

# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

## Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

Location: Poplar Room  
665 Mainstream Drive  
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M., President  
R. A. Tai Federico, D.V.M., Vice-President  
Steve M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary  
Kim D. Johnson, D.V.M.  
Karen S. Walsh, L.V.M.T.  
Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

Members Absent: Ann Strong, Public Member

Staff Present: Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator  
Keith D. Hodges, Board Attorney  
Lisa Lampley, Board Director

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Galloway at 9:05 a.m.

### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to approve the December 10, 2015 minutes. The motion carried.

### **Applicant Interviews**

Steven M. Bucco, Jr., D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinarian submitted by **Steven Bucco, Jr., DVM**. Dr. Bucco answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. Bucco was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2014 DUI 1<sup>st</sup> conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Shannon P. Cagle, L.V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Shannon Cagle, VMT**. Ms. Cagle answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Cagle was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2011 Reckless Driving conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Stefan Harsch, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Stefan Harsch, DVM**. Dr. Harsch is a graduate of Freie Universitat Berlin. Dr. Harsch personally submitted a final transcript and diploma with a certified translation as part of the application process. Dr. Harsch was present and stated that Germany had strict privacy laws and that it was not possible to have a transcript sent directly from the veterinary school and asked that the submitted certified copy be accepted for licensure in Tennessee. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Angela L. Thomson, L.V.M.T.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Angela Thomson, VMT**. Ms. Thomson answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Thomson was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2011 DWI 1<sup>st</sup> Offense conviction and a 2014 DUI conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Federico, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Kris Bush, C.AE.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Kris Bush**. Mr. Bush answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Mr. Bush was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2011 DUI 1<sup>st</sup> Offense conviction. Mr. Bush submitted a letter of recommendation from his supervisor for the Board’s review. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the application. The motion carried.

## **Euthanasia Course by the Animal Care and Control Association of Tennessee (ACCAT)**

The Board reviewed a request from ACCAT to approve revisions/updates to their Pre-Certification Course for Euthanasia Technicians. Dr. Susie Matthews, MS, DVM, was present to answer any questions from board members. Upon discussion and review, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to approve the request. The motion carried.

## **Investigations and Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently twenty (20) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Dorroh also provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders.

## **Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reported the Office of General Counsel has thirty (30) open cases pertaining to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. There are two (2) Agreed Orders, ten (10) Consent Orders, and one (1) contested case to be presented to the Board at this meeting. Proposed rule amendments are under review in the Office of General Counsel.

## **Legislative Update**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reviewed the following legislation:

SB1429/HB1406– This bill makes changes to the requirements for a veterinary practice located in a retail establishment by authorizing an entrance for the public, separate from the entrance used by regular retail customers, to be located in any area which adjoins the establishment, rather than requiring that such entrance be directly located on a public parking area. It expands the definition of “retail establishment” to include companion animal retail facilities that primarily sell goods in the categories of companion animal nutrition, food, supplies, and behavioral products. It creates two new exemptions for existing veterinary facilities located in retail establishments, effectively placing such facilities in compliance with law and adds language to establish that the practice of veterinary medicine occurs wherever the patient is at the time veterinary services are rendered. This legislation authorizes the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to deny, suspend, or revoke the license of any licensee who fails to establish or maintain a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Further, this act defines a “veterinary wellness committee” as any committee, board, commission, or other entity established by any state-wide veterinary medical association or local veterinary medical association for the purpose of providing immediate and continuing help to veterinary professionals licensed to practice veterinary medicine or veterinary technology, students of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and employees of veterinary practices in this state who suffer from various diseases and ailments. It establishes immunity to civil or criminal liability for any member, employee or agent of a veterinary wellness committee for taking action,

engaging in the performance of duties on behalf of a committee, or participating in any administrative or judicial proceeding resulting from such individual's participation on the committee, when any such action is taken in good faith and without malice. It establishes that all information, interviews, statements, memoranda, or other data furnished to or produced by a veterinary wellness committee is confidential.

Upon discussion, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to clarify that facilities issued a premise permit prior to January 1, 2015 and having an existing second entrance available to the public are required to use the second entrance as the entrance for the veterinary facility. The motion carried.

This bill became Public Chapter 819 and will be effective July 1, 2016.

### **Discussion – 2016 American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual Meeting**

Upon discussion, Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to approve funding for Mr. Keith Hodges, Ms. Lisa Lampley, and one board member to attend the 2016 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference scheduled to be held September 22 -24, 2016 in Scottsdale, AZ. The motions carried.

### **2017 Board Meeting Dates**

The Board confirmed the following meeting dates for calendar year 2017:

April 5 & 6  
August 16 & 17  
December 13 & 14

### **Report – Controlled Substance Monitoring Database Program**

Dr. Johnson gave a brief update on the work of the committee. Dr. Johnson has served on the committee since December 2013 and requested that another board member consider replacing her or sharing the duties with her. The committee meets approximately every other month.

### **Inspection Status Report**

A total of one hundred twenty-six (126) inspections were conducted during the period of December 2015 thru March 2016.

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Lampley expressed her appreciation to the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) for the opportunity to participate in the Music City Veterinary Conference held

February 26 – 28, 2016. Approximately eighty (80) students from the UT College of Veterinary Medicine attended the conference on Friday and Ms. Lampley spoke to them about the licensure process.

Ms. Lampley will be speaking about the licensure process to the graduating students of the veterinary technology program at Chattanooga State Community College on April 4<sup>th</sup>; to the students at UT – Martin on April 21<sup>st</sup>; and to the students at Columbia State Community College on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Report of Total Active Licensees as of March 31, 2016:

Veterinarians:	2,253
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	652
Veterinary Facilities:	805
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	273
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians:	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification:	1

Effective October 1, 2015 the in-state maximum lodging rate for Davidson County (Nashville) is \$145.00. The reimbursement rate for in-state meals and incidentals is \$59.00 per day. In-state meals and incidentals are reimbursed at 75% for day of departure and/or day of return.

### **Continuing Education Audit Report**

A total of forty-six (46) veterinarians were audited during the period of January – December 2015. Four (4) licensees were found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements. A total of thirteen (13) veterinary medical technicians were audited during this period. Two (2) licensees were found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements.

### **Agreed Order – Lee B. Raines, D.V.M.**

Dr. Raines was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Agreed Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Raines practiced from December 31, 2013 to about February 28, 2015 while his license was expired. Dr. Raines agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of one thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400.00). Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Agreed Order. The motion carried.

### **Agreed Order – Robert T. Thio, D.V.M.**

Dr. Thio was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Agreed Order to the Board for ratification. Without ordering

diagnostic testing, Dr. Thio diagnosed an ear infection and prescribed ear drops for a dog. Subsequent testing at another veterinary clinic revealed the dog was in renal failure. Dr. Thio closed his veterinary clinic in or around September 2014 and has not practiced veterinary medicine since that time. He officially retired his veterinary license in or around February 2016. Should Dr. Thio apply to reactivate his license, he agreed for the license to immediately be placed on probation for a period of no fewer than five (5) years in addition to any other restrictions placed by the Board and pay costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to accept the Agreed Order. The motion carried.

#### **Consent Order – Roger W. Story, D.V.M.**

Dr. Story was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A patient with a history of eating foreign objects was brought to Dr. Story's clinic with a complaint of vomiting, lethargy, not eating and straining to urinate. Without performing urinalysis, Dr. Story diagnosed prostate disease and recommended castration. It is the State's position that the patient's clinical signs and blood work did not support such a diagnosis. Dr. Story failed to administer antibiotics to the patient. It is the State's position that he should have done so due to the patient's elevated white blood cell count. Dr. Story disputes the State's position. Dr. Story failed to keep complete records concerning his care of the patient. Dr. Story admitted that some of his records concerning his treatment of the patient failed to document relevant findings. Dr. Story agreed to a Reprimand of his license and pay costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

#### **Consent Order – William R. Newman, D.V.M.**

Dr. Newman was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Newman has not practiced veterinary medicine in over twenty-five years but has kept his license current. On multiple occasions, Dr. Newman ordered euthanasia solution for Fayetteville/Lincoln County Humane Society using his DEA number. The euthanasia solution was stored at Fayetteville City Hall and signed out as needed by Fayetteville/Lincoln County Humane Society employees. Dr. Newman never performed or supervised the euthanasia procedures and no certified euthanasia technician was employed during at least part of the time the solution was ordered for them. Dr. Newman agreed to a Reprimand of his license and to pay total civil penalties in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and costs of the proceedings. Dr. Ladd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

#### **Consent Order – Mark A. Roberts, D.V.M.**

Dr. Roberts was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Roberts euthanized two elderly, arthritic dogs at a client's request. According to the client, Dr. Roberts was instructed to have the dogs cremated. Dr. Roberts disputes this. Dr. Roberts failed to

document the client's wishes regarding the remains and the dogs were disposed of at a county dump. Dr. Roberts was previously disciplined by the Board in 2004 and 2006. Dr. Roberts agreed to a Reprimand of his license and pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Ladd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Consent Order – Jana Howard, D.V.M.**

Dr. Howard was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. A dog was seen by Dr. Howard with the complaint that it was lethargic and anorexic. Based on the patient's clinical signs, the results of a purported physical examination, blood work that showed the patient was anemic, and urinalysis, Dr. Howard diagnosed a urinary tract infection and sent the patient home with antibiotics and other drugs. It is the State's position that Dr. Howard misdiagnosed the patient. Dr. Howard disputes this position. The patient was seen five days later by another veterinarian and diagnosed with splenic hemangioma/hematoma and euthanized. There is no medical record of Dr. Howard having performed a physical examination of the patient. The State's position is that she did not perform a physical examination of the patient and that this failure resulted in her failing to detect the mass in the patient's abdomen. Dr. Howard disputes the State's position. Dr. Howard agreed to a Reprimand of her license and pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Consent Order – Scott A. Gables, D.V.M.**

Dr. Gables was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Gables diverted Hydromet from his clinic's stock for his personal use and later diverted Hydromet intended for patients that was dispensed at area pharmacies. He did not maintain a drug log for Hydromet. Dr. Gables successfully completed residential substance abuse treatment and then began a four week intensive outpatient treatment program. Upon successful completion of the outpatient treatment program, he will enter into a monitoring and advocacy contract with the Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF). Dr. Gables agreed to the suspension of his license to practice veterinary medicine. Upon notification from TMF to the Disciplinary Coordinator for the Department of Health that Dr. Gables has successfully completed the treatment program, has signed a monitoring and advocacy contract with TMF, and is cleared to practice, the suspension will be stayed and the license placed on probation with conditions to run concurrent with the terms of the TMF contract. Failure to maintain compliance with all terms of the TMF monitoring and advocacy contract will result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of his license. Dr. Gables agreed to pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Consent Order – Sheila A. Jackson, C.A.E.T.**

Ms. Jackson was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Ms. Jackson was

employed as a CAET and assistant manager of Morristown Hamblen Humane Society. An investigation conducted at Morristown Hamblen Humane Society in or around November 2013 revealed the following: a marked discrepancy between the facility's controlled substance and euthanasia logs, such that significant amounts of euthanasia solution were unaccounted for; drugs for the facility were improperly secured; cages of animals were found inside the facility's euthanasia room; and used needles were disposed of in an unsafe manner and sent to the local landfill. Ms. Jackson agreed to a Reprimand and probation of her license for a period of no less than one (1) year. Lifting of probation shall be contingent on Ms. Jackson retaking a Board-approved euthanasia course. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Consent Order – Sharon K. Germany, Uncertified C.A.E.T.**

Ms. Germany was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. While employed at Fayetteville/Lincoln County Humane Society from about November 2009 to October 2013, Ms. Germany worked as a euthanasia technician without being certified as such. Ms. Germany agreed to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 and costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Consent Order – Cynthia G. Haas, D.V.M.**

Dr. Haas was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Haas operated and practiced at her current clinic on an expired premise permit from about October 1, 2010 to about February 1, 2015. Dr. Haas agreed to pay total civil penalties in the amount of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00). Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to deny the Consent Order. The motion failed. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

**Agreed Order – James W. Robinson, D.V.M.**

Dr. Robinson was present and was not represented by counsel. Following discussion/instructions by the Board, Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented a revised Agreed Order to the Board for ratification. Dr. Robinson's license was previously disciplined in 2007 for allowing an unlicensed employee to practice veterinary medicine at his clinic and disciplined in 2015 for failing to make a payment toward assessed civil penalties. On or about October 28, 2014, a dog was brought into Dr. Robinson's clinic with a complaint of left hind limb lameness. Dr. Robinson diagnosed an anterior cruciate ligament ("ACL") tear and recommended surgery to repair it. Dr. Robinson increased the patient's daily dosage of Meloxicam to an amount over two and a half (2 ½) times the maximum daily dosage for the dog's weight with instructions for the patient to continue taking this amount daily, including on the morning of the surgery, until the date of the surgery. Dr. Robinson denies that he instructed the client to double the dosage. The surgery was performed as scheduled and the patient sent home. The client contacted Dr.



Robinson on the following day and reported the patient was vomiting, shaking, refusing to walk outside to relieve herself, and her stomach was swelling. Without seeing the patient, Dr. Robinson instructed the client to drop by the clinic and pick up syringes containing a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug and a steroid. At the clinic, the client was sent to another room where Dr. Robinson was performing surgery on another patient. Using the patient's skin, a demonstration was given by a surgical assistant on how to give the injections. The client was then allowed to practice preparing an injection site using the patient's skin. Once home again, the patient was given the injections, but continued to vomit and remain listless, and her stomach continued to swell. When contacted by the client, Dr. Robinson stated it would be a waste of time to go to the emergency room and stated he would be available to see the patient the following morning. The patient continued to decline throughout the night and was seen at the emergency clinic around 3:30 a.m. and found to be in shock, severely dehydrated, and with a stomach that was swollen to the point of rupturing. The patient was treated at the emergency clinic until shortly before Dr. Robinson's clinic was due to open. Upon arriving at the clinic, the client had to wait for Dr. Robinson to arrive. Despite Dr. Robinson's attempts to save the patient, the patient died that day. The clinic was unable to produce a record for the exploratory surgery he performed on the day of the dog's death and was unable to produce a record for drugs that appear on an invoice dated the previous day. On multiple occasions, Dr. Robinson allowed non-veterinarian staff to determine the dosage for Alprazolam and other drugs. Dr. Robinson agreed to the probation of his license for a period of three (3) years with the following conditions: he shall be responsibly supervised by a Tennessee-licensed veterinarian for a period of one (1) year; said supervising veterinarian must be approved by a Board-appointed consultant prior to initiating the period of probation; shall pay total civil penalties in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) and costs of the proceedings; shall obtain eight (8) additional hours of continuing education to include medical records and pharmacy; appear before the Board at the end of each of the three years of probation and appear with the supervising veterinarian at the end of the first year of probation; and appear before the Board at the end of the third year of probation and attest to his completion or failure to complete the requirements of his probation. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to accept the Agreed Order. The motion carried.

### **Continuing Education Course Approval**

The following requests for approval of continuing education hours were reviewed:

A request from **Bayer Animal Health** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled "**Arthropod Transmitted Pathogens of Pets**" to be held June 16, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **BluePearl Veterinary Partners** for approval of continuing education hours for the following topics:

#### **One (1) Hour – Franklin, TN**

**"Stress Handling Techniques"** – July 19, 2016

**One (1) Hour – Various Clinics:**

“Endocrine Emergencies” - 1 hr. – Various clinics

**One (1) Hour – Music City Center – October 30, 2016 (for Veterinarians)**

“Fracture Repair Simplified”

“What’s New in Diabetes Management”

“Approach to Bone Tumors in Dogs and Cats”

“Canine and Feline Lymphoma: Management, Diagnostics, and New Therapies for the Disease”

“Victory Over Venom: Treatment for Snakebites, Bee Stings, and Other Envenomations”

**One (1) Hour – Music City Center – October 30, 2016 (for Veterinary Technicians)**

“Going with the Flow: Fluid Therapy Discussion for Veterinary Technicians”

“Managing the Pain: A Technician’s CE on Pain Management and Scoring”

“Lifeblood: Collecting, Storing and Sharing Blood Transfusions”

“Your Finger on the Pulse: Monitoring Blood Pressure During Anesthesia”

“DON’T PANIC: Keeping Calm During Emergency Stabilization and Triage”

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc.** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on the “**2013 American Association of Feline Practitioners Vaccination Guidelines for Cats**” held February 5, 2015 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica Inc.** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation “**Maximizing Client Compliance in Chronic Care Cases**” to be held on the following dates/locations:

April 11, 2016 – Nashville, TN

April 12, 2016 – Murfreesboro, TN

April 13, 2016 – Jackson, TN

April 14, 2016 – Memphis, TN

A request from **Ceva Animal Health** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on “**Advances in Dermatology**” held April 5, 2016 in Chattanooga, TN.

A request from **Ceva Animal Health** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on “**Making Happier Pet Visits**” held March 24, 2016 in Knoxville, TN.

A request from **Ceva Animal Health** for approval of one and one-half (1.5) continuing education hours for a presentation on “**Canine Heartworm Disease**” to be held April 26, 2016 in Memphis, TN and April 27, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Chi Institute** for approval of the following continuing education hours:

**“Veterinary Herbal Medicine Program” - Online**

**Introduction to Chinese Herbal Medicines – 15 CE Hrs**  
**Respiratory/Cardiovascular – 28 CE hrs**  
**Gastrointestinal – 28 CE hrs**  
**Liver/Endocrinology – 28 CE hrs**  
**Kidney/Geriatric/Urinary/Reproductive – 28 CE hrs**  
**Dermatology/Oncology/Immune-mediated Diseases -28 CE hrs**

**“Veterinary Herbal Medicine Program” - On-site**

**Kidney/Geriatric/Urinary/Reproductive – March 31 – April 3, 2016 – 28 CE hrs**  
**Cardiovascular & Respiratory Disorders/Herbal Medicine – November 17-20, 2016 – 28 CE Hrs**

**“Spring Certified Veterinary Acupuncture Course” – 130 CE Hrs Total – 5 Sessions, 3 Tracks (Small Animal, Equine, Mixed)**

**Session 1 (Online Lectures) 20 CE Hrs – Jan. 1 – February 3, 2016**  
**Session 2 (Onsite Classroom lectures & labs) 30 CE Hrs. - Feb. 4-7, 2016**  
**Session 3 (Online Lectures) 20 CE Hrs. – Feb. 8 – April 13, 2016**  
**Session 4 (Onsite Lectures & labs) 30 CE Hrs. – April 14 – 17, 2016**  
**Session 5 (Onsite Lectures labs, Exams) 30 CE Hrs – June 23-26, 2016**

**“TCVM Diagnostics, Classical Acupoints and Advanced Acupuncture Techniques”:**

**Small Animal - Total CE Hrs 28**

**Onsite: January 28 – 30, 2016 – 20 CE Hrs Online: January 1 – March 30, 2016 – 8 CE Hrs.**

**Equine - Total CE Hrs 28**

**Onsite: January 21 – 23, 2016 – 20 CE Hrs Online: January 1 – March 30, 2016 – 8 CE Hrs.**

**Food Therapy**

**Onsite: March 10 – 13, 2016 – 28 CE Hrs Total**  
**Online: January 1 – December 31, 2016 – 28 CE Hrs Total**

A request from **Epi4Dogs** for approval of continuing education hours for the following courses to be held on September 28, 2016 in Lebanon, TN:

**“Canine EPI – What is Going On? How to Handle.”** - 2 hrs.  
**“What EPI Clients Expect from their Practitioners!”** – 1 hr.

A request from **Barden Greenfield, DVM** for approval of continuing education hours for the following seminars to be held on the following dates in Memphis, TN:

**“Small Animal Dentistry 101”** – April 9 – 10, 2016 – 13 hrs.  
**“Dental Radiography Positioning”** - June 11, 2016 – 7 hrs.  
**“Dental Radiographic Interpretation”** - June 12, 2016 – 7 hrs.  
**“Advanced Oral Surgery for the Dog and Cat”** - July 23 – 24, 2016 – 14 hrs.

A request from **The Jaeckle Centre** for approval of fourteen (14) continuing education hours for a **“Lameness in the Sport Horse”** seminar held February 26-27, 2016 in Thompsons Station, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled **“A Veterinarian’s View of Heartworm Macrocyclic Lactone Resistance”** held March 14, 2016 in Knoxville, TN and March 15, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Safe-Capture International Inc.** for approval of sixteen (16) continuing education hours for the **“Chemical Immobilization Workshop”** held February 23 -24, 2016 in Gatlinburg, TN.

A request from **Veterinary Ophthalmology Services** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for each of the following lectures to be held in calendar year 2016 at the Nashville and Chattanooga office locations:

**“Ophthalmic Examination in Dog and Cat” + Wet Lab**  
**“Diagnosis and Treatment of Feline Ophthalmic Disease”**  
**“I’ve Fallen and I Can’t Get Up...” The Canine Lens and its Nuances**  
**“Ocular Emergencies”**  
**“Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Diseases”**

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled **“One Voice, One Message: A Look at How Communication, Compliance, and Produce Selection Can Enhance patient Care and Practice Success”** held March 15, 2016 in Murfreesboro, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of twelve (12) continuing education hours for the **“SAM Summit”** scheduled to be held April 29 – 30, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Katherine Thigpin, DVM** for approval of continuing education hours for her participation in a Masters degree program in **Veterinary Forensic Science** through the University of Florida:

ENY 6706 – Wildlife Forensic Entomology  
VME 6052 – Animal Crime Scene Processing  
VME 6054 – Scientific and Legal Principle of Forensic Evidence  
VME 6051 – Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence  
VME 6575 - Veterinary Forensic Medicine  
VME 6056 - Animal Law  
VME 6578 – Forensic Veterinary Osteology  
VME 6577 – Veterinary Pathology in Practice  
VME 6579- Veterinary Forensic Radiology and Imaging  
VME – Wildlife Conservation and Forensic Science  
VME 6571 – Forensic Applies Animal Behavior  
VME 6572 – Forensic Aspects of Agricultural Animal Welfare  
VME 6576 – Veterinary Forensic Pathology  
VME – Wildlife Forensic Genetics  
VME 6615 – Veterinary Forensic Toxicology  
VME 6934 – Seminar in Veterinary Pathology  
VME 6905 – Problems in Veterinary Medical Sciences  
VME 6934 – Special Topics in Veterinary Forensic Sciences  
VME Supervised Research  
VME Masters Research

The Board moved to approve all courses as submitted.

### **Ratifications**

A motion was made by Dr. Federico, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the presented list of newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, and certified animal control agencies. The motion carried.

### **Veterinarians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Kristin M. Brewer	Blake J. Malone
Ashlee M. Brigham	Rebecca A. McClellan
Thomas Chen	Anna E. McRee
Clifford W. Cleveland	Melissa L. Miller
Douglas A. Cope	Holly E. Parkins
Steven E. Davison	Kara A. Pietroski
William S. Dillard	Valerie I. Smith
George A. Edwards	Shannon E. Stephenson
Jeffrey M. Falone	Kathleen E. Stidham
Katryna A. Fleeer	Jill M. Sullivan-Carr
Maria C. Fleming	Melissa C. Swift
Megan L. Gilbert	Anna M. Tipton
Carlson A. Graham	Cory L. Vaughn

James S. Guy  
Chelsea F. Hinson  
Allison P. Joiner  
Michael Kozman  
Navyalatha Madala

Meredith L. Voyles  
Siobhan H. Waitzman  
James R. Ward  
Sarah E. Zika

**Veterinary Medical Technicians– Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Lesley N. Allison  
Josephine A. Cichy  
Rachel A. Feuerstein  
Katherine E. Finnegan  
Linda H. Gower  
Jessica V. Grove  
Judy T. Hagan  
Jennifer N. Harrison  
Rachael M. Hildebrandt  
Whitney Holbrook  
Heather M. Hughey  
Caitlin F. Jones  
Micaela B. Leppink  
Carrie G. Marino  
Stephanie Miller Denton  
Kristine L. Mitchell  
Brittany L. Nelson

Cassie J. Russell  
Megan J. Sanders  
Lindsey B. Schoelen  
Emily E. Smith  
Amanda M. Stabler  
Katherine E. Szydlowski  
Tyler F. Thompson  
Tara M. Tubbs  
Alison L. Vanderlaan  
Lydia C. Vaught  
Courtney M. Walker  
Jessica A. Wiley  
Jordyn D. Wilson  
Michele O. Wilson  
Thomasa J. Wilson  
Megan B. Wood

**Veterinary Facilities**

Banfield Pet Hospital  
Gentle Care Animal Hospital  
Lakeway Animal Hospital  
Eastside Animal Hospital  
GeniethVet Animal Clinic/Hollywood Feed Location  
GeniethVet Animal Clinic  
Lakeside Animal Hospital LLC  
Macon-Trousdale Veterinary Clinic  
Moyers Veterinary Clinic – East  
Moyers Veterinary Hospital  
Pet Fit Animal Rehabilitation & fitness Center LLC  
Phillip d. Hammock DVM LLC  
Root Animal Clinic  
Southside Animal Hospital  
The Cats on Commerce  
Veterinary Ophthalmology Services Inc.

## **Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated**

Danielle E. Austin  
Gena A. Campbell  
Felicia D. Carter  
Timmy A. Checket  
Donna M. Davidson  
Emilee K. Garrett  
Heather N. Holbert  
Jessie B. Hudspeth

Gregory D. Jinnett  
Gary R. Martin  
Jennifer A. Mount  
Michaela M. Schommer  
Pamela L. Velder  
Sesily N. West  
Brandon E. Winbush  
Danielle L. Yost

## **Certified Animal Control Agency – Newly Licensed**

Anderson County Animal Control

### **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Julie Snyder** regarding whether a licensed veterinary technician could close a surgical incision with sutures under the supervision of a veterinarian. The Board stated in Tennessee, a licensed veterinary technician cannot close a surgical incision with sutures regardless of supervision.

### **Election of Officers:**

The Board elected the following officers:

President:	Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M.
Vice-President:	R.A. Tai Federico, D.V.M.
Secretary:	Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

**These minutes were ratified at the August 17, 2016 meeting.**