



VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Reese (joined at 9:15AM); Hunter Lang, DVM; Alan Holter, DVM; Leslie Estelle, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Arden Sherpe; 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; Erin Carter, Robert Van Lanen, and Liz Kennebeck, Regulatory Specialists; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Introductions and Discussion.

Alan Holter, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. 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: Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. April 20, 2022 Full Board Meeting (**Action Item**)

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the April 20, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition

A. Office of the Secretary Changes

The DATCP Deputy Secretary position is vacant. The new DATCP Assistant Deputy Secretary is Aileen Switzer.

B. Karen Torvell – License Permit Program Associate (LPPA) supervisor

Carrie Saynisch is out for an extended period. Karen Torvell is assisting with meeting duties.

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.

There were no speakers.

VI. Administrative Items (informational)

A. Board Appointments

The 2022 election results, liaisons, and committee appointments became effective as of July 1, 2022.

There has not yet been a new appointment for the eighth VEB member.

B. Veterinary Professional Assistance Program (VPAP) Quarterly/Annual report informational Mace provided an update of the quarterly utilization of VPAP.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider, Humana, will no longer be doing EAP services, so the Board will need to seek out proposals for a different contract.

C. Complaint and Investigations

1. Process and role overview

The compliance team created a guide to help board members understand the process for complaints and investigations. The document is a general guide, not policy or procedure, and can be deviated from or changed.

2. 5 year statistics

The number of complaints received have increased over the past five years: 71 in 2017, 95 in 2018, 149 in 2019, 128 in 2020, and 151 in 2021.

VII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries

No items this meeting.

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

A. 2022 Annual meeting & Conference, Sept 15-17, Charlotte NC.

Estelle and Holter will attending as VEB Delegates and will vote on AAVSB items. Mace will attend as Executive Director. Bloechl-Anderson will attend as Board Legal Counsel.

IX. Administrative Code Updates

A. VE 1-11 (informational)

The rule has completed all approval stages and will be published and effective 8/1/22. The new chapters VE 1-4 will replace the previous VE 1-11.

X. Legislative and Policy Update

No items this meeting.

XI. Strategic Goals

A. 2021 Review (informational)

The 2021 goals were to:

1. Develop rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin and implement them by the end of 2022.
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.
3. Close 80% of active disciplinary cases within 12 months of the case opening at screening committee.
4. Increase outreach to credential holders.

B. 2022 Changes (action item)

The Board discussed proposed changes to the goals:

- Replace goal 1 with “Implement rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin by the end of 2022.”
- Replace goal 2 with “Transition to a new provider in a timely and seamless fashion.”
- Replace goal 3 with “Initiate the initial contact with the respondent within five business days of complaint receipt, on 90% of cases. Have all cases sent to screening within 90 days of initial contact. Send final stip/FDO for all “CE Only” cases to the respondent within 60 days of screening review. Review alternatives to current screening committee formats and time management for discussion at the Jan. 2023 Board meeting.”
- Modify goal 4 to add the following initiatives:
 - o Biennial reporting
 - o Newsletter that includes: complaint process, race track information, and biennial statistics for licensing/complaints. Link to website as well.
 - o Send notification to all credential holders of new rule changes VE 1-11.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to approve the proposed changes to the 2022 strategic goals. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

- A. Next Board Meeting – Oct 19, 2022 (9a.m.)

XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL)

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle 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.). Alan Holter read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Amanda Reese – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Alan Holter – yes; Leslie Estelle – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates (Action Items)

XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters (Action Items)

A. Proposed Administrative Warnings

1. 22 VET 024 MF
2. 21 VET 012 JW

B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

1. 21 VET 043 EE
2. 21 VET 066 and 21 VET 102 JA
3. 22 VET 005 TG
4. 21 VET 095 LV
5. 21 VET 109 ER
6. 22 VET 032 AE
7. 20 VET 082 JM
8. 21 VET 038 and 21 GEN 010 HS
9. 19 VET 029, 19 VET 095, 19 VET 096, 20 VET 054, 21 VET 060, and 21 VET 081 JE
10. 20 VET 056. EW
11. 21 VET 094 JK
12. 21 VET 075 AH
13. 22 VET 036 JG
14. 22 VET 001 JS

C. Proposed Orders of Suspension

1. 20 VET 046 MR

D. Investigations Recommended for Closure

1. 21 VET 117 CS
2. 21 VET 058 HF

XVI. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases

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

XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 10:43AM.

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: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Amanda Reese to issue an administrative warning in the cases of 22 VET 024 MF and 21 VET 012 JW. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of 21 VET 043 EE; 21 VET 066 and 21 VET 102 JA; 22 VET 005 TG; 21 VET 095 LV; 21 VET 109 ER; 22 VET 032 AE; 20 VET 082 JM; 21 VET 038 and 21 GEN 010 HS; 19 VET 029, 19 VET 095, 19 VET 096, 20 VET 054, 21 VET 060, and 21 VET 081 JE; 20 VET 056 EW; 21 VET 094 JK; 21 VET 075 AH; 22 VET 036 JG; and 22 VET 001 JS. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to issue an order of summary suspension in the case of 20 VET 046 MR. Alan Holter read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Amanda Reese – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Alan Holter – yes; Leslie Estelle – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Hunter Lang to close investigations in the cases of 21 VET 117 CS and 21 VET 058 HF. Motion carried unanimously.

XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle 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 Leslie Estelle to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49AM.