



State of Wisconsin
Veterinary Examining Board

Governor Tony Evers
Dr. Hunter Lang, DVM, Chair

VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

April 17, 2024

9:00am

Contact: Melissa Mace 608-279-3861

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hunter Lang, DVM; Alan Holter, DVM; Lyn Schuh, CVT; Karl Solverson, DVM; Leslie Estelle, DVM; Stephanie Miesen, DVM; Amanda Reese.

STAFF PRESENT, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil, DATCP Attorney; Erin Carter, Regulatory Specialist; Heidi Ulteig, Regulatory Specialist; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Jonathan Bent, Licensing Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor.

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

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

II. Approval of the Agenda

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

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. January 17, 2024 Full Board Meeting

MOTION Alan Holter: moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to approve the January 17, 2024 board meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously

IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

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.

A. Dr. Brian Kersten and Timothy O'Brien, legal counsel, spoke regarding Dr. Kersten's petition to lift his stay of suspension.

VI. Administrative Items

A. VPAP Quarterly Report – Melissa Mace presented the quarterly report to the VEB.

B. SAVMA Meeting Update – Melissa Mace, Dustin Boyd, and Jonathan Bent will present an overview of the Veterinary Examining Board, the veterinary licensing process, and the veterinary complaint process to the University of Wisconsin – School of Veterinary Medicine chapter of the Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA). Hunter Lang, Alan Holter, and

Amanda Reese will attend as board representatives. Approximately 100 student participants are expected to attend.

- C. Board officers and committee appointments changeover – New officers and committee appointments will take effect at the July 17, 2024 quarterly meeting of the VEB.
- D. Complaints: Annualized Summary – Dustin Boyd presented the complaint summary to the VEB.
- E. Discipline: Administrative Warning vs. Final Decision & Order – Dustin Boyd explained how the two options have been used in past disciplinary cases. In 2023, the VEB issued 3 administrative warning and 43 final decision & orders.
- F. Per Diem Form – Angela Fisher was available for questions regarding the new per diem form.
- G. AABP Technician – Hunter Lang spoke on his work as part of a 20-person team of American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) members to create a guideline for increasing the delegation of tasks to credentialed veterinary technicians in bovine practice. Alan Holter suggested sending an additional document to Wisconsin-licensed members of AABP clarifying which parts of the guideline are in line with Wisconsin statutes.
- H. Temporary Consulting Permit – In response to a letter from the Relief Veterinary Medical Association (RVMA), VEB staff reviewed the requirements and general timeline for issuing a consulting permit to practice veterinary medicine.

VII. Guidance Document (action item)

- A. VCPR timely exams – The Board discussed the creation of an FAQ or a guidance document to better define acceptable lengths of time for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR), noting the differences in types of treatments and in food animal vs small animal practices. Aaron O’Neil recommends inclusion of a definition in a guidance document. Alan Holter will consult with Melissa Mace on the creation of said guidance document.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Karl Solverson, to approve the creation of guidance on VCPR timely exams. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries

- A. Credential Holder Summary
- B. NAVLE Update – Beginning with the November-December 2024 North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) testing window, the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) will no longer require candidates to list a specific licensing board on their application and will also no longer allow candidates to change their selected licensing board (or option of not selecting a specific licensing board) after submitting their NAVLE application. Beginning with the October-November 2025 testing window, the NAVLE will shift to 3 testing windows: October 15-November 15, 2025, March 1-March 21, 2026, and July 13-August 8, 2026. Application timeframes will be determined and conveyed to licensing boards by June 2024. Score reports will still be released approximately 4 to 5 weeks after the end of each testing window.

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

- A. Recap AAVSB Spring Executive Directors Meeting Kansas City MO April 10-11 – Melissa Mace reported that the meeting was a chance for Executive Directors from multiple jurisdictions

to get together and discuss shared issues. Topics included stakeholder interactions, working with boards not under the same state agency, adding a survey to the renewal process, veterinary shortages in emergency care, CVT utilization, and including public records of discipline in newsletters.

- B. Board Basics & Beyond Training, Kansas City MO April 12-13 – Stephanie Miesen reported an appreciation of the training and encourages board members to continue their participation in it.
- C. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, San Diego, CA Sept. 25-28 – AAVSB covers the cost for attendance of 2 board members, but this is not a limit on participation. Leslie Estelle has expressed interest in attending.
- D. Nominations – Nominations for AAVSB positions are due May 29, 2024.

X. Administrative Code

- A. Approve Statement of Scope (**action item**) – The statement of scope was approved by the governor’s office, and a public meeting was held with no comments.

MOTION: Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Karl Solverson to approve the statement of scope SS109-23
Motion carried unanimously

XI. Legislative and Policy

- A. Legislative update – No relevant bills have made it to the governor’s desk. Angela Fisher believes that some of the relevant bills may be re-introduced to in the next legislative session.

XII. Strategic Goals

- A. 2023 Goals (informational) – Melissa Mace reviewed the 2023 goals, making a note of which were met. Dustin Boyd presented the compliance data from 2023, noting which goals were met.
- B. 2024 Changes (discussion) – Dustin Boyd expressed interest in adapting data-tracking to better reflect how complaint data is currently logged, including recidivism and on-site visits. He is interested in receiving board member input on future compliance goals. Melissa Mace shared goals for adding two full-time positions, one focused on VPAP and assisting Angela Fisher, and the other an additional compliance investigator. She also encouraged board members to submit ideas for 2024 strategic goals before the July VEB meeting. Hunter Lang expressed interest in an annual presentation to SAVMA.

XIII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

- A. Next Board Meeting – July 17, 2024 – Leslie Estelle reported that she will be unable to attend the July meeting.

XIV. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE)

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.).

MOTION: Hunter Lang moved, 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: Amanda Reese – yes; Alan Holter – yes; Karl Solverson – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Stephanie Meisner – yes; Leslie Estelle - yes

XV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates

- A. Prior Conviction SL

XVI. Deliberation on Compliance Matters

- A. Proposed Administrative Warnings
- B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
 1. 23 VET 037 CH
 2. 23 VET 107 MG
 3. 23 VET 123 VS
 4. 23 VET 124 JS
 5. 23 VET 125 RP
 6. 24 VET 007 BL
 7. 23 VET 077 MC
 8. 23 VET 072 NG
- C. Orders Granting Full Licensures
 1. 16 VET 032 BK
- D. Investigations Recommended for Closure
 1. 24 VET 003 EH
- E. Suspension Orders
 1. 24 VET 048 PB

XVII. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases

- A. Licenses Returned to Full Status
- B. Pending Case Status Report

XVIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

XIX. Open Session Items Noticed Above Not Completed in the Initial Open Session

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

MOTION: Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to proceed with credentialing process in the cases of: Conviction Vet Tech SL. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Karl Solverson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of: 23 VET 037 CH; 23 VET 107 MG; 23 VET 123 VS; 23 VET 124 JS; 23 VET 125 RP; 24 VET 007 BL; 23 VET 077 MC; 23 VET 072 NG
Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Alan Holter moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to accept orders granting full licensure in the cases of: 16 VET 032 BK
Motion carried unanimously.

XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

To delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued.

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.