

MINUTES

NDBVME Regular Meeting

North Dakota Heritage Center ~ Bismarck, ND

June 6, 2023

Board members in attendance:

Dr. Tammy Weiand-Ness

Dr. Carolyn Woodruff

Dr. Russell Behm (via Zoom)

Ms. Janell Morman

Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

Mr. Matthew Menge, Attorney General's Office

Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary

Dr. Troy Dutton, NDVMA representative

Ms. Miranda Langerud, NDVTA representative

Meeting called to order at 9:09am by Dr. Weiand-Ness. All those listed were in attendance.

Dr. Woodruff asked to add discussion about prescription requests by veterinarians in other jurisdictions to the agenda. Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the agenda with the addition and second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Woodruff to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2023 meeting as read with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the candidates for licensure to practice veterinary medicine. Motion by Ms. Day to approve the 14 candidates (listed below) that completed the application and state board examination with second by Dr. Woodruff. Motion passed unanimously.

- A'Moris Bodrick
- Brandi Burton
- Ellen Dauphinais
- Micah Esala
- Alexis Hoelmer

- Natalee Judson
- David McPhee
- Olivia Mellgren
- Kylee Nelson
- Bianca Perez
- Alexandra Preszler
- Jasmine Ridl
- Haley Turner
- Abigail Waloch-Tweeten

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the 7 veterinary technician licenses that were granted by Dr. Lyons (listed below) with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

- Ellie Anderson
- Haley Hvidsten
- Rachel Manning
- Allison Reishus
- Jenessa Noeske
- Jayden Ochsner
- Brittany Torres

The meeting was briefly adjourned at 9:40am to deal with technical issues related to the zoom meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 9:52am.

Peer review committee members for the complaint against Dr. Matt Heeb by Dr. Carolyn Woodruff were reviewed. Motion by Ms. Morman to appoint Dr. Raul Casas-Dolz, Dr. Richard Odegard and Dr. Brad Bartholomay to the committee with the option to add Dr. Rachel Chmelovski if an expert opinion is needed with second by Dr. Behm. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

The letter of dismissal for Dr. Shelley Lenz is pending approval by Dr. Ness before being sent. The delay was due to a change in board attorney coverage.

An explanation of missing items on rabies certificates from Dr. Vince Stenson was reviewed as well as additional rabies certificates that he provided. Dr. Lyons reported that all the rabies certificates provided were complete. Motion by Dr. Woodruff to accept the completion of the rabies certificates and dismiss the case with second by Ms. Day. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the case against Dr. Fridrych with second by Ms. Morman. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

A complaint against Dr. Brooke Zimprich by Ms. Jill Jore was reviewed. Motion by Ms. Morman to dismiss the complaint with second by Dr. Behm. Discussion included concerns with the lack of communication with the client before the test was cancelled. Roll call vote passed with Dr. Weiland-Ness, Dr. Behm, Ms. Morman and Ms. Day voting in favor and Dr. Woodruff voting against. Motion by Ms. Day to send a letter of concern to Dr. Zimprich regarding communication with the client and a request for additional information regarding the improvements she has instituted at the practice with second by Dr. Woodruff. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Dr. Woodruff voiced a concern she had with a veterinarian licensed in another state requesting prescription medication be filled for a client in ND by a veterinarian licensed in ND. The board felt that this situation was addressed in 43-29-19.2.a but felt the dispensing veterinarian should verify the license of the out of state veterinarian and presence of a valid VCPR through review of the medical records.

The board began discussing proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29. Dr. Weiland-Ness opened the discussion and welcomed comments from the NDVMA, NDVTA and AVMA representatives in attendance.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:03pm.

Meeting reconvened at 12:50pm.

The board continued discussion on proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29.

AAVSB updates were provided by Dr. Lyons including an updated NAVLE retake policy and the dates of the upcoming annual meeting and spring training session.

Motion by Dr. Woodruff to adjourn the meeting at 3:01pm with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Sara Lyons, DVM

NDBVME Executive Secretary