



# 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-Sr Inspector)

Louis Ling, Esq. (Board Counsel)

Jennifer Pedigo, EMBA (Executive Director)

### **Absent:**

Members: James O'Dea, DVM

- 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