



**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Reese; Hunter Lang, DVM; Alan Holter, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Arden Sherpe (arrived at 9:25AM); Karl Solverson, DVM; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM.

**STAFF PRESENT,** Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil, DATCP Attorney; Erin Carter and Robert Van Lanen, Investigators; Liz Kennebeck, Investigator and Disciplinary Council; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Darlene Konkle, State Veterinarian; 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:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to approve the July 20, 2022 Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**

**A. New VEB member Dr. Karl Solverson**  
VEB members and DATCP staff introduced themselves.

**V. Public Comments**

There were no speakers.

**VI. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Matters (informational)**

**A. 2022 Annual Meeting & Conference, Sept 15-17, Charlotte NC.** Reports from attendee's Alan Holter and Melissa Mace reported out highlights of the conference. AAVSB would like to go to state board meetings to give presentations. Key discussions at the conference included the

AAVSB practice act, the potential for a mid-level position between veterinary technicians and veterinarians in the future, and portability of credentials to make it easier to license between jurisdictions. Leslie Estelle also attended the conference.

- B. Board Basic's and Beyond, April 14-15, 2023 Kansas City, MO.  
In January, the Board will need to make a decision about if anyone will attend the April Board Basics and Beyond.
- C. 2023 Annual Meeting & Conference, Sept 28-30 Kansas City, MO  
Next year's annual meeting and conference will be September 28-30, 2023.

## **VII. Statutory/Rule Considerations**

- A. Statute vs Rule (Informational)  
Aaron O'Neil gave a presentation explaining statutes and rules, and the processes for changes to statutes and rules.
- B. Certified Veterinary Technician Regulations (Action Item)  
The Board discussed Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) certification processes. Wisconsin is one of the few states that will allow CVTs to become certified through on-the-job training instead of an educational degree. There are discussions nationally and at AAVSB about the potential for a third, mid-level category between a CVT and a veterinarian. The statute does not currently allow veterinary technician students to train while going to school; there is language in the statute regarding veterinary students, but not veterinary technician students.  
Under current statutes, the Board can only regulate veterinarians and CVTs. The Board cannot develop a third, mid-level category without a change to statutes.  
Rule drafting cannot occur unless there is an active statement of scope.

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to ask the Administrative Rules Committee to start looking at the rules and statutes pertaining to certified veterinary technicians. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Diagnostic Labs and VCPRs. (informational)  
The Board received questions about diagnostic labs and the Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR). The Board does not give legal advice. The Board refers credential holders and members of the public to the statutes and administrative rules.

## **VIII. Administrative Items**

- A. Board Appointments (informational)  
Five Board members have terms that expire July 1, 2023, one of which cannot be reappointed.
- B. VPAP Update (informational)  
Humana, the current company contracted for the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program (VPAP), will no longer be offering Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services. The contract expires 10/29/2022.

Current VPAP utilization is around 2%. For programs of this type, 3.5% utilization is a standard goal.

C. VEB Meeting Attendance options

The Board will continue as-is with hybrid meetings combining in person and virtual attendance.

**IX. Licensing/Exam Inquiries**

A. Summary of credentials issued.

Melissa Mace presented a summary of the number of credential holders by category.

**X. Administrative Code Update**

A. Admin Rule status'

The rule, VE 1-4, was published and effective August 1, 2022.

B. Telehealth guidance VEB-GD-003

The new rule includes a telehealth section which makes Guidance Document VEB-GD-003 regarding telehealth no longer necessary.

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to rescind guidance document VEB-GD-003. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Legislative and Policy Update**

There were no legislative and policy updates.

**XII. Strategic Goals**

A. Updates

The Board reviewed the 2022 strategic plan goals.

**XIII. Future Meeting Dates and Times**

A. Set future board meeting dates for 2023.

The 2023 quarterly Board meeting dates are planned for: January 25, April 19, July 19, and October 18.

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

**MOTION:** Karl Solverson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang 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; Alan Holter – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Karl Solverson – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

- A. Proposed Administrative Warnings
- B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders
  - 1. 21 VET 037 and 21 VET 100 KK
  - 2. 22 VET 079 MN
  - 3. 20 VET 089 RB
  - 4. 21 VET 099 BB
  - 5. 22 VET 062 KK
  - 6. 21 VET 107 KB
  - 7. 22 VET 045 CM
  - 8. 22 TECH 002 MT
  - 9. 22 VET 057 CB
- C. Proposed Orders of Suspension
- D. Investigations Recommended for Closure
  - 1. 22 VET 033 JD

**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:** Hunter Lang 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**

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

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to accept stipulations and final decision orders in the cases of 21 VET 037 and 21 VET 100 KK; 22 VET 079 MN; 20 VET 089 RB; 21 VET 099 BB; 22 VET 062 KK; 21 VET 107 KB; 22 VET 045 CM; 22 TECH 002 MT; and 22 VET 057 CB. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to close investigations in the case of 22 VET 033 JD. Motion carried unanimously.

**XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Karl Solverson, 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 Hunter Lang, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.