



VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Dommer Martin, DVM; Robert Forbes, DVM; Kevin Kreier, DVM; Hunter Lang, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Arden Sherpe; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM; Amanda Reese.

STAFF PRESENT, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Cheryl Daniels and Liz Kennebeck, DATCP Attorneys; Robert Van Lanen, Regulatory Specialist; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Carrie Saynisch, License/Permit Program Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Brittany Medina; Introductions and Discussion.

Robert Forbes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02am. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

AGENDA

I. 9:00 A.M. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

II. Introductions

- A. Amanda Reese – new appointee filling the Public Member position previously occupied by Bruce Berth.

III. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- A. April 29th, 2020

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to approve the minutes from the April 29th, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments

Each speaker is limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of speakers. Each speaker must fill out and submit an appearance card to the Board clerk.

Jorden Lamb, attorney and lobbyist for Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association and is also an attorney for DeWitt law firm-- The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association is seeing more

questions on local public health orders. Does veterinary care fit into health care or business category? Working with the Department of Health Services to get guidance and clarity.

VI. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Matters

- A. Annual Meeting Portland, Oregon September 24-26 -- In person aspects canceled.
No delegate voting or change of officers-- all have agreed to serve for another year. No changes to practice acts either. Will go forward with educational sessions virtually. Everyone can attend, not just those who typically go to the annual meeting. Per VEB_10, interactive(live, not recorded) portions can be applied toward continuing education for non-scientific portion of required continuing education. The AAVSB is working on getting sessions Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE®) approved. More information to come mid-August. Melissa will email information out to Board members once more information is available.

VII. Board Guidance

A. Comments and Consideration for Adoption

1. Bull Semen Collection

No public comments.

2. Cannabis

A single public comment was received. No discussion among board members.

Cheryl Daniels brought up a recent Supreme Court decision regarding guidance documents. Since they are not law, the legislature intruding on giving guidance is not appropriate. Legal feels that they should be made public and easily accessible (for example, keeping them on the website). Working on a standardized format for them. Not finalized yet.

MOTION: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to adopt the bull semen collection guidance document as written. Discussion initiated by Arden Sherpe regarding the definition of “on the premises” stating that it doesn’t give enough decision-making flexibility for trained but uncertified technicians who work with advanced commercial reproductive technology. Motion carried with one no vote from Arden Sherpe.

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to adopt the Cannabis guidance document as written. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries

A. License numbers for 20-21 licensing year

For year to date:

6041 licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to date (3658 vets, 2383 technicians)

671 vets/technicians did not renew (360 vets, 311 technicians)

12 were sent out for follow-up (we only followed up on those who started renewals but did not finish them)

Processes that expedited licensing during COVID:

1. Waiver

Valid to December 31, 2020. Allowed for applicant's school to email confirmation of education or send information through AAVSB VAULT premium transfer service.

2. **AAVSB**

The AAVSB VAULT Premium Transfer service has streamlined verifications. While the footwork in gathering the licensee's background is the same, the service is most valuable for the fact that we do not have to print out verifications and mail them to each location requested.

IX. Administrative Code Items

A. VE 1-11 – Reorganization – Board Approval of Preliminary Public Hearing and Comment Period

Statement of scope was approved by the governor.

MOTION: Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to approve the public hearing as stated in the agenda packet. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Legislative Update

No updates.

XI. Administrative Items

A. COVID 19

Clinic had to close because several staff tested positive. Some discussion about how to handle veterinary practice during COVID. The Veterinary Examining Board itself has little to no authority over decisions made regarding the public health emergency. Looking to find more information and put it out for reference/guidance. Waiting for a response from Department of Health Services.

B. Strategic Planning 2021

The Board should start thinking what the strategic plan should look like and what duration parts of it should cover(mission/core purpose and core values). Discussion to follow at October meeting. Draft beginning of 2021 and goal is to finalize at April 2021 meeting. Looking at 3-5 year horizon. Will help keep consistency from member to member through the years. Should be no more than 2 pages or it becomes an operational plan. As a group, we should send ideas to Melissa Mace by the end of September. She will also send out a reminder email sometime mid-September.

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

A. October 21, 2020

COVID could impact ability to meet in person again. More to come. Planning to make it more interactive by utilizing video. We just received approval to use WebEx today.

XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Amanda Reese to convene to closed session to discuss the Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VE 11 update on the request for proposals where bargaining reasons require a closed

session (§ 19.85 (1) (e), Stats.); to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.). Robert Forbes read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Robert Forbes – yes; Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Kevin Kreier – yes; Amanda Reese – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Lyn Schuh– yes; Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VE 11 Update on the Request for Proposals (RFP)

XV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates

XVI. Deliberation on Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

- A. 17 VET 023 JK
- B. 17 VET 041 MS
- C. 19 VET 013 RK
- D. 19 VET 054 RW
- E. 19 VET 087 CJ
- F. 19 VET 108 CK
- G. 20 VET 011 JS

XVII. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Pending Cases Status Report

XVIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 11:41am.

XIX. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session

XX. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

MOTION: Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to accept the final decision and order and stipulation for 17 VET 023, 19 VET 013, 19 VET 087, 19 VET 108, and 20 VET 011. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Arden Sherpe moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, for return of full licensure for 17 VET 041, 19 VET 013, 19 VET 054, and 20 VET 011. Motion carried unanimously.

XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.