



**State of Wisconsin**  
**Veterinary Examining Board**

Governor Tony Evers  
Dr. Robert Forbes, DVM, Chair

**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Dommer Martin, DVM; Robert Forbes, DVM; Kevin Kreier, DVM; Hunter Lang, DVM; Arden Sherpe, DVM; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM. Amanda Reese joined late at 10:33am.

**STAFF PRESENT,** Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Cheryl Daniels and Liz Kennebeck, DATCP Attorneys; Robert Van Lanen, Regulatory Specialist; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Carrie Saynisch, License/Permit Program Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Brittany Medina; Yvonne Bellay, DVM, staff veterinarian. Introductions and Discussion.

Robert Forbes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03am. A quorum of six (6) members was confirmed.

**AGENDA**

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

**II. Introductions**

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

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

**IV. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

- A. Full Board July 29, 2020
- B. Credentialing Committee October 7, 2020

**MOTION:** Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2020 Credentialing Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**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.*

*No public comments.*

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

### **A. Updates from Annual Meeting**

*Dr. Robert Forbes attended wellness session. A lot of review from a session a couple years back. Focused on wellness as far as what state boards are doing. Asked for feedback on other sessions from other members Melissa Mace attended cannabis session. Talked about background of cannabis use in pets. Liz Kennebeck spoke of a session about regulatory efforts with veterinarians and other regulated entities. Cheryl Daniels attended the legal cases session. At the time of this meeting, the sessions are online and still visible for review.*

### **B. Joint AAVSB – VEB presentation to UW Vet School SAVMA chapter**

*AAVSB reached out to us because the SAVMA chapter reached out to them. The AAVSB offered to do a joint presentation with us on what the AAVSB is and license processing. Have not yet determined a time/date.*

## **VII. Administrative Items**

### **A. Strategic Planning**

*Vision-- “Setting the standard of forward thinking veterinary regulation” received the most votes from Board members.*

*Mission— “To protect the public through a fair regulatory process that instills public confidence in our licensees while remaining agile to the constant advancement of veterinary medicine” received the most votes.*

*Core values— “Transparency, Honesty, Integrity, Protecting the Public” received the most votes. The Board members decided to arrange the agreed upon value statement to “Protecting the Public, Transparency, Integrity, Honesty” in order to match CARE acronym of last value statement.*

*Three to five goals and objectives due to Melissa Mace by the end of November. Outcomes are things we are committed to achieving over the next 3-5 years. Should be renewed annually but not changed annually. They should also be accompanied by objectives that are SMART(Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound) objectives.*

### **B. Veterinary Professional Assistance Program (VPAP)—Melissa and Cheryl**

*Humana had the most comprehensive, lowest cost bid. Looking to implement it on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Working on details. VPAP service is strictly confidential. Want to make a logo distinct from the Veterinary Examining Board so that people don’t fear that use of the VPAP will be known to the Board and have repercussions on their license. Viewed three possible logos. While discussing the options, an alternative fourth choice was created by Dr. Diane Dommer Martin which combined the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> logos(3<sup>rd</sup> design but with lettering around logo like 1<sup>st</sup> design). Liked open arms of 3<sup>rd</sup> option because it looked more caring. Unanimous vote for 4<sup>th</sup> alternative. Service not able to be offered to license holders residing in California due to different laws. Looked at methods to inform the license holders of this service—mailed letter, email, etc. A suggestion was made to mail directly to each clinic but we don’t maintain addresses of clinics, only people. Could possibly send posters to clinics with the help of the WVMA or the Wisconsin Veterinary Practice Managers Association. Dr. Robert Forbes would like a QR code put on poster. Initial letter will go out to each licensee. With this service, a seminar can be offered every quarter. We can pick the topic.*

### **C. FAQs on VEB website**

FAQs added to website at <https://datcp.wi.gov/Documents2/VeterinaryExaminingBoardFAQ.pdf>

D. Public Records Training

*Board members and admin need to complete by 12/31/2020*

**VIII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries**

A. 16 VET 032 BK

*BK is requesting a stay of his suspension. Numerous attachments document compliance to requirements stipulated in the order. BK gave a statement supporting his request for the stay. His goal is to devote the rest of his career to helping those whose lack of financial resources threatens the bond they have with their companion animals. BK not able to complete continuing education(CE) from February 2017 until his release date as ability to do CE was limited while he was incarcerated. He completed 30 credits of CE after his release. Would need final accounting prior to full licensure. His license would be conditional if a stay of suspension is granted. The conditional period would last no less than 36 months. He will have to continue to abide by a number of conditions during this time. BK could petition the Veterinary Examining Board for reinstatement of full licensure no less than 36 months after conditional license is issued.*

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to stay the suspension of BK's license as it is written in the final decision and order from 2017 bearing in mind paragraphs 28-32 would continue to be enforced for the next 3 years as a conditional license. Motion carried unanimously.

**IX. Administrative Code Items**

A. VE 1-11 Approval of Scope and Discussion of Telehealth Advisory Committee

*A couple of comments given in support of inclusion of telehealth. No more than 12 members, including the 3 members of the VEB rules committee, are recommended for the Telehealth Advisory Committee. Looking for veterinarians, especially regulatory, and public members to be part of committee.*

**MOTION:** Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to accept the statement of Scope of Telehealth Advisory Committee for VE 1-11 (SS 125-19). Motion carried unanimously.

**X. Legislative Update – No updates**

**XI. Future Meeting Dates and Times**

A. Schedule 2021 Quarterly Board Meetings

*Proposed dates are January 20<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and October 20<sup>th</sup>.*

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to accept the proposed dates for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Arden Sherpe moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, 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.). Robert Forbes read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Kevin Kreier – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Amanda Reese – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

### **XIII. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates**

### **XIV. Deliberation on Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**

- A. 15 VET 001 JP
- B. 17 VET 023 JK
- C. 19 VET 035 KM
- D. 19 VET 074 KD
- E. 19 VET 087 CJ
- F. 19 VET 108 CK
- G. 20 VET 001 TB
- H. 20 VET 043 RR

### **XV. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Pending Cases Status Report**

### **XVI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 11:47am.

### **XVII. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

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

**MOTION:** Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, granting full licensure for cases 15 VET 001, 17 VET 023, 19 VET 087, and 19 VET 108. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the stipulation and final decision and order for cases 19 VET 035, 19 VET 074, and 20 VET 001. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to deliver an administrative warning on case 20 VET 043. Motion carried unanimously.

### **XIX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

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

**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.

**XX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.