



**State of Wisconsin**  
**Veterinary Examining Board**

Governor Tony Evers  
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Reese; Diane Dommer Martin, DVM; Alan Holter, DVM; Hunter Lang, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM.

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

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08am. A quorum of six (6) members was confirmed.

**AGENDA**

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

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

A. April 21, 2021 Full Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. July 8, 2021 Credentialing Meeting

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2021 Credentialing Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Introductions, Announcements, and Recognition**

A. Board Changes (Informational)

Another board member beginning next meeting—Leslie Estelle, DVM.

Aaron O'Neil introduced himself as the new VEB attorney. He will be replacing Cheryl Daniels as she goes on sabbatical in August and then eventually retires from state service in February.

## **V. Public Comments**

*Each speaker is limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of speakers. Each speaker must fill out and submit an appearance card to the Board clerk. - No one registered to speak.*

## **VI. Administrative Items**

### **A. Veterinary Professional Assistance Program (VPAP) Update (Informational)**

Angela Fisher and Melissa Mace briefly went over information about past seminars, future seminars, highlights and summary reports of usage. Attendance has been low up to this point. Will work on getting better participation.

### **B. I-Pad update (Informational)**

We are working on getting new iPads for all members. We should receive them soon and will disperse them to board members when they come in.

## **VII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries**

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

### **A. 2021 Board Basics and Beyond: April 23-24, Virtual (informational)**

Dr. Holter, Dr. Lang, and Amanda Reese were able to attend and shared takeaways from the class. The Wisconsin Veterinary Examining Board met the suggested efficiencies with the exception of closing incomplete applications after 6 months. That process will be reviewed. Another suggestion was to meet with other fellow regulatory boards such as the Pharmacy board. Received a binder with the class information which will be scanned and kept for future board members to peruse.

### **B. 2021 AAVSB Annual Meeting: September 30–October 2, Denver Colorado (**Action Item**)**

Dr. Lang is unable to attend and is looking for other volunteers to attend. Need to know by the end of July at the latest. Amanda Reese has volunteered but will defer to others since she was just at the Board Basics and Beyond class. Dr. Dommer and Dr. Nesson are interested as well.

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to request out of state travel approval for Amanda Reese and Dr. Diane Dommer attend the 2021 AAVSB Annual meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Nesson may attend as well but decision is dependent on her schedule.

## **IX. Administrative Code Items**

### **A. VE 1-11 Hearing Draft Consideration (**Action Item**)**

Need to approve the draft rule today so it can go before the DATCP board tomorrow.

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to approve Hearing Draft rule DATCP Docket 19-R-07 for hearing and receive public comment as set forth in the Public Hearing Notice. Motion carried unanimously.

## **X. Legislative And Policy Update**

### **A. Proposed Guidance – Telehealth (**Action Item**)**

Telehealth has become a hot topic with the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, a new rule is being proposed. There is a lot of confusion on what is and is not allowed. The proposed guidance document attempts to clearly set forth what is required under law. This guidance document does not create any new requirements or apply any new interpretations.

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve VEB-GD-003. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Legislative update (Informational)

C. Biennial Budget (Informational)

The creation of a permanent position for complaint investigation was approved. This new full time permanent position will replace the 2 current limited term positions being used for complaint investigation. A transfer of funds from the VEB appropriation to another appropriation, Dog Sellers and Dog Facilities, was approved. This transfer will not create a budgetary concern for the Veterinary Examining Board.

## **XI. Strategic Goals**

A. 2021 Goals (Informational)

This will be a standing agenda item to help keep on track to accomplish the Goals the VEB set forth in its Strategic Plan. We are making good progress on the meeting our goals:

1. Develop rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin and implement them by the end of 2022: Telehealth rule package was approved to go for public comment and a guidance document was also approved.

2. Proactively engage license holders about the value of VPAP with a target of meeting the national average for EAP program utilization by the end of 2023: Semiannual report indicates we are lagging behind other veterinarian type business with utilization. We expect to have lower utilization the employer based plans. We model closer to an association.

3. Close 80% of active disciplinary cases within 12 months of the case opening at screening committee: There have been 14 cases resulting in discipline that have been closed in 2021. 12 of the 14 were closed within 12 months, for a total of 86%

4. Increase outreach to credential holders: We have do send outreach regarding the VPAP monthly, and will be attending the WVMAs August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss complaint process and VPAP.

## **XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times**

A. Next Full Board October 20, 2021

## **XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL)**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to convene to closed session 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.). Hunter Lang read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Alan Holter – yes; Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Amanda Reese – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

## **XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates (Action Items)**

A. Limited License Order EB

## **XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (Actions Items)**

A. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

1. 19 VET 082 NW

2. 19 VET 091 WA
3. 20 VET 081 KK
4. 20 VET 099 TK
5. 21 VET 015 JB
6. 21 VET 016 SW

B. Orders Granting Full Licensures

1. 16 VET 007 BB
2. 17 VET 007 RB
3. 18 VET 058 CE
4. 19 VET 075 MR
5. 19 VET 082 NW
6. 21 VET 010 JW

C. Closure

1. 20 VET 078 MB

**XVI. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Pending Cases Status Report**

A. Pending Case Status Report (Informational)

**XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 10:52am.

**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:** Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to approve the issuance of a limited license to practice veterinary medicine in WI to EB. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to accept the signed stipulation and FDO for 19 VET 082 NW, 19 VET 091 WA, 20 VET 081 KK, 20 VET 099 TK, 21 VET 015 JB, and 21 VET 016 SW. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to issue an order granting full licensure in the case of 16 VET 007 BB, 17 VET 007 RB, 18 VET 058 CE, 19 VET 075 MR, 19 VET 082 NW, and 21 VET 010 JW. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to close the case against 20 VET 078 MB. Motion carried unanimously.

**XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

**XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57am.