

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD MEETING
October 5, 2017**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Fenton Lipscomb, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. James Corley, with the following results:

Those present:

Fenton Lipscomb, DVM	Board President
William H. Green, DVM	Board Vice President
James R. Corley, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Keri Cataldo, DVM	Board Member
John S. Emerson, DVM	Board Member
Michael Tomino, Jr.	Board General Counsel
Wendy D. Parrish	Board Executive Director

Absent:

None.

Guests:

LVMA - Stephanie Karaty

The Board Mission Statement was read by Dr. Lipscomb.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Meeting August 3, 2017

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 3, 2017 Board meeting. Dr. Motion was made by Dr. Emerson to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dr. Corley, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS

A. Ms. Parrish and Dr. Corley presented the financial reports for the months of July and August 2017 for review. Motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. FY2017 Legislative Auditor's Report – Ms. Parrish presented the legislative auditor's report for FY2017 for review. A typographical error was noted on page 5, paragraph 6 to be corrected by the Auditor. All items over/under the budgeted amounts were discussed. As all items were in order and there was no recommendation from the contracted auditor, no action was taken on this matter.

- C. FY 2019 Budget Maximum Employee Pay Raise Amount** – Ms. Parrish presented the financial history of maximum employee pay raise amounts for the last fifteen fiscal years. Motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Emerson to allow a maximum employee pay raise amount of 7% as scale for FY2019. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

A. Case 17-0215 V (9:00am) – To be continued.

B. Case 17-1104 V – (9:00am) – Proposed Consent Order -

Dr. Lipscomb was introduced as presiding officer for the proceeding. Dr. Emerson was recused as investigating Board member in the case. Dr. Cataldo recused herself as second attending veterinarian providing care. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Green to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Case 17-0722 V (9:00am) – Proposed Consent Order -

Dr. Lipscomb was introduced as presiding officer for the proceeding. Dr. Green was recused as investigating Board member in the case. The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Tomino presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. DVM ISSUES

Motion was made by Dr. Emerson to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding licensees and applicants not subject to public disclosure as per the law in VI. DVM ISSUES and VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upon conclusion of executive session to review and consider all items in VI. DVM ISSUES and VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES,, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Green, and approved unanimously by voice vote, to specifically address each item in the respective sections as follows:

A. Davis Ellison, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status – Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Ellison, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to approve Inactive Retired Status for Renewal Year 2017-2018. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Melody McElroy, DVM – Request for Inactive Status/Active Military and Waiver of Fees/CE – Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. McElroy of current active military status, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to approve Inactive Status/Active Military and waiver of renewal fees and the CE requirements for Renewal Year 2017-2018. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Seth A. Trachtenberg, DVM – Request for Inactive Status/Active Military and Waiver of CE** – Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Trachtenberg of current active military status, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Corley, to approve Inactive Status/Active Military and waiver of the CE requirements for Renewal Year 2017-2018. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Jared Felton Madden, DVM – Request for Inactive Status/Active Military and Waiver of Fees** – Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Madden of current active military status, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to approve Inactive Status/Active Military and waiver of fees for Renewal Year 2017-2018. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Kenneth M. Allan, DVM - Request for Status Change, Exemption of CE** – After review of the documents submitted by Dr. Allan, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Corley, to approve status change to Inactive Disabled and waiver of CE requirements. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. Tiffani Brooks Taylor, DVM – Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2010 graduate of Texas A&M University, licensed in Texas. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Taylor, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Green, to **deny** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided do not meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and to **approve** the preceptorship requirements as the documents meeting criteria for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Jason Murray Holloway, DVM – Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2014 graduate of St. George University, licensed in Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky. Dr. Corley recused himself as potential employer of the applicant. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Holloway, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to **defer** consideration of the waiver request due to insufficient and incomplete documentation regarding employment, until additional information is submitted. Dr. Holloway will be notified of request for additional information. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. James Michael Kincheloe, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2016 graduate of University of California, Davis, licensed in California. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Kincheloe, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- D. Kriscelle Angeline Hernandez Mendoza, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2017 graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, IA licensed in California. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Mendoza, motion was made by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **defer** consideration of the waiver request due to insufficient and incomplete documentation regarding employment, until additional information is submitted. Dr. Mendoza will be notified of request for additional information. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Sara Joyner Ramos, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Louisiana (Faculty) and formerly licensed in Georgia. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Ramos, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Jamie N. Steins, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2015 graduate of Mississippi State College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in Ohio. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Steins, motion was made by Dr. Green, seconded by Dr. Emerson, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. General Update -

1. Correction for December 2017 Newsletter regarding Sedation/Blood Work Standard based on Board decision at the August 3, 2017 meeting. In the Newsletter/Winter 2016 edition, the Board published an article regarding “Pre-Surgery/Anesthesia Blood Work and Consent Forms.” The substance and effect of the article regarding the requirement of pre-anesthetic blood work prior to general anesthesia, which must at least be explained and offered to the client prior to the general anesthesia, remains the proper standard of practice. However, the issue of blood work as required prior to sedation (or at least offered to the client) is hereby changed after factual scenarios presented and further consideration by the Board.

Therefore, sedation is not automatically included within the concept of general anesthesia with regards to requiring blood work or, at least, an offer to do so made to the client. Rather, the standard of care set forth in Rule 1023 is applicable to sedation and blood work scenarios.

Publication of Correction in the December 2017 Newsletter was unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Information was provided on Act 76, effective August 1, 2017, sponsored by Senator Mills as enacted in the 2017 Regular Session

regarding Pharmacy Board's CDS registrants required to obtain 3 hours of CE in drug related areas to be enforced. Permissible for the 3 hours to be part of the annual regular CE hours required for veterinarians and CAETs with CDS prescriptive authority, as well as obtained on-line as part of such permissible CE hours medium.

B. Policy and Procedure

1. None.

C. Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements

1. *N.C. Dental* decision was again discussed with regards to its effects on the Board's function and mandate. The Board is still waiting on assistance/direction from the State which is anticipated in 2018 Regular Legislative Session.
2. Proposed Rules Revisions of CDS/CE per Act 76, and Repeal of Non-Veterinarian Practice Ownership.
 - a. Proposed rules revisions, effective August 1, 2017, regarding continuing education (403 and 1227) to require specific courses/programs regarding drug diversion training, best practice of prescribing controlled dangerous substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other matters that are deemed appropriate by the veterinary board in accordance with Act 76 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature were reviewed and discussed.
 - b. Proposed rules revisions regarding 1015A (amended), and 1015B and 1019 (repealed) to remove the prohibition to non-veterinarian ownership of a veterinary practice, but retain regulatory accountability by the Board over licensed veterinarians with required hands-on/decision making authority over the practice of veterinary medicine were reviewed and discussed.

There exists a growing national (and state) movement of non-veterinarians wanting to own veterinary business practices while using licensed veterinarians to provide patient care. The practical effect of repealing the non-veterinarian ownership prohibition will enable some veterinarians to advance their respective practices for the evolving needs of clients and patients by an infusion of money, and perhaps business talent. It will also allow practices owned by veterinarians to be sold at arms-length transactions by veterinarians, and their survivors, to a broader category of potential buyers. With the repeal, survivors of deceased veterinarians may also own the veterinary practice. Consumers should benefit favorably. It is further noted that a growing number of recent veterinarian graduates appear to not want to own a veterinary practice, but rather work for an existing one. Some practitioners may potentially experience more business/market-share competition, and may oppose the repeal. It

also provides an avenue for several clinics to be purchased by a single non-veterinarian entity. However, under any scenario, the Board will continue to discharge its administrative obligations by holding its licensees personally accountable for the hands-on practice of veterinary medicine regardless of who may own the business entity.

In concluding, it is noted that the licensed practitioners and/or their state professional association are entitled to and may seek legislative enactment to address any prohibition to non-veterinarian ownership of a veterinary practice. Such is the proper and legal avenue addressing the necessity of clearly worded law in the Veterinary Practice Act which is the first prong of the test under *N.C. Dental*.

After review and consideration, Motion was made for adoption of proposed rules revisions and pursuit of rule-making protocol by Dr. Emerson, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, and unanimously approved by voice vote. The Board is interested in receiving comment, both pro and con, to the proposed rules revisions regarding the repeal of the prohibition to non-veterinarian ownership of a veterinary practice.

3. Query was submitted by Dr. Mark Mitchell, with LSU-SVM, regarding faculty veterinarians and their participation in declared public emergencies and related issues. The Board has responded to these questions in the past as submitted by other interested parties. Most recently, by Dr. Brent Robbins, Deputy Commissioner of LDAF, on behalf of interested parties. The Board's consistent response was provided to Dr. Mitchell who thereafter acknowledged receipt and filing for future reference.

4. Query was submitted by Amanda Dunaway, with MedVet, regarding the tasks and duties an RVT, and lay person, may legally perform. The Board has responded to these questions in the past as submitted by other interested parties, and has been consistent in its response. In short, a VCPR must be first established by the veterinarian with regards to the animal at issue, and other circumstances and factors must be considered if an RVT is allowed to even possess, and then, administer drugs to the patient. Under no circumstances may the RVT act in a sole capacity without the veterinarian who is ultimately responsible for the animal/patient.

Furthermore, the Board has the issues of the lawful tasks/duties of a LA register veterinary technician (RVT) and the lawfully delegated tasks/duties of a lay person under review and consideration at the present time. In the future, a rule-making effort will be conducted by the Board to implement its conclusions regarding this subject matter.

However, the law does not allow an RVT or lay person to perform animal diagnosis, the prescribing of treatment or medications, or any surgical procedures. Furthermore, only a LA licensed veterinarian may administer a rabies vaccination. Such cannot be lawfully delegated to an RVT or lay person under any circumstances.

In addition, the LA licensed, supervising veterinarian has the ultimate responsibility for the proper diagnosis and treatment of the animal, including the tasks/duties delegated to the RVT or lay person, and will be held accountable by the Board. The RVT is also personally responsible for her own acts/omissions in the practice pursuant to her RVT registration issued by the Board.

