



# Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

## Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

7/24/2025 9:30 AM

Physical Location: Aloft Hotel  
2015 Terminal Way, Reno, NV 89502  
Video Conference Access: Microsoft Teams  
Phone Conference: (929) 229-5741

Call to Order: Dr. Steve Damonte called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM and took roll.

### Attendance

#### Board Members Present:

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

#### Staff Present:

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

Absent: 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)**

*None*

2. **Approval of Board Minutes (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)**

- A. Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to accept the draft minutes for April 24, 2025.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye

**3. Review & Determination of Complaints/Disciplinary Actions (Each Item in this Section is Listed for Possible Action)**

- A.** 11-2024DVM-79: Sally Lane, DVM (1592): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision to Proceed to Hearing.
- No settlement was reached prior to the Board Meeting.
- Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to proceed to hearing if a settlement is not reached.
- Second:** Dr. White
- Vote:** All aye
- No public comment.
- B.** 06-2024DVM-39; 03-2025DVM-28; 03-2025DVM-34: Carol Tillman, DVM (0403): Voluntary Surrender or Board Decision to Proceed to Hearing.
- Mr. Ling presented the Voluntary Surrender.
- Motion:** Dr. White moved to accept the Voluntary Surrender.
- Second:** Dr. Damonte
- Vote:** All aye. Dr. Bullard, Mr. Travis, Dr. Knehr abstained.
- Dr. Tillman submitted written comment.
- C.** 01-2025DVM-03: George Anast, DVM (0260): Consent Order or Board Decision to Proceed to Hearing.
- Mr. Ling presented the Consent Decree
- Motion:** Mr. Travis moved to accept the Consent Order.
- Second:** Dr. Bullard
- Vote:** All aye. Dr. White, Ms. Vaquera, and Dr. Damonte abstained.
- No public comment.
- D.** 01-2025DVM-09: Jackie Pulver, DVM (1247): Settlement Agreement or Board Decision to Proceed to Hearing.
- Mr. Ling presented the Settlement Agreement.
- Motion:** Dr. White moved to accept the Settlement Agreement
- Second:** Dr. Damonte
- Vote:** All aye. Dr. Bullard, Dr. Knehr, and Mr. Travis abstained.
- No public comment.

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

**A. Balpal Sandhu: Application for Veterinary Licensure**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Sandhu's application. Dr. Sandhu was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to deny Dr. Balpal Sandhu's request for licensure..

**Second:** Mr. Travis

**Vote:** All aye.

**B. Corry Key: Waive the Species Specific Exam (SSE)**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Key's request to waive the SSE. Dr. Key was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to waive the SSE and move forward with licensure.

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye.

**C. Terri Wissinger: LVT Application and Alternate Route Education Review and Approval.**

Ms. Pedigo presented Ms. Wissinger's application for consideration. Ms. Wissinger was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to accept her education for licensure.

**Second:** Dr. Phillips

**Vote:** All aye.

**D. Sara Calvi: LVT Application and Alternate education review**

Ms. Pedigo presented Ms. Calvi's application and transcript for consideration. Ms. Calvi was present.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to approve the education for licensure.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.

**E. Alexandra Charles: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Charles' VGAL extension application. Dr. Charles was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to extend Dr. Charles' VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye.

**F. Miriam Malak: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Malak's VGAL extension application. Dr. Malak was not present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to extend Dr. Malak's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Damonte

**Vote:** All aye.

**G. Kristopher Vine: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Vine's VGAL extension application. Dr. Vine was not present.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to extend for 1 year with proof of registration.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.

**H. Natalia Mata: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Mata's VGAL extension application. Dr. Mata was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Damonte moved to extend Dr. Mata's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. Bullard abstained.

**I. Ja R'eika Smith: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Smith's VGAL extension application. Dr. Smith was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to extend Dr. Smith's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye.

**J. Larissa Munoz: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Munoz's VGAL extension application. Dr. Munoz was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Damonte moved to extend Dr. Munoz's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Bullard

**Vote:** All aye; Dr. White abstained.

**K. Crystal Franco: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Franco's VGAL extension application. Dr. Franco was present.

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to extend Dr. Franco's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye.

**L. Kaitlyn Adymy: VGAL Extension Application**

Ms. Pedigo presented Dr. Adymy's VGAL extension application. Dr. Adymy was not present.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to extend Dr. Adymy's VGAL for 1 year.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.

**5. Staff Reports**

**A. Inspection Report**

Ms. Johnson presented the inspection report.

**B. Administrative 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:** Mr. Travis

**Vote:** All aye.

**D. Preliminary Budget FY2026**

Ms. Pedigo presented the FY 2026 budget.

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to accept the FY 2026 preliminary budget.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.

**E. Investigation Report**

Dr. Crumley presented the Inspection Report.

**F. Legal Report**

Mr. Ling presented the Legal Report.

**G. Legislative Report**

Ms. Pedigo presented the Legislative Report.

**6. Consideration of Contract for Legislative Services with Michael Hillerby of Kaempfer Crowell**

**Motion:** Dr. Damonte moved to accept the contract with Kaempfer Crowell.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye.

**7. Review and Board Comment on Possible Regulation Changes**

Ms. Pedigo led discussions regarding possible regulation changes.

**8. Public Outreach Implementation Map 2025**

Ms. Pedigo presented the plan for public outreach.

**9. Review and Consideration of Modification of Provisional License Conditions for Vincent Alexis, DVM (1109)**

Mr. Ling and Ms. Pedigo presented the request to lift Dr. Alexis' prohibition on serving as veterinarian-in-charge (VIC) of a veterinary facility.

**Motion:** Dr. Damonte moved to allow Dr. Alexis to be VIC.

**Second:** None. Motion failed.

**Motion:** Mr. Travis moved to reopen the matter for consideration.

**Second:** Dr. Damonte

**Vote:** Aye: Mr. Travis, Dr. Phillips, Dr. Damonte    Nay: Dr. White, Ms. Vaquera, Dr. Knehr.  
Dr. Bullard recused himself. Motion failed

**10. Consideration for Board Policy on granting veterinary-technician-in-training registration for Purdue Veterinary Nursing (Technician) Program**

**Motion:** Dr. Knehr moved to approve VTIT registrations prior to the 1/2 of the Purdue Technician program.

**Second:** Dr. White

**Vote:** All aye.

#### **11. Report from the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association**

Ms. Nichols presented the NVMA update.

#### **12. Agenda items for next meeting**

- Executive Director Review
- Final Budget FY26
- Audited Financial Statements FY25

#### **13. Public Comment**

No public comment given.

#### **14. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Dr. White moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:45PM.

**Second:** Dr. Knehr

**Vote:** All aye.