

## MINUTES

### NDBVME Regular Meeting

North Dakota Heritage Center, Lecture Room B

November 12, 2024

Board members in attendance:

Dr. Lindy West

Dr. Russell Behm

Dr. Laurie Huckle

Ms. Janell Morman

Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary

Mr. Matt Menge, ND Attorney General's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9am by Dr. West. All those listed in attendance were present.

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve agenda as provided with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Day to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed continuing education waiver requests for the following veterinary technicians who reported more than the allowed number of technology-based credits. Motion by Ms. Morman to accept the completed continuing education with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Dr. Lyons will send a letter informing the licensees that the continuing education was accepted, but compliance is expected in the future.

- Lori Scott
- Emily Arens
- Caitlin Keating
- Anne Marie McPartlin
- Jessica Rehder
- Molly Wenner
- Alecia Laidley
- Bailey Kleinschmidt
- Clarisa Albrecht
- Amanda Layton
- Kirsten Kiecker
- Desiree Wehri
- Ashlyn Peppler
- Brenna Calaway

The board reviewed a continuing education waiver request for Dr. Cassie Holtz who reported more than the allowed number of technology-based credits. Motion by Ms. Morman to accept the completed continuing education with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Dr. Lyons will send a letter informing Dr. Holtz that the continuing education was accepted, but compliance is expected in the future.

Motion by Dr. Behm to approve veterinary licensure for the following individuals with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Dr. Grace Clifford
- Dr. Jonathon Grunefelder
- Dr. Dana Lagaly
- Dr. Alyssa Lehman
- Dr. Hannah Reetz
- Dr. April Schattner
- Dr. Libby Schneider
- Dr. Aleisha Swartz
- Dr. Luke Trapp

The board reviewed an application for licensure from Dr. Borys Agarkov. Dr. Agarkov is a graduate of a non-accredited program who received a Canadian Certificate of Qualification and is currently licensed in good standing in Manitoba. The current statute and rules state that a graduate from a non-accredited program must complete the ECFVG or PAVE program to qualify for licensure in North Dakota. The board will hold Dr. Agarkov's application until he is able to complete one of the required programs.

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve veterinary technician licensure for the following individuals with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- Rachel Wissbrod
- Amanda Eback
- Maddison Rhead
- Molly Wenner
- Bailie Lange
- Kendra Beck

The board reviewed the 2024-25 budget. Motion by Ms. Day to approve the budget as provided with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed by roll call vote with Ms. Morman voting against and all other board members voting in favor of.

The board reviewed surgical records from Dr. Kathy Pfingsten for the month of September 2024 in keeping with the settlement agreement. No concerns were found.

The board reviewed the signed settlement agreement for Dr. Matt Heeb. The effective date was October 17, 2024.

The board reviewed the complaint about unlicensed practice against Mr. Jason Jensen. Dr. Nicole Logan provided an additional concern because of a Facebook post showing that Mr. Jensen was training an individual to do equine breeding. Mr. Menge will check to see if he received a receipt from the original letter and send a second one if needed. The board discussed reaching out to the veterinary practices listed on Mr. Jensen's website. The board agreed to further the investigation and do this if no response is received from Mr. Jensen.

Proposed revisions to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29 were discussed.

Dr. West adjourned the meeting at 11:58am for lunch.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:01pm.

The board continued discussion on proposed revisions to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29. The board plans to introduce the revisions as an agency bill. The deadline for filing is December 5, 2024.

The board discussed the term technology-based methods for continuing education upon the request of the NDVMA. They had a speaker that was unable to attend due to a flight issue, so the presentation was given over the computer. For the sake of consistency due to a similar instance that previously occurred at the NDVTA meeting, the board agreed that this would be considered technology-based continuing education. The board will further review this terminology in the next rules update.

Upcoming meetings were scheduled as follows:

- November 18, 2024 at 7am (special meeting via zoom to finalize NDCC revisions)
- June 10, 2025 at 9am (regular meeting at the ND Heritage Center)
- November 4, 2025 at 9am (regular meeting at the ND Heritage Center)

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4pm by Dr. Huckle with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary