



State of Wisconsin
Veterinary Examining Board

Governor Tony Evers
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alan Holter, DVM; Amanda Reese; Hunter Lang, DVM; Karl Solverson, DVM; Leslie Estelle, DVM; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM; Lyn Schuh.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Arden Sherpe

STAFF PRESENT, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil, DATCP Attorney; Erin Carter, Regulatory Specialist; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Jonathan Bent, License/Permit Program Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Associate Supervisor.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES – Jordan Lamb, Beth Venit, Jo-ell Carson

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

AGENDA

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. January 25, 2023 Full Board Meeting (**Action Item**)

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the January 25, 2023 Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

A. Introduction: Jonathon Bent, new VEB licensing associate.

B. Recognition of service: Dr. Lisa Weisensel Nesson and Mr. Arden Sherpe.

V. Public Comments

- A. Jordan Lamb – Attorney & Legislative Council for the WI Veterinary Medical Association – bringing to Boards attention Senate Bill 2023 SB 143 introduced March 23, 2023 Referred to as the Medical Titling Bill; WVMA has not taken a position on this bill yet. The Bill would restrict use of certain words to physicians only. The Bill if enacted as written would restrict the use of terms such as anesthesiologist, surgeons and other descriptors to only medical doctors. The way we currently read the bill it would not allow for the words anesthesiologist or surgeon to be used in conjunction with the word Veterinary. Specifically drafted as a restriction in the part of the statute that specifically license Physicians under the Medical Examining Board. Wants to bring this to the board’s attention as this could impact VEB rules.

VI. Administrative Items (informational) Melissa Mace provide information to the Board

- A. VPAP Quarterly/Annual report informational – Reports provided for information.
 1. Humana and Lifeworks measure utilization differently, making Lifeworks utilization not comparable to Humana in previous years.
 2. 3 seminars held to date – Orientation and Mental Health Orientation
 3. Upcoming events Stress Relaxation Techniques has been set for 7 pm.
 4. Will as for a representative from LifeWorks to attend July meeting to present reports to the board, review and be prepared to ask question about the reports/program in July.
- B. Board officers and committee appointments changeover
 1. Changes go into effect July 1, 2023 – Amanda Reese to join Credentialing, replacing Arden Sherpe who has decided not to apply for reappointment.
 2. Applicants are being looked at by the Governor’s Office
- C. Complaints: Annualized Summary
 1. Total Complaints – 152 as of today 50 complaints logged for 2023 if it continues on this trajectory there could be 170 complaints this year. Complaints includes those open for investigation and those that have been closed with no further investigation.
- D. Discipline: Administrative Warning vs. Final Decision & Order
 1. Summary of letter included in Board Book – looked at warning notices issued per year 6-8, screen committee/case advisor may suggest Administrative Warning DATCP staff may advise that is not consistent with past practice.
 2. Develop guidelines for Admin Warning vs. FDO to aide in consistent application
 3. Does an Administrative Warning carry the same weight as an FDO?
 - a. We can ask that corrective action be taken then issue a warning notice to close the case.
 4. Misconduct vs. Unprofessional Conduct
 - a. Work with Axel to define if not already defined in Statute.
 - b. Axel indicated that the definition could overlap depending on the issue.
- E. Complaint confidentiality and conflicts of interest
 1. Handout provided to Board members and staff for review provided by Aaron O’Neil

VII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries (informational)

- A. Credential Holder Summary

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

- A. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, Kansas City MO Sept. 28-30, 2023
 - 1. AAVSB will pay for 2 members of our Board to attend the meeting to represent WI. Let Melissa know if you are interested in attending the meeting.
- B. Recap AAVSB Spring Executive Directors Meeting Kansas City MO April 13, 2023
 - 1. . Discussed shortages and what can be done. Re-entry to the profession after a 5 year absence. Veterinary Well Being programs and utilization of programs.
 - 2. How to expedite license verifications.
 - 3. Bring in AAVSB to look at doing real time uploads.
- C. AAVSB Program & Services Think Tank Ad-hoc Committee Request for Information on NAVLE Streamlining Eligibility
 - 1. Proposing that new graduates would not have to apply to a state prior to taking the NAVLE. Scores would be transferred to state they ultimately will move for practice. This will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting.
- D. Military Portability
 - 1. Someone licensed in another jurisdiction and transferred to WI under military order does not have to apply to WI but provide a copy of their orders and the credential from another state will be valid in WI.

IX. Administrative Code Updates

- A. Occupational Licenses – currently not moving forward

X. Legislative and Policy Update

- A. Legislative update (informational)
 - 1. Handout provided to members
 - a. VEB could be asked for opinion on a rule but we can't lobby for a change
 - b. DATCP will provide information to the our Legislative Liaison and reach out to WVMA to make them aware

XI. Strategic Goals

- A. 2022 Review (informational)
 - 1. Looking to move some items to the 2023 strategic plan

B. 2023 Changes (action item)

1. Mission, Statement to remain the same
2. Items highlighted in blue from 2022 plan will role forward to the 2023 plan
3. Dr. Lang thanked Board for accomplishing goals and agree that moving items forward is a good idea.
4. Dr. Estelle would like to see one board member attend the annual meeting that will have voting rights at the annual meeting.

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to accept the items from 2022 be moved to 2023 and add that one board member attend the annual meeting that will have voting rights on issues brought forward Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

- A. Screening Committee Meeting - April 19 11am (or after conclusion of 1/4ly if later)
- B. Credentialing Committee Meeting – May 9, 2023 4pm
- C. Next Board Meeting – July 19, 2023 (9a.m.)
 1. Need 6 members in attendance for meeting

XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL)

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, 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.).
Roll Call Vote: Alan Holter – yes; Amanda Reese – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Karl Solverson – yes; Leslie Estelle – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Choose an item. – yes.

XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates (Action Items)

XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (Action Items)

- A. Proposed Administrative Warnings
- B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
 1. 22 VET 114 KS
 2. 22 VET 116 AS
 3. 22 VET 084 CG
 4. 22 VET 118 NK
 5. 22 VET 117 NJ
 6. 22 VET 018 GG

7. 22 VET 107 MK
8. 22 VET 012 LR
9. 22 VET 120 AL
10. 22 VET 087 PM

C. Proposed Orders of Suspension

D. Investigations Recommended for Closure

1. 22 VET 031 RG
2. 22 GENERAL 003 HS
3. 23 GENERAL 001 AWC
4. 22 TECH 007 SZ
5. 22 VET 090 SB

XVI. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases

- A. Licenses returned to Full Status (Informational)
- B. Pending Case Status Report (Informational)

XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of: 22 VET 114 KS, 22 VET 116 AS, 22 VET 084 CG, 22 VET 118 NK, 22 VET 117 NJ, 22 VET 018 GG, 22 VET 107 MK, 22 VET 012 LR, 22 VET 120 AL, and 22 VET 087 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to close investigations in the cases of: 22 VET 031 RG, 22 GENERAL 003 HS, 23 GENERAL 001 AWC, 22 TECH 007 SZ, and 22 VET 090 SB. Motion carried unanimously.

XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.