



Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

State of Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM PDT

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Las Vegas Strip South
7830 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89123
Video Conference Access: Microsoft Teams
Teleconference Access: (929) 229-5741

1. Call to Order: 9:34am Dr. Steve Damonte called the meeting to order and took attendance.

Board members present:

Steve Damonte, DVM (President)
James O’Dea, DVM (Vice-President)
Deborah White, DVM (Treasurer)
Michael Knehr, DVM
John Bullard, DVM (remote)
Crystal Vaquera, LVT
Stacy Hosking, DVM, DACVIM

Staff Present:

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

1. Public Comment

No public comment

2. Approval of Board Minutes for Possible Action

- A. January 18, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. February 8, 2024 Regulation Adoption Hearing Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes as presented in 2A and 2B

Member: Dr. Hosking

Second: Dr. White

Vote: All aye



3. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Actions (For Possible Action)

Louis will present the disciplinary settlements as listed. If agreements have not been reached, the Board will consider a vote to move forward with hearing if a settlement is not reached.

**A. 03-2023DVM-16; 03-2023DVM-28: Suzanna Zervantian, DVM (1423):
Settlement Agreement or Board Decision for Administrative Action**

Motion: To accept with grammatical changes.

Member: Dr. White

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye, Dr. Hosking and Ms. Vaquera abstain

Public comment: Dr. Zervantian made public comment. She thanked the Board for signing the order and loved the record keeping Boot Camp. She felt it was very beneficial.

**B. 03-2023DVM-20; 03-2023DVM-23: Jennifer Mathe, DVM (2985): Settlement
Agreement or Board Decision for Settlement Agreement**

Motion: To accept.

Member: Dr. Knehr

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye, and Investigation Committee B (Drs. Damonte, White, Hosking) abstains.

**C. 08-2023DVM-55: Jessica Slatin, DVM (1915): Settlement Agreement or Board
Decision for Administrative Action**

Motion: To accept.

Member: Dr. White

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye. Investigation Committee C (Drs. Knehr, Bullard, and O'Dea) abstains.



**D. 01-2024PAR-03: Tori Steinmetz-Lewis, DVM (3314): Settlement Agreement
or Board Decision for Administrative Action**

Motion: To accept.

Member: Dr. White

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye. Investigative Committee A (Dr. Hosking and Ms. Vaquera)
abstains.

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

A. Jasmine Smith: Second VGAL Extension

Motion: Extend VGAL for 1 year.

Member: Dr. O'Dea

Second: Dr. Hosing

Vote: All aye; Dr. White recused.

B. Mirsam Banino: Second VGAL Extension

Motion: Extend VGAL for 1 year.

Member: Dr. Knehr

Second: Dr. O'Dea

Vote: All aye.

5. Staff Reports (For Possible Action)

A. Inspection Report: Presented by Ms. Johnson.

B. Administrative Report: Presented by Ms. Pedigo.

C. Financial Report: Presented by Ms. Pedigo.

Motion: To accept the Financial Report.

Member: Dr. White

Second: Dr. Hosking

Vote: All aye.

Public comment: Liz Brickley: Facility disciplines are not available on the website.
There is an incorrect Board member listed on the Board website and there is still
no public member.



D. Investigation Report

Dr. Crumley presented the Investigative report.

E. Legal Report

No report presented.

F. Legislative Report

Ms. Pedigo presented the Legislative Report.

G. Conference Report-Executive Director's Summit: AAVSB

Ms. Pedigo presented the Conference Report.

6. Consideration of Possible Future Statutory Changes for the 2025 Legislative Session (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo presented possible statute changes for the 2025 Legislative Session. The Board members discussed possible changes and requested further review at the next Board meeting.

7. Possible Future Regulation Topics (For Possible Action)

Ms. Pedigo led a discussion and requested ideas from the Board members regarding possible future regulation topics for review by the Regulation Committee, including:

- Use of expired drugs during shortages or unavailability.
- Compounding pharmacies.
- VTIT for 1st year Vet School students, after 1st semester completed.

8. Hospital Inspections Policy for AAHA Accredited Facilities (For Possible Action)

No action taken.

9. Agenda items for next meeting

- A. Budget for 2025-2026
- B. Executive Director Review and Salary
- C. Updates regarding the regulation items discussed at today's meeting.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Motion: To adjourn.

Member: Dr. O'Dea

Second: Dr. Knehr

Vote: All aye. The Board adjourned at: 2:16pm

