

MINUTES

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

DATE: April 11, 2018

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST

LOCATION: Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M., President
Robert John Simpson, D.V.M., Vice-President
Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M., Vice- Secretary
Nathan Scott Loxley, D.V.M.
Beverly Ann Strong, Public Member
Leslie R. Wereszczak, L.V.T.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth B. Thompson, D.V.M
Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

STAFF PRESENT: Angela M. Lawrence, Board Director
Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator
Lyndsey Boone, Board Administrator
Paul Richardson, Board Attorney

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Galloway at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the December 13, 2017 minutes. The motion carried.

Applicant Interviews

Sierra Silver, L.V.M.T

The Board reviewed an application for licensure as a licensed veterinary medical technician by **Sierra Silver**. Ms. Silver answered "yes" to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Silver was not present to answer questions from the board members. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to defer action on the file and to request Ms. Silver's presence at the next board meeting. The motion carried.

Genine Ervin, D.V.M

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Genine Ervin, D.V.M.** Dr. Ervin answered "no" to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. Ervin had a Nolo Plea to Driving under the Influence of Alcohol – Less Safe in 2014. Dr. Ervin was present to answer any questions from members of the board. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, to approve the file. The motion carried.

April Lynch-Zimmerman, D.V.M

The board reviewed an application for reinstatement as a veterinarian submitted by **April Lynch-Zimmerman, D.V.M.** Dr. Lynch-Zimmerman was not present. Dr. Lynch-Zimmerman did not have proof of continuing education hours from 2004 when her license expired. She did have proof of continuing education hours for the last four years. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Ladd made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to reinstate the license. The motion carried.

Policy Draft

A policy was drafted to correct continuing education for reinstatements, as there is contradicting requirements in our rules. After discussion and review of documentation, a motion of intent was made by Dr. Ladd, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to only hold four (4) years of continuing education. Motion carried. The Board Attorney will compose a final draft of this policy to go before the board at the next meeting.

Financial Report

Ms. Noranda French, Fiscal Office, reviewed the financial report which reflected a projection an FY18 current standing as of December 30, 2017. According to projection the Board is doing well and there are no concerns from the Fiscal Department at this time. There will be a yearend report at our December 5, 2018 Board Meeting.

Contested Case – Richard H. Harlow, D.V.M.

Dr. Harlow was not present and was not represent by counsel. Mr. Paul Richardson, Assistant General Counsel, represented the State. Administrative Law Judge Leonard Pogue presided over the hearing. Mr. Richardson submitted proof that Dr. Harlow had been duly notified of the hearing and moved for default. The motion for default was granted.

Dr. Harlow practiced without a premises permit at a secondary location from about May 2016 to about August 2016 or approximately three months. Dr. Harlow purported to operate as a “rescue” facility by having owners relinquish ownership of their pets for treatment and then immediately those same individuals would “adopt” the pets following treatment. Dr. Harlow does not charge designated fees. However, he accepted “donation” for his veterinary services. Dr. Harlow believes that his organization’s non-profit status exempts him from the requirements of obtaining a premises permit.

A motion was made by Dr. Simpson to assess total civil penalties in the amount of six hundred and ninety five dollars (\$695.00). Dr. Ladd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made to suspend Dr. Harlow’s license for six (6) months. Motion seconded by Ms. Strong. After the motion was discussed it was denied.

A motion was made to reprimand Dr. Harlow’s license by Dr. Simpson. Motion seconded by Dr. Loxley. After discussion the motion carried.

A motion was made to add cost of proceeding’s to Dr. Harlow’s civil penalties. Motion seconded by Dr. Loxley. Motion carried.

