM
Stacy Hosking, DVM
Michael Knehr, DVM (remote)
Melissa Schalles, LVT (remote)
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 10:10 a.m. Dr. Damonte took roll call of Board members and staff. Dr. Michael Knehr and Melissa Schalles attended remotely.

Public Comment: None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Board Minutes for Possible Action**
 - A. **April 21, 2022, Board Meeting minutes**
 - B. **June 30, 2022 Board Meeting and Regulation Hearing minutes**

Discussion: The minutes were reviewed by the Board.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the minutes for Items A and B.

Second: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: Unanimous.

No public comment was given.

REGULAR AGENDA

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

- A. **11-2021DVM-72: Kimberly Robinson, DVM (2340): 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. Damonte moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

Second: Dr. White

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

No public comment was given.

- B. **01-2022DVM-03: Raymond Vincent, DVM (2557): 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. Hosking moved to accept the Settlement Agreement.

Second: Dr. White

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

No public comment was given.

C. 02-2022DVM-05: Sako Demirdjian, DVM (2442): 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: Dr. O’Dea

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

No public comment was given.

D. 02-2022DVM-07: George Anast, DVM (260): 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. Bullard moved to accept the Consent Decree.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Passed: Unanimous; Ms. Schalles and Ms. Peterson abstained. Dr. White recused herself.

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. Pablo Mendoza-Ayala: Request for extension of VGAL registration

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Dr. Mendoza-Ayala was present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. Damonte moved to extend Dr. Mendoza-Ayala’s VGAL for 18 months.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: All aye.

B. Sameh Dawoud: Request for extension of VGAL registration

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

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

Second: Dr. Bullard

Passed: All aye.

C. Nirip Shokar: Request for reinstatement of veterinarian license

Item tabled for consideration until Dr. Shokar can be present to answer questions of the Board members.

D. Amanda Kocar: Request for approval of education for LVT license

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Kocar was not present for discussions.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to table Ms. Kocar's application for LVT until she can be present or submit information regarding Board member questions.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: All aye.

E. Italia Passanante: Request for approval of education for LVT license

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Passanante was not present for discussions.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to deny Ms. Passanante application for approval of her alternate education for LVT

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: All aye.

F. Rachel Miller: Request for extension of VTIT registration

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

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to extend Ms. Miller's VTIT registration for 3 months.

Second: None

Passed: Motion failed with no second.

Motion: Dr. White moved to extend Ms. Miller's VTIT registration for 12 months.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: Aye- Dr. White, Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, Dr. Hosking, Dr. Knehr, Dr. Damonte, and Ms. Peterson. Nay – Ms. Schalles.

G. Lauren Salazar: Request for extension of VTIT registration

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

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to extend Ms. Salazar's VTIT registration for 6 months.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: Aye- Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, Dr. Hosking, Dr. Knehr, Dr. Damonte, and Ms. Peterson. Nay – Ms. Schalles. Dr. White recused herself.

H. Avery Campbell: Request for extension of VTIT registration

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

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to deny Mr. Campbell's extension application.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: All aye. Dr. White recused herself.

I. Kevin Douglas: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

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

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to deny Mr. Douglas' application for approval of alternate education for VTIT/LVT.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: All aye. Dr. Hosking recused herself.

J. Leighton Beyer: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

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

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept Ms. Beyer's education for VTIT/LVT licensure.

Second: Dr. Bullard

Passed: Aye- Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, Dr. Hosking, Dr. Knehr, Dr. Damonte, and Ms. Peterson. Nay – Ms. Schalles. Dr. White recused herself.

K. Kelle Jaeger: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Jaeger was not present for discussions.

Motion: Dr. O'Dea moved to table Ms. Jaeger's application for LVT until she can be present to answer question from the Board members

Second: Dr. Knehr

Passed: All aye.

L. Megan Andersen: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

Discussion: The Board reviewed all documentation presented. Ms. Anderson was not present for discussions.

Motion: Ms. Schalles moved to accept Ms. Anderson's education for VTIT/LVTlicensure.

Second: Dr. White

Passed: All aye.

M. Nicole Yawgel: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

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

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to accept Ms. Yawgel's education for VTIT/LVT licensure.

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Passed: Aye- Dr. O'Dea, Dr. Bullard, Dr. Hosking, Dr. Knehr, Dr. Damonte, and Ms. Peterson. Nay – Ms. Schalles.

N. Melissa Ford: Request for approval of education for VTIT/LVT license

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

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to deny Ms. Ford’s request for approval of her alternate education for VTIT/LVT.

Second: Ms. Schalles

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 administrative report.

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

Second: Dr. O’Dea

Passed: Unanimous.

D. Investigation Report-John Crumley, DVM, Investigator

Dr. Crumley presented the investigative report.

E. Legal Report, Louis Ling, Esq

No update to report

F. Legislative Report- Neena Laxalt

Ms. Pedigo presented the legislative update.

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

A. Consideration and Discussion Regarding Committees (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo requested to convert the Ad Hoc committee into a regulation committee allowing for further topics to be discussed.

Motion: Dr. White moved approve converting the Ad Hoc committee into a regulation Committee.

Second: Dr. Bullard

Passed: Unanimous.

B. Resuscitation Guidelines and Policy Recommendations (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented proposed CPR guidelines for licensee base.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept the CPR guidelines.

Second: Ms. Peterson

Passed: Unanimous.

C. Consideration and Discussion of Anatomy of Complaint/Future CE Program (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo and Dr. Crumley presented the proposed updated to the Anatomy of a Complaint presentation and discussed other education opportunities that are in development in tandem with updating the in-person presentation of the Anatomy of a Complaint course. (in-person, webinar, on-demand).

D. Consideration and Discussion of Hospital Inspection Escalating Discipline for Repeat Violations

Ms. Pedigo led a discussion of possible actions for the Board members to consider regarding hospitals that have continued repeat violations for non-compliance issues.

Motion: Dr. O’Dea moved to open a Board complaint for three repeat non-compliance violations.

Second: Dr. Damonte

Passed: Unanimous.

6. Consideration, discussion, and action regarding Joint Stipulation proposing a modification of the discipline imposed in the disciplinary matter related to Terry Muratore, D.V.M. Case No. 03-2022DVM-10.

At 11:00am Board President, Dr. Damonte gave Mr. Noah Allison, hearing officer, authorization to conduct Agenda Items 6 and 7 regarding case 03-2022DVM-10. The hearing panel consisted of members Schalles, Knehr, and Bullard. Mr. Allison queried both counsel parties (Louis Ling for the Prosecution and Alan Westbrook for the defense) who had drafted and agreed to the Joint Stipulation presented to the hearing panel. The Joint Stipulation outlined a more specific and accurate compliance scheme for Dr. Muratore to complete the requirement of ‘records audit’ that was required by the hearing panel at the conclusion of the disciplinary hearing.

7. Consideration, discussion, and action regarding Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order in the disciplinary matter related to Terry Muratore, D.V.M. Case No. 03-2022DVM-10.

Mr. Allison led the discussion regarding the two competing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law (FFCL) in the Muratore case 03-2022DVM-10. Mr. Allison allowed both Mr. Ling and Mr. Alan Westbrook (defendant counsel) to present and explain their reasoning for their version of the FFCL and answer any questions that the hearing panel might have. Mr. Westbrook asked a question regarding the amount that was generated in relation to attorney’s fees and costs that were reported by the Executive Director, Jennifer Pedigo. Mr. Allison ordered briefs regarding the matter from both counselors. The panel deliberated.

Motion: Dr. Bullard moved to accept Mr. Ling’s Finding of Facts.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Hearing committee unanimous – Ms. Schalles, Dr. Bullard, Dr, Knehr.

8. Agenda items for next meeting

No topics suggested for the next meeting.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Adjournment for Possible Action

Motion: Dr. White moved to adjourn at 3:04 p.m.

Second: Ms. Schalles

Passed: Unanimous.