LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Agenda, August 6, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Jesse Brandon, called the meeting to order at 8:38am.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Dr. McHughes Barr, Board Secretary-Treasurer, as follows.

Those present:

Jesse S. Brandon, DVM - Board President
Christopher B. Morris, DVM - Board Vice-President
Christine D. McHughes Barr, DVM - Board Secretary-Treasurer
Laura S. Thibodeaux, DVM - Board Member
Jared B. Granier - Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt - Board General Counsel

Those absent:

Larry Findley, Sr., DVM - Board Member

Statement of Obligations *– The LA Board of Veterinary Medicine (being a state regulatory agency within the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry) is a governmental entity whose mandate is to protect the public/animals by enforcing its jurisdiction of interpreting and implementing applicable laws, and the rules it promulgates, regarding the acceptable standard of veterinary care in LA. The Board has sole and sovereign authority in Louisiana over the practice of veterinary medicine as granted to it by the Legislature. The Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and take an Oath of Office. The Board members in discharge of their duties are also held to the ethical standards of state government officials. By statute, candidates for the Governor's consideration for appointment to the Board are made by the state professional association. While a Board member may hold general membership in a professional association, he is legally and ethically bound to his Oath of Office and will discharge his duties without any considerations or goals beyond his lawful obligations on the Board. A Board member does not represent the interests of the practitioners of veterinary medicine or a professional association while he serves on the Board, nor will he use his office to engage in any conduct which may constitute restraint of lawful trade.*

A. Invitations to Address the Board

Attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves (if desired) and to make general public comments to the Board. No written comments related to any agenda items were received prior to August 6, 2026.

MEETING NOTES

Motion made by Dr. McHughes Barr, seconded by Dr. Morris, to add an agenda item to be discussed with the Miscellaneous Matters section of the meeting in order for the Board to discuss and approve the Board's meeting dates for the 2027 calendar year. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes for June 4, 2026

The Board reviewed minutes from June 4, 2026. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – May & June '26

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of May and June '26 for review by the Board. Mr. Granier informed the Board that all financial matters are in order and are within budgetary expectations. There were no questions regarding financial reports reviewed by the Board members. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the financial reports as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

B. Annual Fiscal Report, Fiscal Year 2026

Mr. Granier presented the Board's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Fiscal Report for review. CPA was consulted and it was noted that there are no negative items of concern in the AFR. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

C. Year-End Budget Review and Amendments, Fiscal Year 2026

Mr. Granier presented the final budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2026 for Board review and discussion. Fiscal Year 2026 budgeted figures were adjusted to bring the final budget within acceptable variances in accordance with the 2026 Legislative Auditor's AUP Reporting. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the final amended budget as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. Changes to LASERS Contribution Rate, Fiscal Year 2027

Mr. Granier presented the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) contribution rates for Fiscal Year 2027. It was noted that the Board's required employer contribution rate will decrease from 33.15% in FY2026 to 29.25% in FY2027, which will result in an estimated annual reduction of approximately $5,400 in the Board's contributions to LASERS. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

E. Investments, CDs – Fiscal Year-End 2026

Mr. Granier reviewed the final figures for accrued interest and total investment amounts for the Board's outstanding certificates of deposit (CDs) for Fiscal Year-End 2026. He noted that CDs will continue to roll over upon maturity unless a withdrawal is requested from the Board by Mr. Granier. It was further indicated that the CDs maturing most recently — on June 3, June 6, June 17, June 20, June 24, and July 15 (two CDs) — were reinvested at interest rates unchanged from their prior terms, at either 4.00% or 4.10%. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

F. Investments, CDs – Fiscal Year 2027

Mr. Granier reviewed the opening figures for accrued interest and total investment amounts for the Board's outstanding certificates of deposit (CDs) for the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

G. Investments, CDs – Request to Purchase Additional CD

Mr. Granier requested approval to purchase an additional 12-month CD in the amount of $30,000. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the financial reports as presented and to approve the purchase of the CD in the amount of $30,000. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

