# BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

#### Minutes

| Date:            | August 17, 2016   |
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| Time:            | 10:35 a.m., C.S.T.  |
| Location:        | Poplar Room<br>665 Mainstream Drive<br>Nashville, TN 37243  |
| Members Present: | Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M., President<br>R. A. Tai Federico, D.V.M., Vice-President<br>Steve M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary<br>Kim D. Johnson, D.V.M.<br>Ann Strong, Public Member<br>Karen S. Walsh, L.V.M.T.<br>Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member |
| Staff Present:   | Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator<br>Keith D. Hodges, Board Attorney<br>Lisa Lampley, Board Director  |

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Galloway at 10:35 a.m.

#### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

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

# Contested Case – Caron L. Baugher, D.V.M.

Dr. Baugher was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Administrative Law Judge Thomas G. Stovall presided over the hearing. Mr. Hodges submitted proof that Dr. Baugher had been duly notified of the hearing and moved for default. The motion for default was granted.

Dr. Baugher operated and practiced without a premises permit at her current clinic from about March 15, 2014 to about November 9, 2015. A motion was made by Dr. Federico to assess total

Page 1 of 14 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners August 17, 2016 civil penalties in the amount of one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$1,900.00) and costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# Contested Case – Stacy D. Jordan, C.A.E.T.

Ms. Jordan was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Administrative Law Judge Thomas G. Stovall presided over the hearing. Mr. Hodges submitted proof that Ms. Jordan had been duly notified of the hearing and moved for default. The motion for default was granted.

An investigation conducted at Morristown Hamblen Humane Society around November 2013 revealed 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. At that time, Ms. Jordan was employed as a certified animal euthanasia technician and director of Morristown Hamblen Humane Society. Ms. Patricia Daugherty, DOH Investigator, testified on behalf of the State. A motion was made by Federico, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to revoke Ms. Jordan's certification as an animal euthanasia technician and to assess costs of the proceedings. The motion carried.

# Order of Compliance – Danny D. Moore, D.V.M.

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, presented the Order of Compliance to the Board. Dr. Moore was present in the audience. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to approve the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

# Order of Compliance – Ramsibhai P. Chaudhari, D.V.M.

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, presented the Order of Compliance to the Board. Dr. Federico recused himself. Dr. Johsnon made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to approve the Order of Compliance. The motion carried.

#### **Applicant Interviews**

# Tara P. Mullins, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinarian submitted by **Tara Mullins**, **DVM**. Dr. Mullins answered "no" to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. Mullins was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2013 DUI conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to approve the application. The motion carried.

#### Melanie C. Baker, V.M.T.

Page 2 of 14 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners August 17, 2016 The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a veterinary medical technician submitted by **Melanie Baker**. Ms. Baker answered "yes" to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Baker was present to answer any questions from members of the Board regarding a 2009 DUI conviction. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the application. The motion carried.

# Enrique A. Carlo, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Enrique Carlo, DVM**. Dr. Carlo answered "no" to the question on the application regarding disciplinary action in another state. Dr. Carlo was present to answer any questions from members of the Board. Dr. Carlo was disciplined by the Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners in 2010 for practicing on an expired controlled substance registration. After discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the application. The motion carried.

## Animal Chemical Capture Certification - Blount County Animal Shelter

The Board reviewed the renewal application for animal chemical capture certification submitted by **Blount County Animal Shelter.** Mr. Charles Rafford, Director BCAS, was present to answer any questions. The Board reviewed the agency's protocol for chemical capture and the drug logs for the Telazol used for chemical capture. Mr. Rafford stated that Dr. Michelle Williams was still the veterinarian on staff and that the agency had used chemical capture one time since obtaining the certification. Mr. Rafford requested approval to change the marksmanship qualifying distance to twenty (20) feet and forty (40) feet. He also suggested changing the quarterly recertification in marksmanship training to annual recertification. Overall, Mr. Rafford stated he felt the program and process was working well. Mt. Rafford stated the requirement for a full-time veterinarian on staff was prohibitive for some agencies wishing to obtain chemical capture certification. After discussion, the Board moved to approve the renewal application and the change in qualifying distance to a maximum of forty (40) feet. The other suggestions regarding annual recertification and the employment of a full-time veterinarian on staff would require a rule change.

