

NDBVME Meeting Minutes

ND Heritage Center

June 9, 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

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Dr. West. All those listed in attendance were present.

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

Motion by Ms. Day to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting as presented with a second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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| • Dr. Evan Koep | • Dr. Stephenie Severson |
| • Dr. Kimberly Ehlers | • Dr. Kaden Strom |
| • Dr. Marit Wang | |

Motion by Dr. Behm 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. Ashley Shimkus | • Ms. Ariel Loving |
| • Ms. Madison Dahl | • Ms. Hanna Jensen |

Dr. Lyons informed the board that she has not received a copy of the correspondence sent to Dr. Zuck-Roscoe and Dr. Geiger completing their cases. She will continue to work on receipt of those documents from the AG office.

A conditional dismissal was accepted by Dr. Tyrone Klein regarding a complaint filed by Nicoleta Johnson. Dr. Klein submitted proof of completion of continuing education and stated in the conditional dismissal. Motion by Ms. Zacher to accept the continuing education and dismiss the case with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Underwood, Dr. Carver, Dr. Baasch, and Dr. Stansbery regarding a complaint filed by Ms. Makenzie Coleman was reviewed.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Angela Steinley regarding a complaint filed by Ms. Sabrina Kinsey was reviewed.

The dismissal letter for Dr. Andrea Sand regarding a complaint filed by Ms. Jessica Cofell was reviewed.

Dr. Lyons reported that there is no update on the complaint of unlicensed practice filed against Ms. Jess Almer. Mr. Menge was turning it over to the State's Attorney, but he was unsure of next steps without a specific county listed where the violation occurred.

A complaint filed by Mr. Ian Koble against Dr. Dawn Entzminger was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Huckle to dismiss the case with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint filed by Ms. Erika Hernandez against Dr. Samantha Zuck-Roscoe was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the case with second by Ms. Zacher. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint filed by Mr. Larry Grube against Dr. Carla Gilbertson was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Huckle to dismiss the case and send a letter to Dr. Gilbertson with the recommendation to improve client communication with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A rabies certificate from Sheridan Animal Hospital that was signed by veterinary technician Casey Thomas was reviewed. The certificate was submitted to the board office by Bismarck Animal Clinic. Motion by Dr. Behm to send a letter to Sheridan Animal Hospital informing them of requirements for Rabies certificates to be signed by the supervising veterinarian with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A disclosure of DUI conviction was reviewed for Dr. James Gaarder. Motion by Ms. Zacher to accept Dr. Gaarder's license renewal without any disciplinary action with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A revised contract from NDPHP was reviewed. Mr. Menge made the recommended changes. Motion to accept the NDPHP contract by Dr. Huckle with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Public comments were provided by Dr. Erika Schumacher about equine dentistry and Dr. Troy Dutton, on behalf of the NDVMA, about animal chiropractic. Dr. Dutton informed the board that the NDVMA had surveyed their membership on these topics. Dr. West asked if the NDVMA would share those survey results with the board. Dr. Dutton will ask the NDVMA board if they will share the survey results.

The topic of animal chiropractic was discussed. There was concern with moving forward with legislation this session. Dr. Behm reminded the board that their responsibility is protection of the public and animals and not protection of veterinarians and their profession. Concerns that were discussed included the addition of language to ensure that animal chiropractors could not prescribe medication and that a current rabies vaccine would be required. The question of refusing a referral was also discussed. Dr. Lyons commented that it could likely be viewed similarly to refusing a written prescription for a medication and that if the treatment is deemed to be appropriate, the client should have the choice of where to obtain that treatment. Dr. Lyons will reach out to the ND Board of Chiropractic to discuss the proposed language further and schedule a meeting between the two boards.

The topic of equine teeth floating was discussed. The language provided by Dr. Lyons was reviewed and revised as deemed appropriate. If this bill is to move forward as an agency bill, final language would need to be voted on at the November meeting.

Ms. Zacher is planning to attend the AAVSB Annual meeting in September. Ms. Day also expressed interest in attending.

Upcoming meeting dates were changed to August 25, 2026 and November 17, 2026.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04am by Dr. Huckle with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Sara Lyons, DVM