H. Status of New Board Member Appointments

Board President Dr. Jesse Brandon, on behalf of the Board and staff, welcomed Dr. Laura Sarradet Thibodaux to the Board. Dr. Thibodaux was appointed to serve a term beginning August 1, 2026, and ending July 30, 2030. Mr. Granier further reported that the Governor's Office had informed him that Dr. Larry Findley, Sr. will continue to serve on the Board through Fiscal Year 2027, with the Governor anticipated to make a new appointment in June or July of 2027. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

1. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1303 & 1305 -- Reporting Requirements for Zoo Personnel

At its December '25 meeting, the Board voted on amendments to Sections 1303 & 1305, requiring the escape and capture protocols, the drug storage and use protocols, and the drug inventory protocols to be submitted to the Board every five years for review. Also, all laypersons must complete the chemical capture training course every three years and submit proof of completion to the Board for review. Mr. Granier informed the Board that after receiving approval from the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the Final Rule was promulgated in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, July edition, effective July 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

2. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.303.B.7 -- Limit on NAVLE Attempts for Applicants

At its February '26 meeting, the Board voted to approve an amendment to Section 303.B.7 concerning the maximum number of attempts a licensure candidate may take the NAVLE. The proposed amendment aligns the rule with the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) revised policy. The amended rule continues to limit candidates to no more than five attempts to take the NAVLE; however, any attempts made prior to Dec. 1, 2025, will not be applied toward this five-attempt maximum. Mr. Granier informed the Board that on July 10, after receiving a favorable opinion from the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP), the Summary Report was submitted to Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for final review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

3. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.500, 501, 503, & 505 – Fees

At its April '26 meeting, the Board discussed and voted on amendments to Chapter 5 regarding the fees for DVMs. There are no changes to the fees associated with the application for, or annual renewal of, licenses for veterinarians (DVMs).
The amendments make the language clearer, more uniform, and consistent - especially with respect to the fee exemption for active military licensees and the fee reductions for those who qualify for inactive retired or disabled statuses. Mr. Granier informed the Board that after receiving approval from the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the Final Rule was submitted for promulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, August edition, effective August 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

4. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1015 -- Personal Responsibility of Licensee

At its April '26 meeting, the Board discussed and voted on amendments to Section 1015. There are no substantive amendments to the rule; the revisions are limited to grammatical corrections and the refinement of language to ensure consistent and accurate reference to the applicable statutory authority. Mr. Granier informed the Board that after receiving approval from the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the Final Rule was submitted for promulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, August edition, effective August 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

5. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1211 -- Fees for CAETs

At its April '26 meeting, the Board discussed and voted on amendments to Section 1211, regarding the fees for CAETs. There are no changes to the fees associated with the application for, or annual renewal of, certificates for Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians (CAETs). The amendments make the language clearer, more uniform, and consistent, and makes it clear that it is a direct violation of Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act to perform any duties of a CAET with an expired certificate. Mr. Granier informed the Board that after receiving approval from the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, the Final Rule was submitted for promulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, August edition, effective August 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

6. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1209, 1223, & 1225 -- Pre-Euthanasia Restraint, Maintenance & Security of Sodium Pentobarbital, & Responsibilities of a Lead CAET

At its June '26 meeting, the Board discussed and voted on amendments to Sections 1223 & 1225. These amendments make technical, organizational, and clarifying revisions, including updating agency references, statutory citations, and regulatory terminology to reflect current law and governmental structure. The amendments do not create new regulatory requirements or alter the substantive responsibilities of CAETs or Lead CAETs. Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Notice of Intent was published in *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, July edition. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

The Board also reviewed Section 1209 and determined that no changes are necessary. Mr. Granier informed the Board that this section was submitted for repromulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, August edition, effective August 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

7. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.816, 1219, 1221, and 1401-1425 -- Disciplinary Proceedings

At its June '26 meeting, the Board discussed and voted on amendments to Sections 816, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1409, & 1423. These amendments include technical revisions to agency names with no substantive changes being made to these rules. Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Notice of Intent published in *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, July edition. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

