

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602
Approved Minutes
Meeting of April 14, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m.

Members present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Crager J. Boardman, Jr; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Terry York, Public Member and Jeannette Hogan, Public Member

OPR Personnel present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist; Carla Preston, Case Manager and Larry Novins, Board Counsel

Others Present: Millie Armstrong, Dr. Jennifer Ruopp and Deb Shelby

2. The Chair called for approval of the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting. Ms. York made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting as presented. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Case Managers Report:

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently six (6) pending cases. Three (3) the Investigative Team recommends closing (to be reviewed at today's meeting), one (1) is pending an Investigative Team meeting, and two (2) are under investigation.

4. Hearings/Stipulation & Consent Orders/Reports of Concluded Investigation

An Order requesting removal of conditions for Jennifer Ruopp, DVM, docket #2012-83 (M2012-52) was presented to the Board. Dr. Yankauskas took a vote of the members present. All members present were in favor of approving Dr. Ruopp's request. Dr. Wheeler did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation for docket # 2015-398. Dr. Canales made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Boardman did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation for docket # 2014-495. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to accept the report as presented. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Canales did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

Report of Concluded Investigation for docket # 2015-144. Dr. Boardman made a motion to accept the report as presented. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dr. Canales did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member.

5. Continuing Education Request:

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve Dr. Kimberley Maise's request for one (1) hour of CVME for the course "**Serenity Now: Importance and Application of Low Stress Patient Handling in Clinical Practice**" that was held February 4, 2016. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed. The request was for one and a half (1.5) hours, however the course description provided stated the course was only one hour.

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve Dr. Michelle Ross' request for two (2) hours of CVME for the "**Special Operative Medical Association Scientific Assembly**" that will be held May 23-26, 2016. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Motion passed. The request was submitted for approval for twenty-two (22) hours of CVME credit, however in the conference descriptions the Board members reviewed, the conference was geared more toward treatment of humans and not animals.

Dr. Michelle Ross submitted a request for six (6) hours of CVME for the "**Behavior Problems in Companion Animals**" that will be held April 24, 2016. This request was previously approved by Board members prior to the April meeting.

6. Discussion Item:

Ms. Deb Shelby attended the meeting to speak with the Board members present regarding a business she would like to open. It will be warm water swimming for dogs. Ms. Shelby wanted to inform the Board of her intent and see if there were any questions or concerns they had. Mr. Novins informed Ms. Shelby about the Vermont Laws and Rules prohibiting veterinary practice to be done by anyone other than a licensed Veterinarian. Ms. Shelby will provide Ms. Morrison with additional documentation to distribute to the Board members.

7. The Board reviewed the CVME audits from the May 2015 renewal. Ms. Morrison will contact with the Veterinarians audited to inform them of the results.

8. **Public Comment:** None

9. The next meeting is scheduled for **June 9, 2016** at 9:00 am.

10. Ms. York made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 am. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.