



Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 10th, 2022

Remote Meeting

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Dr. Wheeler.

Members Present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Paul Howard, DVM and Jeannette Hogan, Public Member.

Members Absent:

OPR Personnel Present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I.

Guests: Linda Waite-Simpson, Dr. Jen Bevilacqua; and Samantha Chessie.

b. Approval of previous minutes: December 9th, 2021

- Dr. Yankauskas moved to accept the minutes from the December meeting as provided, Ms. Hogan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discipline: None

d. Discussion:

a) Comments of Dr. Bevilacqua re: telepractice and non-veterinarian alternative care providers.

- Dr. Bevilacqua presented to the Board her concerns with the removal of direct supervision from rule 8-11 (G), and the process of delegation and treatment of an animal to a non-veterinarian.
- The Board broke into discussion and amended the current proposed rule 8-11. Changing the body of the rule to:

"Vermont law does not authorize any non-veterinarian licensed under Title 26 to undertake any act within the scope of veterinary medical practice. Non-veterinarian providers nonetheless may be skilled in certain modalities that may be safely applied for therapeutic benefit to animals under the supervision of a veterinarian. A veterinarian may delegate veterinary treatments to such providers if ..."

- The Board voted to accept the changes made to rule 8-11:
Dr. Yankauskas: Yea
Dr. Howard: Yea
Dr. Canales: Nay
Ms. Hogan: Yea
Dr. Wheeler: Yea

e. Adjournment:

Dr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 12:17pm due to lack of further business.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, May 12th, 2022

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