The Board also reviewed Sections 1219, 1221, 1407, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421 and 1425 and determined that no changes are necessary. Mr. Granier informed the Board that these sections were submitted for repromulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, September edition, effective September 20, 2026. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

8. Discussion: LAC 46LXXXV.309 & 807 -- Temporary Registration during a Declared Public Health Emergency

Mr. Granier reminded the Board that, at its June 2026 meeting, the Board had discussed and voted on proposed amendments to Section 309, which were intended to establish a clearer and more streamlined process for out-of-state veterinarians to register with the Board and practice veterinary medicine in Louisiana during a Governor-declared emergency, while strengthening the Board's ability to efficiently and effectively ensure practitioner competency. The amendments to Section 807 would mirror the changes to Section 309 for out-of-state registered veterinary technicians.

Mr. Granier informed the Board of feedback received from the Governor's Office, prior to the Notice of Intent being published, regarding these proposed amendments, noting that it was the position of the Governor's Office that the proposed amendment to Section 309 was overly restrictive and inconsistent with La. R.S. 29:769. It was recommended that the Board revisit this matter and make changes accordingly to remain in compliance with La. R.S. 29:769.

After discussion of this proposal, Motion was made, and seconded, to approve the newly proposed rule amendments as discussed. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will move forward with the rulemaking process for this item.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. None at this time

MEETING NOTES

Mr. Vogt made a statement concerning the policies and procedures for answering formal declaratory statements, informal practice queries and consent agenda items.

Declaratory statements are formal opinions rendered by the Board and are denoted as such. They are clarifications of an issue arising under the Board's regulatory authorities made after a formal petition by a licensee and have the effect of law until modified by subsequent Board decision or the promulgation of a contrary Rule. Declaratory Statements apply to the particular factual circumstances presented to the Board by the petitioning licensee with the information required under Rule 1423.

Responses to Informal Practice Queries provided by general counsel are provisional and require subsequent Board ratification or modification. They may be relied upon by the licensee posing the query until considered by the Board for ratification or modification. If modified, the licensee is directly informed of the terms of modification and is thereafter governed by the terms of the modification, which is published in the minutes of the following Board meeting. An Informal Practice Query decided by the Board will be published in the minutes adopted in the following meeting and applies to the licensee posing the query. It is informational as to the practice generally. Both Declaratory Statements and Responses to Informal Practice Queries are limited to the factual circumstances presented to the Board and the regulatory authorities considered.

C. Declaratory Statements

1. Inquiry Regarding Regulatory Standing of Non-Louisiana Credentialed Personnel and Scope of Practice for Out-of-State Credentialed Veterinary Technicians (LVT/CVT) in LA

An RVT and educator requested the Board entertain a petition for a declaratory order under Rule 1423. The subject matter of the request involved veterinary team credentialing in the practice—those veterinary assistants working in LA but having obtained certificates elsewhere, and those credentialed by another state but who do not meet the qualifications of RVT certification in LA. The subject matter of the proposed petition involved the interpretation of provisions under the Practice Act and a declaration by the Board of lay status and proper delegation of duties accordingly under the Board's Rules and concerns regarding title protection for those RVTs credentialed in LA, including those titles used in practice that are proper under the Practice Act and/or Board Rules. The petition requested the Board describe the disciplinary action the Board would take in the event violations of the Practice Act and Board Rules were found to have occurred in the future, and requested advice as to the manner of filing a complaint anonymously.

The Board exercised its discretion and declined to accept the Petition as failing to conform to the prerequisites of Rule 1423. The petitioner will be notified of the decision and rationale.

D. General Agenda

1. Am I allowed to write a prescription for a client that moved out of state?

A licensed veterinarian contacted the Board after being requested by a client, who had moved out of state, for a prescription for Xanax for a patient in anticipation of adverse effects expected from the impending 4th of July fireworks display at his location. He asked about the propriety of issuing a prescription in such circumstances. The practitioner was reminded that any prescription issued must be issued with a VCPR intact, which includes a physical examination for its establishment and objectively sufficient information about the

condition of the patient, as well as the Board's Rule requiring a physical examination of the patient prior to prescribing a controlled drug. He was also reminded that in using telemedicine to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, the site of the location of the client/patient is the site of the provision of veterinary services, so that the state of residence of the client/patient may also require licensure there. While the Board has approved in the past the issuance of a prescription to someone not currently in Louisiana, in such instances the VCPR was intact and the patient/client was only temporarily in another state, so no out of state residence was involved.