5. Query was submitted by Dr. Beverly Bell regarding bee hives and prescriptions/related issues. The Board responded that a bee is considered a “herd animal” under the Board’s jurisdiction per the Practice Act. Rule 700 requires that the “veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animals by virtue of examination and/or the animals’ record, and/or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animals are kept.” Accordingly, the answer to the specific query is to visit the location site where there is the presence of a hive, but not necessarily every hive at the location site (unless specific circumstances dictate otherwise). In addition, the veterinarian may also be able to satisfy the VCPR under the other provisions stated above beyond a site visit. It is also strongly suggested that she contact LADF/State Veterinarian as this state agency most probably has primary jurisdiction over the commercial honey/antibiotic issue and the protection of the consuming public. Also, in the event a veterinarian violates any provisions of another agency’s laws and/or rules, the Board has the jurisdiction to pursue administrative action against the offending veterinarian for unprofessional conduct.
6. Query was submitted by Dr. Adrienne Stelly regarding a report card of each puppy in a litter being allegedly exchanged by a seller. The Board understands the potential difficulty of identifying one puppy from another in a given litter. However, there are two categories of concern in the scenario under the Board’s administrative jurisdiction. One is unprofessional conduct---PA Section 1526.A(14) and Rules 1023, 1059.A(10). Second, is the actual conduct or participation in misrepresenting or fraud (whether with actual or constructive knowledge)—PA Section 1526.A(15), and 701.A(1). If an attending veterinarian knows, or should have known, that misrepresentation or fraud regarding a “report card switch” is being perpetrated by the

breeder to a buyer, it would be in the best interest of the veterinarian to consider advising the breeder that individual report cards will no longer be issued to her. Accordingly, a “litter report” could be given to the breeder, such as “5 puppies to Dog X: 3 male and 2 female were wormed treated for coccidia, 1 male and 1 female with umbilical hernias, 1 male with class 4 knee laxity.” The breeder would then be in the position to provide a copy of the litter report to each buyer.

Per Rule 1065, a veterinarian can be administratively disciplined by the Board for a violation of other state laws and rules (including the criminal statutes) regarding participation (conspiracy) in a case of misrepresentation or fraud. A criminal conviction by another jurisdiction must first occur. The Board cannot offer comment on the efficacy of a prior criminal prosecution for any offending conduct as such is not within the Board’s jurisdiction.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued:

Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following licenses/certificates issued since the previous Board meeting:

DVM

3504	Alan Charles	Smith
3505	Carter Wenner	Ward
3506	Sarah Elizabeth	Petrario
3507	Sean Hamil	Jones
3508	Mary Anne	Thomas
3509	Jeremy Doyle	Greene
3510	Jacqueline Breann	Morse
3511	Heidi M.	Cooley
3512	Heather C.	Harkins
3513	Priscilla Hart	Joyner
3514	Kaleigh Regan	MacQueen
3515	Charles Gray	Edwards
3516	Jaclyn Marie	Lott-Myers
3517	Ali Cherie	Robin
3518	Samantha Mae	Glisson
3519	Anne Dorrance	Wallace
3520	Laura Lorraine	Quilling
3521	Madelyn Whitney	McCartney
3522	Jennifer Melissa	Zamora
3523	James Paul	Pendergraft

Faculty DVM

FAC 106	Shannon Sandemar	Connard
FAC 107	Cullen Andrew	Domaracki

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FAC 108	Heather Suzanne	Spain
FAC 109	Heidi Elise	Banse
FAC 110	James Ryan	Butler
FAC 111	Rose Elisabeth	Baker

RVT

8396	Jessica Lynn-Hayes	Cockrell
8397	Katelyn Boudreaux	Maggio
8398	Jeffrey W.	Oertling
8399	Kali Lynn	Watson
8400	Abby Louise	Knight
8401	Elaine Ruth	Lancaster
8402	Kelsey Blaire	Racca
8403	Beth Marie	Courville
8404	Kimberly Ann	Macrostie

B. Proposed 2018 Board Meeting Dates – Ms. Parrish presented proposed Board meeting dates for 2018. Motion was made by Dr. Corely, seconded by Dr. Green to accept the proposed dates as presented to be printed in the Board’s 2017 newsletter and published in the *Louisiana Register*, which dates are February 1, April 5, June 7, August 2, October 4, December 6, 2018. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Update on Licensing Renewals and Faculty Licensure – Ms Parrish presented statistics on the renewal applications. No action was taken on this item.

D. AAVSB 2017 Convention Report – Ms Parrish presented review of topics and discussions from the 2017 meeting in San Antonio. No action was taken on this item.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Dr. Green to go into executive session to discuss issues and receive legal advice regarding potential contested matters and personnel matters, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, and passed unanimously by voice vote. Upon conclusion of discussion of the issues, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Green seconded by Dr. Corley, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

There was no action taken.

XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on December 7, 2017.

James Corley, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer