



State of Wisconsin
Veterinary Examining Board

Governor Tony Evers
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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

STAFF PRESENT, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil and Stephanie Bloechl-Anderson, DATCP Attorneys; Robert Van Lanen, Regulatory Specialist; Erin Carter, Regulatory Specialist; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Carrie Saynisch, License/Permit Program Associate; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Brittany Medina; Introductions and Discussion.

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03am. 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: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. October 20, 2021 Full Board Meeting

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the October 20, 2021 Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. November 8, 2021 Admin Rules Committee meeting

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to approve the November 8, 2021 Admin Rules Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

- A. Stephanie Bloechl-Anderson, Acting VEB disciplinary legal counsel
- B. Erin Carter, VEB investigator

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.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Board member terms

B. Election of Officers (Current office holders) – *term begins in July at the next meeting.*

1. Chair (Dr. Lang)

Dr. Dommer has voluntarily offered to resign her post effective July 2022 so that we can spread the panel end dates out and will not have 5 veterinary board members all leaving at once.

Melissa Mace called for nominations three (3) times.

NOMINATION: Alan Holter nominated Hunter Lang for the Office of Board Chair. Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle.

Hunter Lang was elected as Board Chair by unanimous vote.

2. Vice Chair (Dr. Dommer Martin)

Melissa Mace called for nominations three (3) times

NOMINATION: Hunter Lang nominated Alan Holter for the Office of Vice Chair. Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson.

Alan Holter was elected as Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

3. Secretary (Amanda Reese)

Melissa Mace called for nominations three (3) times

NOMINATION: Hunter Lang nominated Amanda Reese for the Office of Secretary. Hunter Lang moved. Leslie Estelle seconded the nomination.

Amanda Reese was elected as Secretary by unanimous vote.

2022 Election Results		
Office	Description of Role	Member Name
Board Chair	Highest ranking officer. Manages meetings. Delegated authority to sign documents on behalf of the Board. In order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chair has the ability to delegate this signature authority	Dr. Hunter Lang

	to the Board's Executive Director for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings.	
Vice Chair	Serves as backup for the Board Chair.	Dr. Alan Holter
Secretary	Serves as secondary backup for the Board Chair.	Amanda Reese

C. Appointments of Liaisons, Alternates and Delegates

1. Continuing Education and Exams Liaison (Primary: Dr. Lang/ Alternate: Schuh)

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to affirm the Chair's appointment of liaisons for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Administrative Rules Committee (Dr. Estelle, Dr. Dommer, Reese)

MOTION: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson to affirm the Chair's appointment of the Administrative Rules Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Screening Panel (Dr. Dommer, Schuh, Dr. Holter, Dr. Nesson, Sherpe)

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to affirm the Chair's appointment of the Screening Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Credentialing Committee (Dr. Lang, Dr. Nesson, Schuh)

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to affirm the Chair's appointment of the Credentialing Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Roles and Authorities Delegated to the Case Advisor and Department Monitor

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to accept changes made to the Roles and Authorities Delegated to the Case Advisor and Department Monitor. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Delegated Authority Motions

1. Urgent Matters

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle that in order to facilitate the completion of assignments between meetings, the Board delegates authority by order of succession to the Chair, highest ranking officer, or longest serving member of the Board, to appoint liaisons to the Department to act in urgent matters, to fill vacant appointment positions, where knowledge or experience in the profession is required to carry out the duties of the Board in accordance with the law. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Screening Panel

MOTION: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Hunter Lang that the Board delegates authority to the Screening Committee to open cases for investigation or close cases inappropriate for further action. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle that the Board delegates authority to the Screening Committee to consider questions related to scope of the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technicians. The Screening Committee may choose to approve or reject a particular practice, or bring the matter to the full Board. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Credentialing Committee

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter that the Board delegates authority to the Credentialing Committee to address all issues related to credentialing matters, except potential denial decisions which should be referred to the full Board for final determination. Motion carried unanimously.

Need to update motion language below. Check with Melissa.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson that the Board delegates authority to the Credentialing Committee to employ a “passive review” process for issues related to credentialing matters, whereby if no Committee member requests a Committee meeting on the materials within five (5) business days after receiving them, the application would be considered cleared to proceed through the process, except for credentialing matters involving applicants that are:

- Currently under investigation or has been disciplined by the licensing authority in the other state, territory or country,
- A party in pending litigation in which it is alleged that the applicant is liable for damages for acts committed in the course of practice or,
- Where the applicant has been found liable for damages for acts committed in the course of practice which evidenced a lack of ability or fitness to practice.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Document Signatures

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Amanda Reese that the Board delegates authority to the Chair to sign documents on behalf of the Board. In order to carry out duties of the Board, the Chair has the ability to delegate this signature authority to the Board’s Executive Director for purposes of facilitating the completion of assignments during or between meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Roles and Authorities Delegated to the Case Advisor (monitoring liaison) and

Department Monitor

MOTION: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to adopt the “Roles and Authorities Delegated to the Monitoring Liaison and Department Monitor” document. Motion carried unanimously.