2. **General CAET Questions and Concerns**

   A licensed veterinarian asked the Board to consider CAET certification for employment in a non-traditional setting. The place of employment involved not a veterinary practice nor an animal shelter, but a private premises and the animals were exotic animals not addressed in CAET training or the practical examination given to CAET students. The board used its discretion and declined to expand the training course or situs of employment for these animals and the proposed site of employment.

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. **Non-DVM treating a pet with chiropractic medicine without a DVM-licensed doctor on site. Am I the DVM responsible for treatment? Is this legal?**

   A licensed veterinarian posed an informal practice query concerning the degree of supervision, if any, of a chiropractor licensed in LA (non-veterinarian) who had obtained certification in animal chiropractic, and whether the delegating veterinarian was responsible for the work of the chiropractor. He was reminded that unless there is a certification by this Board, the status is of a layperson. Under Rule 712 chiropractic is included as an "alternative therapy", requiring: direct supervision by the veterinarian who has first established the VCPR, an order for chiropractic services, written informed consent by the client, certification by another professional licensing board (or Board approval of the level of education), responsibility for the ongoing evaluation and/or diagnosis, responsibility for maintaining proper records and confidentiality and a responsibility for the work delegated to the layperson.

2. **Are RVTs legally allowed to perform suturing of skin & gingiva under direct supervision & with assistance of a DVM? What are the specific legal requirements including the nature of "direct supervision"?**

   This query was posed to the Board. Under the Board Rules, those matters which cannot be delegated to a non-veterinarian assistant, lay or credentialed, include prescribing, diagnosing, giving a prognosis and performing surgery. The Board affirmed prior board decisions indicating that the suturing of skin/gingiva are integral to surgery and cannot be delegated to a non-veterinarian, even under direct supervision by the attending veterinarian.

3. **Is being a preceptor for another USDA employee working on a MPH degree within the scope of my veterinary license as a veterinarian working for the USDA?**

   A veterinarian licensed in Louisiana working for the USDA asked the Board whether being a preceptor to non-veterinarians constituted a violation of a board regulation. He was advised that notwithstanding "preceptorship" in this context constituted "the practice of

veterinary medicine", the Board does not have licensing jurisdiction over an "employee of the federal, state or local government performing his official duties" La. R.S. 37:1514(1). This exception to licensing assumes bona fide "employee" status and the act under scrutiny as part of his official job description.

4. **What's the appropriate legal and regulatory framework under the LA PA for a DVM who provides oversight & facilitates access to non-controlled legend drugs in an institutional research setting?**

   A veterinarian employed by a university asked of the propriety of supplying legend drugs for research purposes involving university owned animals to non-credentialed research assistants. He was advised that as a subdivision of the State he came under the "governmental employee" licensing requirement exception of La. R.S. 37:1514 (1) and the exception under part (9) of the same statute—Any person engaging in bona fide scientific research which reasonably requires experimentation involving animals." Proof of the legitimacy of the research involved may be required by the Board. Further the veterinarian was advised that the Board, as a secondary regulator, could extend its disciplinary power against his license if a primary regulator (e.g. FDA) made a determination the veterinarian violated a federal regulation involving the ordering, dispensing, storage, distribution, record keeping, etc. of legend drugs. He was directed to the FDA for further query.

5. **What are the limitations to the scope of practice for a DVM without a CDS or DEA license?**

   This query was posed by a hiring veterinarian on behalf of a newly licensed veterinarian in anticipation of the newly hired veterinarian engaging in the practice of veterinary medicine prior to obtaining a CDS license from the Department of Pharmacy and registration from the DEA. He was advised that neither is required to practice veterinary medicine in Louisiana, but that if such licensing and registrations are obtained, under Board Rule that person must abide by all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations. He was directed to the Board of Pharmacy and DEA for authoritative information concerning what a non-registrant can do involving controlled substances under these circumstances.

6. **Does a veterinarian need to be licensed only in the state where they practice/reside, or do they need a license in the state where the client resides?**

   This query concerned the provision of veterinary services via telemedicine to a state where he is not licensed. He was advised that telemedicine may be a useful tool in maintaining the VCPR following its establishment by, among other things, a physical, in-person examination in Louisiana but that it is a generally recognized principle that the situs of the provision of veterinary services virtually is deemed in the state where the client/patient resides, generally requiring licensure there.

F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed

1. None at this time

G. Consent Agenda Opinions – Expedited / Emergency Opinions

1. None at this time

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued

Mr. Granier reported all new licenses and certificates issued - 71 total listed below - from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept and ratify all issued licenses, registrations, and certificates as given. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance. Addendum #1 at the end of the minutes includes the list of all 71 licenses and certificates issued.

B. Office Updates – Applications, Renewals, Active Licensees, Complaints

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on applications, complaints, and continuing education review requests from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter. Addendum #2 at the end of the minutes includes all statistics.

C. Update on Renewals and New Application/License Portal

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on applications, complaints, and continuing education review requests from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter. Addendum #2 at the end of the minutes includes all statistics.

C. 2027 Proposed Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Granier presented proposed Board meeting dates for the 2027 calendar year. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the proposed dates as presented to be published on the Board's website, in the Board's Spring '26 newsletter, and in the next edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The 2027 board meeting dates are February 4, April 1, June 3, August 5, October 7, December 2, 2027. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. None at this time

MEETING NOTES

Motion made by Dr. McHughes Barr, seconded by Dr. Morris, to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding licensees, applicants, and administrative hearings not subject to public disclosure in accordance with Louisiana open meetings law and passed unanimously by roll call vote from all members in attendance. All votes noted for the following agenda items in executive session were made at the end of discussions and out of executive session.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Case #26-0104 – Proposed Consent Order

A complaint was filed against a licensed veterinarian who performed a lengthy dental procedure on a patient using microwave heated rice bags. The complainant alleged the patient received serious, multiple 3rd degree burns during the procedure resulting in infection and the need for substantial follow-up care. It was determined that the use of rice socks in this context fell below the regulatory standard of care inasmuch as they are known to create unpredictable and difficult to detect areas of hot spots without any practical and reliable way to regulate the temperate to address hypothermia. As such effective monitoring is problematic and their use is contraindicated. The Board, with the investigating member recused from deliberations, approved a consent order that provided for a fine of $500 and partial reimbursement to the Board of its costs of investigation. The Consent Order is reportable to

the national disciplinary database. No limitations were imposed on the Respondent's license.

Motion made outside of executive session and seconded, to accept the Consent Order as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

IX. LICENSING ISSUES

A. None at this time

X. APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Mary Wheat, DVM – Disciplinary Action Review

An applicant for licensure, licensed in two other states, failed to truthfully answer questions on her application and denied having ever been disciplined in another state. While the application was pending, it was discovered that the applicant had, in fact, been disciplined in both states. The board afforded the application an opportunity to appear and offer explanation on the issue of whether these false statements were disqualifying. After considering testimony by the applicant, the Board made a finding of fact that the false statements were made inadvertently. The age of the disciplinary actions (over 10 years) and nature of the offenses were considered as corroborative of the likelihood that false statements were made inadvertently and not as a matter of intentional deception to obtain a license in Louisiana. Her application was approved as regarding this issue.

Motion made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve Dr. Wheat's application for licensure. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

B. Mary Wheat, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Wheat. Motion made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement as the documents provided supported the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

C. Meghan Allen, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Allen. Motion made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement as the documents provided supported the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

D. Teresa Mannetti-Plagman, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Mannetti-Plagman. Motion made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement as the documents provided supported the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

E. Jodi Long, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Long. Motion made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement as the documents provided supported the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Update: Civil Litigation, LBVM vs. O. Nyzhnyk (Suit No. 2021-9164 A)

The Board was briefed on the status of its suit against an individual practicing equine dentistry without a license as a veterinarian and outside the employment of a veterinarian by general counsel.

B. Update: Civil Litigation, Pelican Institute vs. LBVM (Suit No. C-735730)

The Board was briefed on the status of a civil suit filed against it on behalf of three DVMs who are/were licensed out of state and who either applied for a waiver of the requirement to retake the NAVLE or did not apply for licensure due to the Rule language adopted by the Board.

C. General Counsel Reporting and Advisement

Miscellaneous matters concerning the policy relative to issuing informal practice act opinions, and the proposed amendments to that policy, and the protocol of examining applicants for licensure were discussed. Counsel was instructed to draft an amended policy in accordance with these discussions.

MEETING NOTES

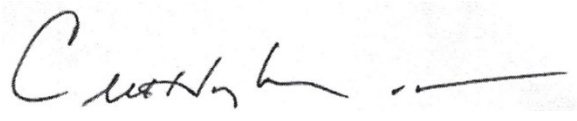
Upon conclusion of all administrative, licensing, and applicant discussions in executive session as well as discussions related to current and potential civil litigations, motion made to return to regular session by Dr. Morris, seconded by Dr. McHughes Barr, and approved unanimously by roll call vote from all members in attendance.

All votes and action taken related to administrative hearings (VIII.), licensing issues (IX.), and applicant issues (X.) as noted above for each item were made out of executive session.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made, and seconded, and passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.

Minutes reviewed and approved by the full board on October 8, 2026.



Christine D. McHughes Barr, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer

ADDENDUM #1

New Licenses Issued from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26; 71 total

** -- conditional license issued under La R.S. 37:53 of Act. No. 253 ("Welcome Home Act").*

License No.	Name	Type	Issued On
10458	Dhority, Laurel	DVM	5/18/2026
10459	Vince, Mary	DVM	5/18/2026
10460	Smith, Seth	DVM	5/19/2026
10461	Walther, Robin	DVM	5/20/2026
10462	Miller, Madison	DVM	5/20/2026
10463	Oster, Marissa	DVM	5/20/2026
10464	Bascle, Shelby	DVM	5/20/2026
10465	Cagle, Sarah	DVM	5/20/2026
10466	Cutshall, Briana	DVM	5/20/2026
10467	Broussard, Katherine	DVM	5/20/2026
10468	Blood, Lauren	DVM	5/20/2026
10469	Neal, Ethan	DVM	5/20/2026
10470	Buller, Megan	DVM	5/20/2026
10471	Patout, Anne	DVM	5/20/2026
10472	Tuminello, John	DVM	5/20/2026
10473	Daigle, Alycia	DVM	5/21/2026
10474	Duhe, Gabrielle	DVM	5/21/2026
10475	Dew, Dawson	DVM	5/26/2026
10476	Huff, Hannah	DVM	5/26/2026
10477	Martin, Jacob	DVM	5/27/2026
10478	Hammons, Trevor	DVM	5/27/2026
10479	Barnes, Emily Jade	DVM	5/27/2026
10480	Chamberlin, Nicole	DVM	5/27/2026
10481	Davis, Sommer	DVM	5/27/2026
10482	Albritton, Rachel	DVM	5/28/2026
10483	Fontenot, Erin	DVM	5/29/2026
10484	Hull, Angelina	DVM	5/29/2026
10485	Eccles, Julia	DVM	6/1/2026
10487	Weems, Baylee	DVM	6/4/2026
10488	Gordon, Max	DVM	6/5/2026
10489	Kittrell, Christina	DVM	6/5/2026
10490	Jacks, Richard	DVM	6/9/2026
10491	McDonald, Mary	DVM	6/9/2026
10492	Carson, Gabrielle	DVM	6/9/2026
10493	McClure, Kelsey	DVM	6/9/2026
10494	Davila Delgado, Jose	DVM	6/10/2026
10495	Mena, Laura	DVM	6/10/2026