Presentation(s)

- A) AAVSB representatives James Penrod, Executive Director, and Ms. Leslie Knachel, member of their board of Directors, made a brief presentation to the Board about what challenges they face and how to become more efficient. They want to share as much information to the Board members and veterinary students about the licensure process and to let them know they can utilize their database VAULT to conserve any and all information needed. Shared a draft policy about Telehealth; shared the dated of the AAVSB annual meeting which will be September. 13-15th 2018. Also talked about the member webcast series that provides relevant information on topics of

interest to the AAVSB member boards. Public resources were presented that would have board and agency information, consumer rights information and links to licensee lookup.

- B) Mandy Kelly and Jennifer Crass made a brief presentation about starting a business that would be providing quality in home care. They were seeking insight, guidance and approval for LVMT to provide in home care to patients. They Board informed them that they would have to have a Veterinarian supervising the care of the animals, and that a LVMT must be in the employ of a Veterinarian to be able to dispense any type of care to an animal.

CSMD Report

Ms. Leslie Wereszczak, L.V.T attended the CSMD meeting and there were no Veterinary issues discussed.

Investigations Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders, suspended licenses and revoked licenses. There are twenty-two (22) open complaints in the Office of Investigations.

Director's Report

As of April 6, 2018 we have the following number of active licensees:

Veterinarians	2,406
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	802
Veterinary Facilities:	843
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	286
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	70
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technician:	2
Animal Chemical Capture Certification:	1

There are 20 voluntarily retired and 26 expired veterinarian licensees, 1 voluntarily retired and 15 expired veterinary technician licensees, 16 certified animal euthanasia technician licensees and 6 expired veterinary facility premises permits. Online renewals are at 51% for veterinarians, 54% veterinary technicians and 19% for certified animal euthanasia technicians.

Between the months of December 2017 and March 2018 in West, Middle and East Tennessee there were a total of 117 inspections reported.

For the Continuing Education report there were 25 Veterinarians audited between July and December 2017 and 80% of them were compliant and 20% were not compliant. There were 6 Veterinarian Medical Technicians audited between July and December 2017 and 85% of them were compliant while 15% of them were not compliant.

Ms. Lawrence spoke at Chattanooga State Community College April 9th to the graduating students of their veterinary technology program. There were 17 students and she was able to provide documentation outlining the new online application process.

Ms. Lawrence recognized Ms. Rita Buckner- Shelton for her service to the State of Tennessee and the Veterinary Board and wished her all the best with her retirement. She also introduced Ms. Lyndsey Boone as the new Board Administrator for the Veterinary Board.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Dr. Loxley, 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 was carried.

Veterinarians –Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Ackerman, Kimberly L.
Ashton, Jenna A.
Bonar, Taylor R.
Bonney, Shalein D.
Dobson, Terry J.
Dodd, Leslie M.
Dumont, Karen W.
Eroshin, Viacheslav
Evans, Paul D.
Fields, Tina M.
Flinn, Elizabeth B.
Fold, Eric A.
Gibbons, Philippa
Hall, Kristin E.
Harris, Catherine D.
Kardenetz, April M.
Karnes, Christopher L.
Karnes, Rachel S.
Krenicki, Christine
Mamone, Christina M.
Mcamis, Ronald L.
Mcquain, Callie S.
Mixon, Walter J.
Moody, Frederick D.

Britt, Ashley B.
Crimmins, Lauri A.
Davis, Scotchie L.
Dean, Sasha K.
Moore, Brittni M.
Neff, Katerina E.
Palmer, Samantha B.
Pepper, William T.
Reynolds, Melissa H.
Rodriguez, Kiira T.
Romano, Laura E.
Roos, Amelia M.
Russell, John M.
Schmoyer, Greta L.
Smith, Hannah J.
Stinnett, Luann R.
Suarez-Fuentes, David
Szigetvari, Nicholas M.
Todd, Kennon H.
Todd, Teri R.
Vandyke, Thomas R
Walsh, Ioanna L.
Westall, Charles
Zimmerman, Benjamin L.