#### Mary Ann Grell, L.V.T.

The Board reviewed an application for reinstatement of a retired veterinary technician license submitted by **Mary Ann Grell, LVT.** Ms. Grell was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to defer action on the application. The motion carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the April 13, 2016 minutes. The motion carried.

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# **Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the financial report which reflected a projected current year net of \$192,121.05 and a projected \$605,210.33 cumulative carryover at the close of FY2016.

### Amendments to Chronic Pain Guidelines

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Tennessee Chronic Pain Guidelines submitted by Mitchell Mutter, M.D. The purpose of these guidelines is to define appropriate treatment of chronic pain. These guidelines are intended to be used to support clinicians in their treatment of patients with chronic pain with particular reference to the prescribing of opioid medications in hopes of avoiding addiction and adverse outcomes. While the guidelines have marginal applicability to veterinary medicine, the Veterinary Board does have representation on the committee. The Board expressed their support of these guidelines.

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

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, reported the Office of General Counsel has eighteen (18) open cases pertaining to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, three of which concern the same Respondent. There are eight (8) Consent Orders, two (2) Orders of Compliance, and two (2) contested cases to be presented to the Board at this meeting. There are no cases pertaining to the Veterinary Board pending in Chancery Court at this time. One proposed policy statement regarding practicing without a current premise permit will be presented for consideration and approval by the Board and a discussion regarding possible revision to the existing policy regarding livestock sale barns is on today's agenda.

#### Consent Order – Memphis Animal Services, C.A.C.A.

A representative from Memphis Animal Services was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. In or around 2012, Memphis Animal Services allowed an unlicensed employee to euthanize animals in its care and allowed unlicensed employees to euthanize animals in its care and allowed unlicensed employees to euthanize animals in its care by intracardial injection without first sedating said animals. The agency agreed to its certification being placed on probation for a period of one (1) year with an appearance by the agency director at the December 1, 2016 board meeting to show what measures have been taken to ensure that the violations do not occur again. A motion was made by Dr. Federico, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

# Consent Order – Opal D. Isbell, C.A.E.T.

Ms. Isbell 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. Isbell euthanized animals at Fayetteville/Lincoln Co. Humane Society without a CAET certificate, and without the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian from about May 2006 to about October 2013. Ms. Isbell agreed to the probation of her license for a period of no less than three (3) years

and to pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus costs of the proceedings. Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

# Consent Order – Dixie Spay Neuter Express, Inc. d/b/a Dixie Day Spay, VMF #1309

A representative from Dixie Day Spay was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mr. Keith Hodges, Assistant General Counsel, presented the Consent Order to the Board for ratification. On July 29, 2014, the Board issued an order reprimanding the facility license for dispensing prescription drugs without maintaining a record of the same, and for dispensing prescription drugs outside the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship, prior to January 2013. An investigation conducted by the department in or around June 2014 revealed the following: some of the patient records and some rabies certificates issued by the agency did not have the name of a veterinarian or a veterinarian's signature; and in at least one instance, a single patient record was used to record the strength and quantity of medications dispensed to several companion animals. The agency agreed to a reprimand of the license and to probation of the license for two (2) years with the owner and supervising veterinarian appearing before the Board twice annually to show to the Board's satisfaction that they are complying with all pertinent rules concerning the maintenance of companion animal patient records. The agency agreed to pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried.

## Consent Order – Billy W. Fuller, D.V.M.

Dr. Fuller 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. Fuller holds a license to practice veterinary medicine in the states of Tennessee and Virginia. In or about May 2013, Dr. Fuller falsely reported in an insurance claim and to insurance investigators that he had examined seventeen (17) steers, had performed a necropsy on two (2) of the steers, and had determined that the latter died as a result of being struck by lightning. On or about October 2013, Dr. Fuller pled guilty to and was convicted of Attempting to Obtain money by False Pretenses, a misdemeanor, in the Circuit Court of Scott County, Virginia. On or about August 2014, the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine issued an order reprimanding his license and assessing a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) civil penalty. Dr. Fuller agreed to a reprimand of his Tennessee License No. 3664 and to pay costs of the proceedings. Dr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to accept the Consent Order. The motion carried with Ms. Strong and Dr. Federico opposed.

