

MINUTES

North Dakota Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

November 1, 2022

North Dakota Heritage Center – Project Room

Board members present:

- Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness
- Dr. Russell Behm
- Dr. Carolyn Woodruff
- Ms. Janell Morman
- Ms. Naomi Day

Others present:

- Dr. Sara Lyons
- Mr. David Schaibley
- Ms. Nancy Grittman
- Ms. Carol Sparrow
- Ms. Beth Venit

Meeting called to order at 9:03am by Dr. Weiand-Ness. All attendees listed were present except for Dr. Woodruff. Motion by Dr. Behm to approve the agenda as provided with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2022 meeting with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Woodruff joined the meeting at 9:11am.

Ms. Grittman introduced herself, Ms. Sparrow and Ms. Venit as representatives for AAVSB. Ms. Grittman presented information on the PAVE for veterinary technicians program. The board agreed that this program will be beneficial and confirmed that the board rules allow for acceptance of technicians that complete the program.

Motion by Dr. Woodruff to approve the following individuals for license to practice veterinary medicine with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

- Dr. Eric Behlke
- Dr. Tyler Dick
- Dr. Samuel Holst
- Dr. Michaela Huston
- Dr. Shannon Scully
- Dr. Jacob Veilleux
- Dr. Emily Zeigler

The board roster was reviewed. Ms. Naomi Day was welcomed as the new public member. Mr. Schaibley provided an overview of open meeting laws, public records, and board responsibilities.

The veterinary exchange form was updated and posted on the website.

Dr. Lyons spoke with Dr. Pecoraro and confirmed that the NDSU diagnostic lab pathologists are state employees. Therefore, they meet an exception for unlicensed practice per 43-29-13.6 while they are engaged in work for NDSU. Brief discussion ensued regarding how other states handle pathology licensing.

Dr. Stenson has signed the settlement agreement offered by the board. The items requested in the settlement will be sent to the board office and reviewed at the next meeting to determine compliance.

The Novotny-Lenz complaint was discussed at length. Dr. Ness provided an overview of the case and timeline of medical care for the patient. Several options were discussed to attempt to close the case. The board consensus was a request for Mr. Schaibley to contact Dr. Lenz' attorney to attempt to reach a settlement that is acceptable to both parties. Dr. Lyons will send the correspondence received from Mr. Novotny on October 2, 2022 to Dr. Lenz for review. Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the amended minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting with second by Dr. Behm. The amendment more accurately reflects the intention of the board regarding the Lenz case and initial settlement offer. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:10pm by Dr. Weiand-Ness.

Meeting reconvened at 12:58pm.

A complaint against Dr. Jessie Evoniuk by Mr. Jamie Novotny was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Morman to dismiss the complaint with second by Dr. Behm. Discussion was held regarding the VCPR as it pertains to this case. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Woodruff with second by Ms. Day to approve the 2022-23 budget as provided. Motion passed unanimously. The board requested that in addition to the budget, the previous 3 years of financial records be provided and that all account balances are included in the revenue report going forward.

Dr. Lyons provided information on CE broker as an option to assist with CE tracking. The board requested to table the discussion at this time to gather additional information.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29.

Dates for upcoming meetings:

- January 17, 2023 (Bismarck, ND)
- June 6, 2023 (Bismarck, ND)
- November 14, 2023 (Bismarck, ND)

Motion by Dr. Behm to adjourn the meeting at 4:57pm with second by Ms. Morman.

Minutes submitted by Sara Lyons, DVM – NDBVME Executive Secretary