



Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Approved Minutes

Thursday, May 11th, 2023

Remote Meeting

Members Present: Paul Howard, DVM; Lori Stroutsos, Public Member; J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Bryan Harnett, DVM; and Mary O'Donovan, DVM

Members Absent: Jeannette Hogan, Public Member

OPR Personnel Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II

Guests: Linda Waite-Simpson, Brad Burrington, and Karen Bradley.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Dr. Wheeler.

2. Changes to the agenda

3. Approval of previous minutes from:

a. November 10th, 2022, Meeting

Dr. Harnett moved to approve the November 10th, 2022 Board meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

b. February 9th, 2023, Meeting

Dr. Howard moved to approve the February 9th, 2023 Board meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Harnett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Discipline: None

5. Administrative Updates: None

6. Discussion:

o VCPR and Relationship with Multi-Doctor Practices

Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Harnett asked the Board if a client comes to a practice to refill a prescription, but their primary veterinarian is absent, can a secondary veterinarian at that practice fill the prescription?

- o Attorney Layman stated that this situation would likely be permissible under 26 V.S.A. § 2433 and the current veterinary rules, section 8-3, if the primary and secondary veterinarians shared a practice.

7. Public Comment

- a. Linda Waite- Simpson informed the Board of federal legislation possibly making xylazine a controlled substance.

8. Adjournment: With no further business, Dr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:19am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, August 10th, 2023

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