#### **Investigations and Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Nichelle Dorroh, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently twenty-one (21) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Dorroh also provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders. Ms. Dorroh stated there were several individuals who were not in compliance with the monetary portions of their orders and those individuals had been forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

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# **Discussion – Proposed American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Bylaws Amendments and Resolution**

The Board reviewed and discussed the recommendations from the AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee and the Board of Directors on the proposed bylaws amendments and the resolution for this year. These items will be voted on at the 2016 AAVSB Annual Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ. Dr. Tai Federico is attending the conference as the voting delegate. The Board gave Dr. Federico the authority to vote as needed on behalf of the board.

## **Inspection Taskforce Committee Report**

The committee was comprised of Dr. Stephen Ladd, Keith Hodges, and Lisa Lampley.

The committee met on June 16, 2016. The committee was tasked with reviewing the inspection report form and the inspection process. The inspection report form was also reviewed by Dr. Walter Clark, Board Consultant. Upon review, the committee recommended no changes to the inspection form. The statutes and rules require that veterinary facilities and certified animal control agencies have an initial inspection and an inspection prior to the renewal of the premise permit or agency certification every two years. The statutes and rules dictate what items are inspected.

While there were no recommendations for changes to the inspection process, a general discussion was held regarding the potential need for rule changes. Mr. Keith Hodges gave a few examples of rules that needed to be "strengthened" in order to make them more enforceable. The committee recommended that a discussion with the Board be placed on the board meeting agenda to see if there was an interest by the Board for such rule changes. Said discussion is on today's agenda.

# **Discussion – Rule Amendments**

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, addressed the Board regarding the need for rule changes. Mr. Hodges cited examples of issues encountered with ambiguous and broad rules when he and the board consultants are reviewing complaints. Members of the board agreed that rule changes were needed in several areas. It was decided that board members and any interested stakeholders would identify and submit suggestions for rule changes to the administrative office. Mr. Hodges will compile and prepare a proposed draft to be presented to the Board at a future meeting for discussion/review and consideration of authorizing a rulemaking hearing. Dr. Galloway reminded board members and members of the audience that the rulemaking process was a very involved and lengthy process.

Dr. Joe Ed Conn, DVM, Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) President-Elect, addressed the Board concerning issues raised by TVMA members regarding the rules and regulations and the way veterinary medicine is being governed in the State. Dr. Conn expressed appreciation to the board members for their service and stated the TVMA's understanding of the

Page 6 of 14 Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners August 17, 2016 Board's primary purpose of ensuring the safe and highest quality practice of veterinary medicine for the citizens and animals of Tennessee. He stated that the goals and roles of TVMA are similar in that they share a commitment to improving veterinary medicine across the State. As a result of round table discussions held over the last couple of months with small groups of veterinarians across the state, the following major areas of concern were noted: lack of communication in that licensees are not getting the information they need about changes to the rules/laws; concerns regarding hospital inspections/premise permits – rules are outdated and the current required minimum standards are below the standard of practice and the facility inspection program lacks accountability and is not being applied equally. Dr. Conn stated the TVMA would like to help address these issues. He reiterated the need for a rules update and offered suggestions for rule changes which would help the inspection program achieve its desired goal of ensuring all veterinary facilities, regardless of ownership, meet the minimum requirements.

# **Discussion – Policy re: Premise Permit Exemption for Livestock Sale Barns**

The current board policy adopted on July 29, 2014 states that the premises permit exemption for livestock sale barns does not apply to veterinary services provided at sale barns (e.g. Coggins tests, etc.) when such services are not preliminary to the sale, at that sale barn, of the animals for which the services are being provided. Dr. Hatcher requested that for disease purposes and safety issues the Board consider amending this policy so that the exemption also includes activities/events (e.g. breeding soundness exams for bulls, etc.) organized by county agriculture extension agents for local farmers in that area. After a lengthy discussion, the Board stated it was not prepared to amend the policy at this time but would consider, on a case by case basis, exemption requests that meet a statutory exemption. It was also felt that this issue might possibly be addressed through rule amendments.

# Policy Statement – Practicing Without a Premises Permit or With an Expired Premises Permit

Mr. Keith Hodges, Board Attorney, presented a draft policy for review. Upon review, Ms. Walsh made a motion, seconded by Dr. Federico, to adopt the following policy statement:

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-12-139(a), any person who owns or operates a premises where a licensed veterinarian practices or where the practice of veterinary medicine occurs shall apply for and secure a premises permit from the board prior to the commencement of any veterinary medical services.

In the event that a facility's permit expires and the practice of veterinary medicine continues at the facility beyond the permit's expiration date, the supervising veterinarian for the facility shall pay a Type C civil penalty of \$100.00 for each month that the practice of veterinary medicine continued beyond the permit's expiration date.

Should any person be found to be practicing veterinary medicine at an unpermitted facility, the owner and/or operator of such facility shall pay a Type B civil penalty of \$200.00 for each month

that the practice of veterinary medicine occurred at the facility while it was without a permit. In the event that a facility is owned and/or operated by a licensee or licensees and one or more laypeople, the licensee or licensees shall be held responsible for payment of any civil penalties.

The motion carried.

# Controlled Substance Monitoring Database (CSMD) Advisory Committee

Dr. Johnson has served as the board member representative on the advisory committee since December 11, 2013. Due to time commitments, Dr. Johnson requested that she be replaced on the committee or that another board member share the duties. Board members were presented with the upcoming CSMD Committee meeting dates. It was decided that board members would share and rotate these duties.

# **Review of Continuing Education Courses**

Ms. Walsh agreed to review requests for approval of continuing education hours and make recommendations to the board regarding approval/disapproval. Ms. Walsh replaces Dr. Johnson on the review committee.

## **Inspection Status Report**

A total of two hundred sixteen (216) inspections were conducted during the period of April thru July 2016.

# **Director's Report**

Ms. Lampley expressed her appreciation to Dr. Stephen Galloway, Board Chair, for his hard work and contributions to the Board. Dr. Galloway's term expired 07/31/2016 and his willingness to continue to serve until a replacement member is appointed is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Lampley spoke about the licensure process to the graduating students of the veterinary technology programs at Chattanooga State Community College, Columbia State Community College, and UT – Martin during the month of April.

The next testing window for the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) will be November 14 – December 10, 2016. The application deadline was August 1st. Approximately seventy-five (75) licensure applications have been received from candidates wishing to take the exam through our licensing board.

Dr. Federico, Mr. Hodges, and Ms. Lampley will be attending the upcoming American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual Meeting and Conference scheduled for September 22 - 24, 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona. This is always an informative conference and an excellent opportunity to network with and meet our counterparts from other state boards and discuss current and relevant regulatory issues.

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| Veterinarians:                                 | 2,328 |
|--|-------|
| Veterinary Medical Technicians:                | 673   |
| Veterinary Facilities:                         | 813   |
| Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:       | 275   |
| Certified Animal Control Agencies:             | 65    |
| Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians: | 3     |
| Animal Chemical Capture Certification:         |       |

## **Continuing Education Audit Report**

A total of twenty-three (23) veterinarians were audited during the period of January – June 2016. Two (2) licensees were found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements. A total of six (6) veterinary medical technicians were audited during this period. One (1) licensee was found to be non-compliant with continuing education requirements.

## **Continuing Education Course Approval**

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

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica**, **Inc.** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for an "**Update on Selected Infectious Diseases** – **Hot topics** – **2016**" held May 24, 2016 in Cordova, TN.

A request from **Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica**, **Inc.** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled "**Updates in Canine Infectious Diseases: Lyme Borreliosis and Leptospirosis**" held May 25, 2016 in Jackson, TN.

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

# **"Fall 2016 Certified Veterinary Acupuncture Course: 130 CE Hours Total 5 Sessions, 3 Tracks (Small Animal, Equine, Mixed)**

Session 1 (Online Lectures) 20 CE Hours June 1 – August 3, 2016 Session 2 (Onsite Classroom Lectures & Labs) 30 CE Hours August 4 – 7, 2016 Session 3 (Online Lectures) 20 CE Hours August 8 – September 28, 2016 Session 4 (Onsite Lectures & Labs) 30 CE Hours September 29 – October 2, 2016 Session 5 (Onsite Lectures, Labs, Exams) 30 CE Hours December 8 – 11, 2016

A request from **Elanco** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled "**The Battle Against the Vicious Cycle of Canine Osteoarthritis**" held April 12, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **The Jaeckle Centre** for approval of fifteen (15) continuing education hours for a "**Whole Horse Wellness Seminar**" held July 22 - 23, 2016 in Thompsons Station, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on "**Clinical Pain: How to Prevent or Manage that Pain and Suffering**" held April 13, 2016 in Brentwood, TN and April 14, 2016 in Hermitage, TN.

A request from **Merial** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled "**Maximize the Potential and Value of Your Practice**" to be held April 22, 2016 in Knoxville, TN and August 23, 2016 in Nashville, TN

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialists** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for each of the following sessions to be held in Nashville, TN:

"Common Neurologic Disorders in Dogs and Cats" – Date TBD "Thorax and Abdominal Cases: How Digital Radiographs and CT Work Together" – June 14, 2106 "Behavior Issues in the Canine and Feline Patient" – Date TBD "The Changing World of Veterinary Compounds, Update n Legalities and Latest Medications" – August 2, 2016 "Ocular Manifestations of Systemic Diseases" – Sept. 13, 2016 "Update on Nutrition for Dogs and Cats" – Dec. 13, 2016

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of one (1) continuing education hour for a presentation on "**Pain and Anesthesia: Practices for Small, Shorter Procedures**" held April 14, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on "**Practice Management**" and "**How Not To Lose Your Pharmacy and Maintain Your Revenue**" held May 16, 2016 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on "**Practical Strategies for a Fear-free and Stress-free Experience**" held April 27, 2016 in Hendersonville, TN and April 28, 2016 in Nashville, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a wetlab on the topic "**Top 10 Bests in Feline Pain Management**" held April 27, 2016 in Livingston, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of four (4) continuing edudation hours for the "**2016 Summer Bovine Conference**" held June 16, 2016 in Bowling Green, KY.

A request from Katie Linderman, DVM for approval of four (4) continuing education hours for an online course provided by CEUFast entitled "Controlled Substances: A Prescriber Guide". The Board moved to approve all courses as submitted.

#### **Continuing Education Waiver Request**

The Board reviewed a request for a waiver of continuing education requirements for calendar year 2017 submitted by **Justin Woolsey**, **DVM.** Dr. Woolsey requested that he be allowed to obtain the twenty (20) required hours via multi-media format due to his being out of the country in Mongolia for a two-year period to serve as an advisor at a veterinary non-governmental organization. The Board moved to grant the waiver request.

The Board reviewed a question received from Dr. Katie Wooden asking if continuing education courses on compassion fatigue, mentoring, fear-free practices, or hospice care would fall under the professional ethics category. Dr. Federico made a motion, seconded by Ms. Walsh, to deny granting a blanket approval for those topics to fall under the ethics category but stated that did not preclude such courses being submitted for review to see if an individual course would fall under that category. The motion carried.

#### Ratifications

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

#### Veterinarians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Adams Mary Tipton Allen Jessica Danielle Anderson Sara Gwyn **Baer Nicholas Chandler** Balvin Victoria Jane Bardroff Veronica Kay Bardroff Ii Larry Eugene Barnett Melanie Crisler Barry Brandi Rene' Batey Meagan Nicole Bertelli Amy Caroline Blackford Winders Callie Lamoin Briel Katlyn Maureen Buco Jr. Steven Mark Buntain Stephanie Lilia Buntyn Whitney Lynne Campbell Leigh Suzanne Chermak Kevin Arthur Cohen Ryan Bradley

Comerford Kathryn Leigh Conley Margaret Elise Costa Victoria Rose Cullen Megan Anne De Martin Isabelle Devlin Mary Aileen **Dickson Courtney Michelle** Dobey Carrie Louise Domaracki Cullen Andrew Duncan Valerie Lauren Edds Kristin Nicole **Edwards Jillian Faith Everett James Blake** Fann Kara Hope Feathers Sarah Pemberton Felty Erin Elizabeth Fold Eric Adam Frana Kathryn Francis Francis Auldon Elliott

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Mcguire Jennica Morgan Mckinney Caroline Ann Medoro Danielle Milam Jansen Gabriel Miller Kelly Adair Mitchell Megan Michelle Moe Rachel Rebecca Moore Adam Blake Morris Preston Hamilton Murray Gina Leah O'Neill Robert Landon Parks April Nicole Parsons Jennifer Nicole Pilkerton Kristy Michelle Pirtle Raelyn Somers Radny Betty Danielle **Randles Ashley Nicole Rivera Barrera Charlene Rush Robert Thomas** Scott Heather Lea Shepherd Christine Marie Shepherd Iii Eugene Siniard Wesley Cutrer Smith Amy Jacobs Spiers Caroline Rebecca Steiger Rudolf Richard Taylor Mary Clare Terrell Alana Jean Thompson Beverly Jane Thompson Katelyn Marissa Vaduva Flavia Mihaela Vander Yacht Jillian Tate Wagner Jessica Lynn Walker Samantha Kay Walton Arielle Victoria Welch Michelle Lynn Wheaton Mindy Lee Williard Allison Jean Wolfe Mindy Lynn Young Brian Allen Zuendt Gregory Frank

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## Veterinary Medical Technicians- Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Aguirre Juan David Akin Donna L. Atchley Stephanie Ann Baker Amanda Lee Bell Betty Jo Cagle Shannon Paige Campbell Rachel Denise **Collins Breck Carlene Crabtree Whitney Williams** Cunningham Elizabeth Dawn **Elston Emily Marie** Evans Kathy Lynn Giles Autumn Marie Giles Jennifer Danielle Hilsgen Jessica Marie Johns Rebecca Caitlyn

Kendle Jennifer Danielle Ketcherside Talishia Gail Kirkpatrick Christopher Alan Loy Melissa Joella Dawn Manning Danette Michele Mantegani Jennifer Michelle Mckee Shelby Frances Millican Krista Marie Musgrave Kady Leigh Schaeffer Lisa Ellen Smith Leanna Meadows Snyder Julie Nichole Thill Kelli Rae Thomson Angela Lee Vittands Marissa Autumn Young Rachel Eleanor

#### **Veterinary Facilities**

Animal Emergency & Specialty Center of Chattanooga LLC Banfield Pet Hospital #0639 Easyvet Clinic Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County - Mobile Safe Place for Animals Wellcare Center Animal Health Clinic Brian L. Wright DVM Downtown Animal Hospital Goose Creek Pet Hospital Hillcrest Animal Hospital Lebanon Road Animal Hospital Pawsplus Pawsplus Pawsplus Savannah's Crossing Veterinary Hospital Stones River Veterinary Hospital The Animal Doctor of Camden

#### Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians - Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Bush Kris Kelley Campbell Michelle Aundra Crouch William Thomas Farrell Jeanette Gross Kara Michele Hodges Ashley Simone Hudson Darrell Dewayne Johnson David B.

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# Certified Animal Control Agency – Newly Licensed

Lebanon Animal Control

### **Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technician**

Naelitz, Jr. James Edward

#### Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from Gregory Caulkins. Mr. Caulkins was present to answer any questions. Mr. Caulkins is contemplating starting a business that provides mobile CT imaging studies on the property of veterinary practices. They will have a truck that contains a CT scanner machine and all CT studies will be performed within the truck. All patients will be referrals from veterinarians and any necessary sedation required for the animal imaging will be administered and monitored by the veterinary practice staff being served. The billing components are a combined fee for the imaging study and the interpretation of the imaging study by a board-certified veterinary radiologist. Mr. Caulkins has been nationally registered and board-certified for twenty-three years in radiography and computed tomography by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and is currently licensed as an x-ray operator in Tennessee. His business partner is also nationally registered and board-certified in radiography, having twenty-five years' experience in computed tomography. Mr. Caulkins asked for any guidance from the Board. The Board stated that the radiologist would be required to work under the supervision of the veterinarian requesting the services and that the veterinarian is ultimately responsible for all aspects of patient care. The Board also stated that consultation with the boardcertified veterinary radiologist must be performed by the attending veterinarian unless the radiologist holds a Tennessee license and has established a veterinarian-client-patient relationship. The Board advised that billing to the client for the CT imaging should be through the veterinarian.

#### Adjournment

These minutes were ratified at the December 1, 2016 meeting.

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