



# **Board of Veterinary Medicine**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **Approved Minutes**

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*Remote Meeting\*

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

Members Absent: Lori Stroutsos, Public Member

OPR Personnel Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Rachel Heath, Prosecuting Attorney; Danielle Rubalcaba, Business Project Manager; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Kevin Rushing, Director; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator II

Guests: Linda Waite-Simpson.

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Dr. Wheeler.

#### **2. Changes to the agenda**

#### **3. Approval of previous minutes from:**

- **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Meeting**

- Dr. Howard moved to approve the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board meeting minutes as presented.
  - Dr. Harnett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### **4. Discipline:**

- 9:15 a.m. – *In re: Andrew Krause*, Docket no. 2023-108; Pre-Charge Voluntary Stipulation and Order

- I. Dr. Howard moved to accept the stipulation as presented. Dr. O'Donovan seconded the motion, motion passes unanimously.

#### **5. Administrative Updates:**

- **H.305**

- I. Attorney Layman and Attorney Tredeau informed the Board of H.305 passing and the relevant items associated with it affecting Veterinary medicine.

#### **6. Discussion:**

- **Renewal Process in relation to 6.1**

- I. Dr. Wheeler and Dr. Howard informed OPR that the board was concerned that licensed veterinarians had to upload CE certificates to renew their licenses. Requiring the upload is inconsistent with the requirements of the new Rules adopted in 2022, particularly Rule 6.1 which requires only an attestation regarding completion of continuing education.

- II. Attorney Layman agreed that the request for CE certificates was inconsistent with the requirements of the new Rules and apologized for the administrative error. She stated that OPR would work on revising the renewal process to

reflect the current veterinary administrative rules CE requirements and would consult with the Board regarding any changes.

**7. Public Comment**

**8. Adjournment:** With no further business, Dr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 9:47am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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