



Board of Veterinary Medicine

Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State

89 Main Street, 3rd Floor • Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

<https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/>

Approved Minutes

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022

Remote Meeting

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

Members Absent: Bryan Harnett, DVM

OPR Personnel Present: Kassandra Diederich, Staff Attorney; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I.

Guests: Paula Yankauskas, Linda Waite-Simpson, and Karen Bradley

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03pm by Dr. Wheeler.

b. Changes to the agenda

Dr. Wheeler asked the Board to table Officer elections until the November 10th Board meeting when all Board members could be present. The Board agreed.

c. Approval of previous minutes from August 29th, 2022 meeting

Dr. Howard moved to accept the August 29th minutes as presented. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion, motion passed.

d. Discipline

None.

e. Discussion:

a) Developing Telehealth Licensing Rules

Attorney Layman shared the draft veterinarian telehealth license and telehealth registration rule with the Board. The draft rule is based on the feedback the Board provided at its September 2022 meeting. The Board reviewed the rule and provided input.

Dr. Howard moved to accept the telehealth licensing rules as presented. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion. Approved.

b) Legality for a kennel/boarding facility to administer the intranasal Bordetella vaccine?

The Board discussed whether a non-veterinarian who is not the animal's owner can administer an intranasal Bordetella vaccine. There was discussion about a law in Title 26 prohibiting the sale of modified live vaccines by a non-veterinarian as the Bordetella vaccine is a modified live vaccine. Attorney Diederich stated that administering the vaccine was the practice of veterinary medicine if there was consideration involved. The Board discussed whether there was a chance

for public harm/harm to animals if the intranasal vaccine was administered to an animal by a non-veterinarian.

c) Vet Tech licensure

The Board discussed the licensure and regulation of veterinarian technicians in Vermont. The process for regulating a new profession was explained by Attorneys Diederich and Layman. There was discussion of the potential of harm to the public if veterinary technicians were not regulated by the state.

d) Officer Elections

The Board tabled officer elections until the November 10th Board meeting.

f. Adjournment: With no further business, Dr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 2:27pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, November 10th, 2022

Please check the office [website](#) for updates