



Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Approved Minutes

Thursday, May 12th, 2022

Remote Meeting

a. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m., by Dr. Wheeler.

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

Members Absent:

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

Guests: Linda Waite-Simpson, Ruth Blauwikel; and Samantha Morse.

b. Approval of previous minutes: February 10th, 2022

- Dr. Howard moved to accept the minutes from the February's meeting as provided, Dr. Yankauskas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discipline: None

d. Discussion:

a) Telehealth/Triage by Vet Tech's

Ms. Diederich prompted the Board with an emailed question on veterinary tele-triage practice in Vermont.

b) H.655

Mr. Gilman explained H.655 to the Board.

(a) Short Term Registration – March 31st, 2022 – July 2023.

(b) Telehealth Registration – Covers 10 patients and up to 120 days.

(c) Telehealth License – Covers 20 patients and up to two years.

(d) More patients would require full optometrist licensure.

c) Public Comment on Administrative rules

e. Adjournment:

Dr. Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 10:01am due to lack of further business.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, August 11th, 2022

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