10496	Roberts, Zachery	DVM	6/10/2026
10497	Stravinsky, Taydan	DVM	6/10/2026
10498	Berlinger, John	DVM	6/10/2026
10499	Hardy, Sarah	DVM	6/15/2026
10500	Chen, Yu-An	DVM	6/15/2026
10501	Heuer, Kathryn	DVM	6/16/2026
10502	Dickens, Molly	DVM	6/16/2026
10503	Howard, Keneshia	DVM	6/16/2026
10504	Bonilla, Andres	DVM	6/16/2026
10505	Rico, Kirsten	DVM	6/17/2026
10506	Leavitt, Camryn	DVM	6/25/2026
10507	Campbell, Kaitlyn	DVM	7/1/2026
10508	Bryson, Cy	DVM	7/6/2026
10509	Barrack, Mya	DVM	7/7/2026
10510	Leonards, Molly	DVM	7/7/2026
10511	Crissman, Kassandra	DVM	7/7/2026
10512	Badura, Zachary	DVM	7/8/2026
10513	Puig, Anik	DVM *	7/13/2026
10514	Egey, Elizabeth	DVM	7/13/2026
3638	Maddox, Brandon	DVM	6/10/2026
FAC-1251	Kim, Gangsan	DVM-Faculty	5/18/2026
FAC-1252	McFadden, Katelyn	DVM-Faculty	5/18/2026
FAC-1253	Littman, Brooke	DVM-Faculty	5/21/2026
FAC-1254	Mueller, Sarah	DVM-Faculty	6/15/2026
FAC-1255	Gulikers, Keven	DVM-Faculty	7/13/2026
FAC-1256	Steinberg, Jennifer	DVM-Faculty	7/13/2026
FAC-174	Schlueter, Andrew	DVM-Faculty	5/19/2026
FAC-95	Sheridan, Colleen	DVM-Faculty	5/18/2026
20201	Gale, Morgan	RVT	5/18/2026
20202	Dixon, Sophie	RVT	5/20/2026
20203	Bravo, Dacuma	RVT	6/10/2026
20204	Plauche, Maggie	RVT	6/15/2026
20205	Robbins, Veska	RVT	6/15/2026
20206	Piccini, Kristina	RVT	6/22/2026

ADDENDUM #2

Applications Submitted and Approved from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26

Application Type	Number of Submitted	Number of Approved
CAET	5	0
DVM	18	56
DVM - Faculty	10	9
RVT	3	6
GRAND TOTAL	**36**	**71**

Current Count of Active Licensees as of 07/16/26

License Type	Number of Licenses
CAET – Active - Full	190
CAET – Active - Lead	18
Subtotal of CAETs	**208**
DVM – Active	1,883
DVM – Active - Conditional	3
DVM – Inactive - Disabled	1
DVM – Inactive - Retired	8
DVM – Military - Active Status	0
Subtotal of DVMs	**1,895**
DVM – Faculty - Active	135
Subtotal of DVM Faculty	**135**
RVT - Active	405
Subtotal of RVT	**405**
GRAND TOTAL	**2,643**

Complaint Statistics from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26

Action Taken	Number	Still On-Going / Active	Number
Complaints Received	7	Pending Cases (licensees)	18
Complaints Closed	13	Pending Cases (non-licensees)	4
Consent Orders Issued	4	Consent Orders	3
Consent Orders Closed	0	HPFLA Referrals (new & on-going)	8
Other Negative Actions	0	Other Negative Actions	0

* Other negative actions include, formal reprimands, informal reprimands, cease and desist notices, etc. Pending Cases (non-licensees) includes civil action, cease & desist, monitoring or those currently under investigation.

Continuing Education Approval Requests from 05/16/26 to 07/14/26

Between 05/16/26 to 07/14/26, 34 CE requests were approved for the ’25-’26 and ’26-’27 CE periods.