Veterinary Medical Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Bain, Emily B.
Banks, Bridgette L.
Blanton, Sarah E.
Bowers, Michelle L.
Brocklebank, Kimberly A.
Brown, Katlyn N.
Byrd, Hannah
Clay, Kimberly A.
Cruz Enriquez, Hannah M.
Faulkner, Frances
Ford, Caroline E.
Frazier, Bailey E.
Freeman, Sabrina S.
Gabrie, Bethany J.
Galbraith, Samantha B.
Hatfield, Mary M.
Hilton, Eric M.
Hogan, Lauren

Jones, Kristen
Kowalczyk, Dayna L.
Laney, Hailey J.
Bethany, Ann
Lefevre, Megan N.
Meagher, Nicole K.
Newman, Leighton V.
Olsen, Shay A.
Robichaud, Morgan R.
Rovane, Amber N.
Schwartz, Emily S.
Sparks, Rebecca A.
Stanley, Jennifer M.
Tepe, Andrew J.
Thomas, Brittany
Voutsinas, Kimberly S.
Wilson, Cindel R.

Veterinary Facilities

Animal Hospital
Animal Wellness & Rehabilitation Center
Butler Veterinary Services, PLLC
Clay County Animal Hospital
Crossings Animal Hospital, LLC
Easyvet Express
Pet Care Center, LLC
VIP Petcare

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Certified Animal Control Agencies

DeKalb Animal Coalition Shelter
Sullivan County Animal Control
Union City Department of Animal Control

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Bruce, Kiana R.	Moore, Megan B.
Ferguson, Bridget L.	Ottinger, Isaac D.
Hall, Samuel E.	Penley, Richard T.
Harrington, Ashley E.	Perez, Gustavo H.
Lawson, Dustin M.	Rouse, Tammy S.
Leland, Brianna N.	Sebolt, Brittany A.
Lovejoy, Jessica L.	Thomas, Ashley K.
Miller, Jimmy R.	Vaught, Lydia C.

Continuing Education Course Approval

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

A request from **Forrest Reynolds, DVM** for approval of the program **“Guiding Practice Success, GPS”** and the Board voted to approve only the medical portion of the course.

A request from **Virbac Animal Health** for approval of one and a half (1.5) continuing education hours for a course on the topics of **“The Art of Patient Care: Incorporating Supplements into a Multimodal Approach to Behavior and Joint Health”** held May 29, 2018 in Cleveland, TN.

A request from **Safe Capture International** for approval sixteen (16) continuing education hours for a workshop on the topic of **“Chemical Immobilization of Animals”** held February 21-22, 2018 in Gatlinburg, TN and on other dates and cities in the US.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialist** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the class **“Update on Veterinary Radiology”** held May 3, 2018 in Clarksville, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for the presentation **“Ticks and Heartworms: What Can We Do Differently”** held February 7, 2018 at noon and 6:30pm in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of twelve (12) continuing education hours for the Meeting held at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgeland, MO on April 14-15, 2018.

Continuing Education Waiver Requests

Justin Woolsey, DVM requested a waiver to do part of his continuing education online since he will be out of the United States until 2019 and will complete his 2018 continuing education requirements upon his return. Dr. Simpson made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Dr. Ladd. Motion carried.

Brandon Dixon, DVM requested a waiver on his 2017 continuing education as he did not have time to complete it. Dr. Simpson made a motion to deny, seconded by Dr. Ladd. Motion carried.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from Affiliated Monitors, Inc. They were advertising their services for monitoring our professionals and being a neutral third party. The Board declined their services at this time.

AAVSB Meeting

The Board had discussed who will be attending the AAVSB meeting on September 13-15, 2018. Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ladd, that they will be sending three positions, a Board member, Staff member, and a member of the Legal staff. Motion carried. They will decide at a later time who exactly will be attending this meeting.

The board also stated they would like a policy for new board members to attend the AAVSB meeting for new member training every year when they come onto the board.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 12:06 p.m.



Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary