

NDBVME Meeting Minutes

ND Heritage Center

March 3, 2026

Board members in attendance:

- Dr. Lindy West
- Dr. Russell Behm
- Dr. Laurie Huckle
- Ms. Bailey Zacher
- Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

- Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Director
- Mr. Matt Menge, Attorney General's Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Dr. West. All those listed in attendance were present.

Motion by Ms. Day to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Ms. Zacher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Huckle to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting as presented with a second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Zacher to approve a license to practice veterinary medicine for the following individuals with a second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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| • Dr. Logan Weyand | • Dr. Savannah Brosius |
| • Dr. Jennifer Campbell | • Dr. Madison Sommer |
| • Dr. Jetta Schirmer | • Dr. Madison Klein |

Motion by Ms. Day to approve a license to practice veterinary technology for the following individuals with a second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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| • Ms. Sofia Bly | • Ms. Larissa Johnson |
| • Ms. Erin Hyer | • Ms. Halle Johnson |
| • Ms. Greta Niehaus | • Ms. Angela Quenette |
| • Ms. Elizabeth Shimkus | • Ms. Emma Gilles |
| • Ms. Gabrielle Paulson | • Ms. Clarissa Bliss |
| • Ms. Margret McLaine | • Ms. Megan Zins |

The dismissal letter for Dr. Kathy Pfingsten regarding a complaint filed by Alyssum Gilbert was reviewed.

Dr. Haley Geiger submitted proof of completion of an online ultrasound course. Motion by Ms. Zacher to accept the continuing education as fulfillment of the settlement agreement with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Sara Fridrych regarding a complaint filed by Devin Joubert was reviewed.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Sara Fridrych regarding a complaint filed by Isabella Loberg was reviewed.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Mary Moen regarding a complaint filed by Tasha Krueger was reviewed.

A conditional dismissal was offered to Dr. Tyrone Klein regarding a complaint filed by Nicoleta Johnson. A response from Dr. Klein has not been received yet.

A complaint filed by Makenzie Coleman against Drs. Andrew Carver, Anna Stansbery, Julia Underwood, and Patricia Baasch was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Zacher to dismiss the case against Dr. Carver with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the case against Dr. Stansbery with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Dr. Huckle to dismiss the case against Dr. Baasch with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Ms. Day to dismiss the case against Dr. Underwood with second by Ms. Zacher. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint filed by Sabrina Kinsey against Dr. Angela Steinley was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the case with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint filed by Ms. Jessica Cofell against Dr. Andrea Sand was reviewed. The board felt that it was not their place to interfere in financial disputes or to try to enforce legal contracts. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the case and send a letter to Dr. Sand with the recommendation to review internal business practices for consent forms and treatment plans with second by Ms. Zacher. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint of unlicensed practice against Ms. Jess Almer filed by Dr. Cassie Zetocha was reviewed. Ms. Almer has been advertising equine teeth floating with sedation and wolf teeth extraction in ND as well as other states. Dr. Lyons forwarded the complaint information to the MN board, and they were planning to send a cease-and-desist letter. Motion by Dr. Behm to send Ms. Almer a letter of concern to inform her that she is practicing veterinary medicine without a license and turn the case over to the State's Attorney with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. Menge mentioned that to contact the State's Attorney he will need specific locations where this happened. Dr. Lyons will investigate this and attempt to confirm locations within ND where the unlicensed practice occurred.

Dr. Lyons is planning to present the proposed Administrative Code updates to the Legislative Committee on March 12th. If passed, the effective date would be April 1, 2026.

The topic of animal chiropractic was discussed. The board agreed to move forward with possible legislation for the 2027 session to license animal chiropractors and provide regulatory guidance. Dr. Lyons will reach out to the ND Board of Chiropractic to discuss it further.

The topic of equine teeth floating was discussed. The board consensus was to propose language allowing equine teeth floating as an exception to the practice of veterinary medicine if an educational course is completed, the individual is not performing extractions or administering sedation, and the individual is working under the supervision of a veterinarian. Dr. Lyons will work on specific language to review at the next meeting.

A proposed contract from NDPHP was reviewed. Mr. Menge has recommended changes. An updated draft will be provided prior to the next meeting.

A policy for public comments at board meetings was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Day to adopt the policy with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Policy will be posted on the board website.

Ms. Zacher is planning to attend the AAVSB Board Basics and Beyond seminar in April 2026.

August 18, 2026 and November 10, 2026 were decided on for upcoming meeting dates.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:26am by Ms. Zacher with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Sara Lyons, DVM