



Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:30 AM PDT

Location: Hilton Garden Inn and Suites (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: 9:45AM Steve Damonte, DVM Board President called the meeting to order and took roll.

Board Members Present:

Steve Damonte, DVM (President)
Deborah White, DVM (Treasurer)
Stacy Hosking, DVM (Member)
John Travis (Public Member)
Crystal Vaquera, LVT (LVT Member)
Michael Knehr, DVM (Member)
John Bullard, DVM (Member) Remote

Staff Present:

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

Absent:

Members: James O'Dea

- 1. Public Comment:** No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item which action will be taken. (NRS 241.020)

Erika Monaco, DVM and Jenny Hayes, LVT made public comment regarding the scope of veterinary assistance under supervision for tasks related to animal physical therapy. There is a need for competent and trained individuals that can administer animal physical therapy and would also free up licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians to perform more complicated tasks and/or supervise when needed.

2. Approval of Board Minutes

A. January 30, 2025: Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dr. White moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye

3. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary

A. 01-2025DVM-07: Eldridge, Robin (1330)

Mr. Ling presented the Letter of Reprimand.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to accept the Letter of Reprimand.

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Dr. Damonte, Dr. White, Ms. Vaquera, and Dr. O'Dea abstain.

Public Comment: None

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

A. Jasmine Bogan: VGAL Third Extension Application

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Bogan's VGAL extension for consideration. Dr. Bogan was present online.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend VGAL through the receipt of Dr. Bogan's NAVLE results.

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye, Dr. Bullard abstain.

B. Jasmine Smith: VGAL Third Extension Application

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Smith's VGAL extension application for consideration.

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to extend VGAL provided Dr. Smith receives an approval from the ICVA regarding her additional attempt petition and through the receipt of Dr. Smith's NAVLE results.

C. Jenna Hardy: LVT Education Approval

Ms. Pedigo presented Ms. Hardy's application for approval of her education.

Motion: Dr. White moved to accept education as sufficient for LVT licensure requirements

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye.

5. Staff Reports

A. Inspection Report

Ms. Johnson presented the Inspection report.

B. Administrative Activity Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Administrative report.

C. Financial Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Financial report

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

Second: Dr. Damonte

Vote: All aye.

D. Investigation Report

Dr. Crumley presented the Investigation Report

E. Legal Report

Mr. Ling presented the Legal Report.

F. Legislative Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Legislative Report.

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

Ms. Pedigo presented updates and answered questions regarding changes in policies from the ICVA regarding the NAVLE examination and AAVSB regarding the VTNE examination.

No action was taken.

7. Regulation Review and Consideration of Possible Language NAC Chapter 638.

Ms. Pedigo lead a discussion on regulation topics for consideration that had been submitted to the Board by the public or had come under consideration from previous Board discussions.

No action was taken.

8. Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Strategies

Ms. Pedigo presented public outreach and stakeholder strategies to the Board.

9. FY 2025 Audit Proposal

Motion: Dr. Knehr moved to approve up to \$25,000 towards the fiscal year 2025 audit.

Second: Mr. Travis

Vote: All aye.

10. Report from the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association

Ms. Heather Nichols was unable to attend but provided a report of the NVMA's legislative activities for the Board's update.

11. Agenda items for next meeting

- Succession plan
- Updates to the regulation language discussion
- Preliminary Budget

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Hosking made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:11pm

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye

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