



**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD
CREDENTIALLING COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Hunter Lang, 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; Jonathan Bent, License/Permit Program Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Associate Supervisor; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst.

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. A quorum of two members was confirmed.

AGENDA

I. OPEN SESSION – ROLL CALL – CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beth Venit and Octavia Jones from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) had no official public comment, but were interested in participating in the committee's discussion on credential renewals after greater than five years of non-practice.

III. CREDENTIALING

- A. Renewal after greater than five years of non-practice and AAVSB RACEback program discussion
1. The committee discussed guidance for CVT and veterinary license renewal after greater than 5 years of non-practice.
 - i. For CVTs continuing to require 50% of the total continuing education (CE) time for years un-licensed, not to be less than 30 hours. At least 20% of this CE must be in-person or live-online.
 2. The committee discussed alternatives to requiring veterinarians renewing licenses after greater than five years of non-practice. Alternatives discussed were to complete testing or including complete 100% CE that they would have completed had they continued to be licensed. Discussed identifying competencies and requiring a certain percentage of CE required to be on specific topics identified as required competencies that could be modified based on what type of practice the applicant was returning to.
 3. The committee heard from Octavia Jones, Senior Manager of Continuing Education for the AAVSB. AAVSB has found via informal poll that requiring re-taking of the North American

Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) is largely viewed as a barrier by formerly licensed veterinarians. The AAVSB is in early development of the RACEback program, designed to allow lapsed veterinarians and veterinary technicians an alternative to re-testing via high-quality, interactive CE. AAVSB would be the repository for the CE programs and will encourage CE providers to allow their programs to be accessible to RACEback. The committee showed interest in receiving further information as development of the RACEback program continues.

4. The committee ultimately decided to bring proposals to the full board at the July meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.