F. VPAP Quarterly/Annual report

Overall utilization rates was 8.5%. Utilization of the primary Assistance Program and work life service were low at 0.7 and 0.1 respectively. WVMA has been very helpful in publishing items on the services provided by VPAP and we will also continue to look at ways to engage credential holders to increase usage.

Several webinars were offered in 2021, many with low attendance. Attendance increased when we offered 1 hour of non-scientific CE for webinars. In 2022 we will scale back to about 6 webinars plus some welcome webinars and focus on topics that play well across Humana’s customer base (wellness, optimism, resilience, time management, etc) . Feedback provided from webinar attendees indicates that 7pm is the preferred time. .

VII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries

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

A. Board Basics & Beyond Training, Kansas City, Missouri April 1-2

B. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina September 15 - 17

IX. Administrative Code Updates

A. Admin rules – VE 1-11 Final Draft Approval

The Hearing Draft remains largely untouched, minor changes were made to add clarification based on public hearing comments and Rules Clearinghouse comments. During a final review by the DATCP Head Legal Council, a couple more minor clarifying changes were suggest. These changes were made to the final draft per the motions below. Once approved by the Veterinary Examining Board it will go to Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection(DATCP) board for approval and then on to the governor and lastly on to the legislature.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to amend proposed VE 1.50(2) to read, “The practice of veterinary medicine, in accordance with ss. 89.05 (1) and 89.02 (6), Stats., takes place where the animal is located at the time of practice.” Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese to delete proposed VE 3.02(19) and to amend proposed VE 3.06 to read, “All informal complaints received shall be referred to the office of legal counsel in the department for filing, screening and, if necessary, investigation.” Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to approve Final Draft rule DATCP Docket 19-R-07, as amended, for referral to the Governor and the Legislature for final review and approval. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Legislative and Policy Update

A. Legislative update (informational)

Summary of 3 different bills that affect VEB. Details can be found in agenda.

XI. Strategic Goals

A. 2021 Goals (informational)

Basic goals(4) are to develop rules for telehealth in Wisconsin, engage license holders in the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program(VPAP), close 80% of active screening cases within 12 months from case opening at screening committee and increase outreach to credential holders.

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

A. Next Board Meeting – April 20, 2022 (9am)

XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to convene to closed session to discuss the Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VE 11 update on the request for proposals where bargaining reasons require a closed session (§ 19.85 (1) (e), Stats.); 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: Amanda Reese – yes; Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Alan Holter – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Leslie Estelle – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates

A. Limited License resolution - EB

XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (action items)

A. Proposed Administrative Warnings

1. 19 VET 028 SK
2. 21 TECH 009 AD
3. 21 VET 129 GH

B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

1. 21 Vet 028 DT
2. 21 Vet 039 SM
3. 19 VET 073 AND 20 VET 010 LL
4. 21 VET 020 EH
5. 21 VET 051 MH
6. 21 VET 068 MS

C. Orders Granting Full Licensures

1. 21 VET 020 EH

2. 21 VET 016 SW
3. 21 VET 068 MS
4. 21 VET 051 MH
5. 21 VET 003 JS

D. Suspension Orders

1. 18 VET 037, 19 VET 026, 19 VET 038, 20 VET 003, 20 VET 100 AD

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 Leslie Estelle to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 10:51am.

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 Lisa Weisensel Nesson to approve full licensure for EB. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Alan Holter to issue an administrative warning in the case of 19 VET 028 SK, 21 TECH 009 AD, 21 VET 129 GH. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson to accept stipulations and final decisions and orders in the cases of 21 VET 028 DT, 21 VET 039 SM, 19 VET 073 AND 20 VET 010 LL, 21 VET 020 EH, 21 VET 051 MH, and 21 VET 068 MS. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle to issue an order granting full licensure in the cases of 21 VET 020 EH, 21 VET 016 SW, 21 VET 068 MS, 21 VET 051 MH, and 21 VET 003 JS. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Amanda Reese to include an amendment to include the submission of CE credits for the 2018/2019 licensure period as well as the 2020/2021 licensing period in the suspension orders of 18 VET 037, 19 VET 026, 19 VET 038, 20 VET 003, and 20 VET 100 AD. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson to issue a suspension order with the aforementioned amendment in cases 18 VET 037, 19 VET 026, 19 VET 038, 20 VET 003, and 20 VET 100 AD. Motion carried unanimously.

XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

MOTION: Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson 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 Alan Holter to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59am.