



**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 19, 2023**

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

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

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

**AGENDA**

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

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

A. April 19, 2023 Full Board Meeting (Action Item)

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the April 19, 2023 Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. May 9, 2023 Credentialing committee meeting (Action Item)

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to approve the May 9, 2023 credentialing committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**

A. Recognition of continued service: Dr. Lisa Weisensel Nesson

**V. Public Comments**

- A. Jordan Lamb – Attorney & Legislative Council for the WI Veterinary Medical Association
1. Continuing Education – WVMA is interested in working with the VEB to greater define acceptable topics for non-scientific CE credits and to educate and encourage veterinary licensees to use mental health, wellness, and VPAP

2. Senate Bill SB 135 - reciprocal licensing bill – WVMA opposes the current language of the bill and is trying to work with the authors on an amendment to better define or increase the VEB's discretionary power to approve reciprocal licenses.
- B. Jackie Trader –
1. Jackie Trader read a letter to the VEB questioning the validity of information provided by the respondent in a closed complaint.

## **VI. Administrative Items**

- A. Board Member update (informational)
1. No new board members at this time
  2. Board member reappointments to stagger terms:  
Dr. Karl Solverson's term will now expire on 07/01/2025  
Lyn Schuh's term will now expire on 07/01/2026
- B. Presentation WVMA Summer School
1. Melissa Mace and Dustin Boyd will be presenting at WVMA Summer School on Aug 4. Topics include: Who the board is, what the board does, how complaints work, and resources for veterinarians. Dr. Nessen, Dr. Solverson, and Lyn Schuh will also attend as representatives of the VEB.

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

- A. Veterinary Practices owned by non-credential holders (discussion)
1. As veterinary medicine changes, it is not always a credential holder that runs/operates a veterinary clinic. This has led to concerns of who to hold responsible for facility standards and clinic policies that may cause violations of practice acts.
- B. Failure to do CE multiple biennia (discussion)
1. Dustin Boyd reports that the compliance team is frequently finding a lack of CE hours completed during investigations, including credential holders that have not completed any CE for more than one biennia. The board affirms the necessity of CE and is looking at a stronger response than requiring make-up of the missed hours, including temporary suspension of license until CE is completed.
- C. CVT OJT Certifications (informational)
1. At the board's request, Jonathan Bent put together data on how many CVTs are licensed through on-the-job training, and how many of those individuals do not have a Wisconsin address. Of the 3031 licensed CVTs, 951 are from on-the-job training. Of those, 280 have a Wisconsin address.
- D. Renewals after 5 or more years (action item)
1. The board reviewed the discussion from the May credentialing committee meeting.
- E. Applicants with prior discipline (discussion)
1. Under Wis. Stat. s. 89.072(1), if an applicant has prior discipline, is currently under investigation by another jurisdiction or if an applicant is party to litigation, found liable for damages or found guilty of a crime substantially related to veterinary medicine, may not receive a license by endorsement. The board is interested in opening a scope to explore evaluating the rule.

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

A. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, Kansas City MO Sept. 28-30

1. Dr. Lang and Dr. Holter will attend representing the board. Melissa Mace will also attend.

**IX. Guidance Document (Action)**

A. Guidance Update

1. Bull Semen Update - Guidance documents were updated to correct references to old rule chapters.

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to approve the updated guidance. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cannabis Update - Guidance documents were updated to correct references to old rule chapters. Referenced attachments from the FDA website have also been updated.

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

B. Continuing Education (New)

1. Mental Health – The WVMA’s mental health committee has requested that the VEB affirmatively define mental health education as pertinent to veterinary medicine and technology, therefore an acceptable non-scientific CE. The board recommends that this be formally documented in a continuing education guidance document.
2. Interactive – The board has informally defined interactive CE, as related to recorded virtual CE, as CE that has some interactive component – at minimum, an assessment which must be passed at the end of the presentation. The board recommends that this be formally documented in a continuing education guidance document.

**X. Administrative Code Updates**

**XI. Legislative and Policy Update**

A. Legislative update (informational)

1. This discussion occurred during Jordan Lamb’s public comment.

B. Board testimony (informational)

1. The board must establish their position on a bill in a public meeting and approve testimony for a board member to speak in that capacity.
  - a. As VEB Executive Director, Melissa Mace can also testify after the board has established their position.
2. Board members may identify themselves when speaking as a member of the public, but must clarify that they are not representing the VEB.

**XII. Strategic Goals**

A. 2022 Strategic Plan Report (informational)

1. The board reviewed the 2022 Strategic Plan final report.

B. 2023 Plan (informational)

1. The board reviewed the 2023 Strategic Goals.

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

- A. Screening Committee Meeting - July 26, 2023 (12pm)
- B. Board Meeting – Oct 18, 2023 (9a.m.)

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

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.).  
Roll Call Vote: Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes; Choose an item. – yes.

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

- A. Credentialing committee referral
  1. Conviction Vet Tech RS

### **XVI. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (Action Items)**

- A. Proposed Administrative Warnings
  1. 23 VET 023 KI
  2. 23 VET 028 MG
- B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
  1. 22 VET 101 RE
  2. 22 VET 093 RT
  3. 23 VET 035 BK
  4. 23 VET 027 CFS
  5. 23 VET 006 JK
  6. 23 VET 022 JF
  7. 23 VET 007 DG
- C. Proposed Orders of Revocation
  1. 22 VET 122, 22 VET 028, 20 VET 060, 21 VET 067 - D.O.
- D. Investigations Recommended for Closure
  1. 23 VET 005 NS
  2. 23 VET 009 MS
  3. 22 VET 129 BB
- E. Proposed Orders Granting Full Licensures
  1. 23 VET 035 BK

**XVII. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases**

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

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

**MOTION:** Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIX. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

- A. VPAP Quarterly/Annual report (informational) – Shelly Gilmore, Senior Customer Success Manager, Telus Health
  - 1. Shelly Gilmore presented the VPAP Semi-Annual 2023 EAP Report to the board.

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

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Karl Solverson, to accept administrative warnings in the cases of: 23 VET 023 KI, 23 VET 028 MG

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of: 22 VET 101 RE, 22 VET 095 RT, 23 VET 035 BK, 23 VET 027 CFS, 23 VET 006 JK, 23 VET 022 JF, 23 VET 007 DG

**MOTION:** Karl Solverson moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to accept voluntary surrender of licensure in the cases of: 22 VET 122, 22 VET 028, 20 VET 060, 21 VET 067 - DO

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to accept recommendations for closure in the cases of: 23 VET 005 NS, 23 VET 009 MS, 22 VET 129 BB

**MOTION:** Karl Solverson moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to accept orders granting full licensure in the cases of: 23 VET 035 BK

**XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

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

**XXII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 pm.