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**OPEN MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board and to the general public that the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board will:

Meet in Regular Session at **8:30 a.m.**

and

Meet in Executive Session\*

As authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03, A.2 – Confidential Material

A.3 – Legal Advice

on

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

at

1740 W. Adams Street - Board Room "B"

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Note: One or more Board members may appear telephonically

\*If no time is stated, the Board may elect to go into Executive Session intermittently during the meeting.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Person(s) with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Board office at 602-364-1739, or Voice Relay Service (800) 842-4681 or TTY at (800) 367-8939. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Information concerning the Board's agenda for the above-noticed meeting may be obtained by calling 602-364-1739.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Whitmore".

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### AGENDA

#### BOARD MEETING

1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 – Board Room “B”

January 15, 2025 \* 8:30 a.m.

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**The Board's Mission:** *The Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board protects the health, safety and welfare of the general public, as well as the welfare of animals, by enforcing the licensing standards prescribed by statute for the licensing and regulation of veterinarians, veterinary technicians, veterinary premises, and animal crematories.*

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board and to the general public that the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board will hold a meeting open to the public, as indicated on the following agenda.

The Board reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, except for those matters set for a specific time. The Board, upon majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an Executive Session on any item on the agenda for the purpose of obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). The Board, upon majority vote of a quorum of the members, may hold an Executive Session on any agenda item II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII for the purpose of reviewing and discussing confidential records and information pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2). Executive Sessions are not open to the public. Special Needs: If any person(s) with disabilities need any type of accommodation, they may call the Board office at 602-364-1739, or Voice Relay Service (800) 842-4681 or TTY at (800) 367-8939 so that arrangements may be made prior to the meeting.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

#### **II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES:**

1. 25-14, In Re: Kathleen Backus, DVM
2. 25-16, In Re: Michele Estheimer, DVM
3. 25-19, In Re: Christine Siems, DVM
4. 25-20, In Re: Jill Starks, DVM
5. 25-21, In Re: Anna Wilkins, DVM
6. 25-22, In Re: Coyne Hopey, VMD
7. 25-23, In Re: Emma Houlton, DVM
8. 25-24, In Re: Megan Helgeson, BVM&S
9. 25-25, In Re: Lauren Parker, DVM
10. 25-26, In Re: Alyssa Thomas, DVM
11. 25-27, In Re: Ann Goldhammer, DVM
12. 25-28, In Re: Danielle Minick, DVM
13. 25-29, In Re: Kyrstina Lee, DVM
14. 25-30, In Re: Brandi Mattison, DVM

15. 25-31, In Re: Timothy Betkowski, DVM
16. 25-32, In Re: Anna Wilkins, DVM
17. 25-33, In Re: Enrico Carluen, DVM
18. 25-34, In Re: Dana Caldwell, DVM

### **III. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS - BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION**

1. 11:30 a.m.: 24-136, In Re: Cora Zenko, DVM
2. 12:30 p.m.: 24-134, In Re: Kelly Pettinger, DVM
3. 1:30 p.m.: 25-06, In Re: Emily Ozmun, DVM
4. 1:30 p.m.: 25-07, In Re: Wendy Patterson, DVM
5. 1:30 p.m.: 25-08, In Re: Tammy Watt, CVT
6. 24-146: In Re: Kelly Baxter, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of December 11, 2024, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.
7. 24-129: In Re: Toni Barnes, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of December 11, 2024, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.

### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS**

1. 24-54: In Re: Erin Miracle, DVM. Monthly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided which may include modification of Consent Agreement.
2. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Monthly appearance as required by Interim Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information provided, including review of compliance with Interim Consent Agreement.
3. 23-136: In Re: Estevan Fernandez, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completion certificates submitted in compliance with Board Order and may return license to Active status.
4. 24-78: In Re: Kellie Shamrell, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education completion certificates submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.
5. 24-106: In Re: Jorge Pineiro, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement and may review, discuss and take action on compliance with requirement to reimburse client.
6. 24-53: In Re: Hugo Santibanez, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Practice Monitor Report and Respondent's updated procedures. Action may be taken to restore or otherwise modify Respondent's privileges to perform surgical and anesthetic procedures.

7. 24-101: In Re: John McWhirter, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request to modify Continuing Education plan.
8. 19-71: In Re: Celeste Roy, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request to be excused from testing.
9. 24-96: In Re: Michael Rice, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on completion of continuing education in compliance with Board Order and may return license to Active status.
10. 24-08: In Re: Dwight Benesh, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Practice Monitor Report submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement and may take action to address deficiencies noted.
11. 24-148: In Re: Wayne Lipovitch, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education plan submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.

## **V. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license renewals:
  - a. Cynthia Tak Liang Tom, DVM
  - b. Jennifer Siess, DVM
  - c. Ashley Hetak, DVM
  - d. Kimberly I. Thomas, DVM
  - e. Kristen Holcomb-Wallace, DVM
  - f. Joshua Harvey, DVM
  - g. Ayman Ibrahim, DVM
  - h. Aimee Wong, DVM
  - i. Christopher Lee, DVM
  - j. Kristina Casper, DVM
  - k. Amy Mitchell, DVM
2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on CVT certificate renewals:
  - a. Garrett Bishop, CVT
3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on continuing education waiver requests:
  - a. Heather Reidy, DVM
4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license renewals for individuals who did not complete required continuing education by December 31, 2024 as required.
  - a. Edward Durham, CVT
  - b. Susan Logan, CVT
  - c. Geoff Stein, DVM
5. Board may review discuss and take action on possible unlicensed practitioner Tierney Sheffer.
6. Board may review discuss and take action on possible unlicensed practitioner/premises The Pitbull Store.

7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on American Association of Veterinary State Boards Call for Bylaws Amendments.
8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on American Association of Veterinary State Boards Call for Nominations.
9. Board may review, discuss, and take action veterinary application for
  - a. Sukhmani Bhullar, DVM
10. Board may review, discuss, and take action on reportable charge for Michael Robinson, DVM.

## **VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. November 20, 2024 Regular Session
2. November 20, 2024 Executive Session
3. December 11, 2024 Regular Session

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board may discuss, consider and take action on the listed matters. Any item under consent may be removed for independent discussion and action by a Board Member.

### **A. Approval of Premises Licenses – Responsible Veterinarian listed**

1. **R4610: Renegar Mobile Veterinary Services.** Address Change. Brian Renegar, DVM.
2. **R4613: Walmart Pet Services #3241 - Glendale.** New Premises. Heather Venkat, DVM.
3. **R4614: Walmart Pet Services #2671 – Chandler.** New Premises. Heather Venkat, DVM.
4. **R4616: Tree of Life Exotic Pet Medical Center.** New Premises. Heather Bjornebo, DVM.
5. **R4618: McGee Veterinary Service LLC.** New Premises. Geoffrey McGee, DVM.
6. **R4620: Wickenburg Veterinary Clinic.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Kelly Pettinger, DVM.
7. **R4622: The Parker Project.** Address Change. Karter Neal, DVM.
8. **R4623: BluePearl Operations, LLC.** Address Change. Billie Ciotti, DVM.
9. **R4624: Scottsdale Cat Clinic.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Jennifer Koenig, DVM.
10. **R4625: Leo Veterinary Clinic.** New Premises. Felicitas Tantiyatyanon, DVM.
11. **R4630: Petfolk of Scottsdale.** New Premises. Johanna DeKing, DVM.
12. **R4631: Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Ash Chirco, DVM.
13. **R4632: Banfield Pet Hospital #5258.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Andrea Murrieta, DVM.
14. **R4633: Urgent Pet Prescott, LLC.** Ownership Change. Amie Dow, DVM.
15. **R4634: Yavapai Emergency Animal Hospital, LLC.** Ownership Change. Amie Dow, DVM.
16. **R4636: Desert Forest Animal Hospital.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Danielle Simons, DVM.
17. **R4637: Deer Creek Animal Hospital.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Brandon Balsino, DVM.
18. **R4638: UrgentVet.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Vinod Sontineni, DVM.

19. **R4644: Luxe.Vet.** New Premises. Jamie Lenberg, DVM.
20. **R4649: United Animal Friend's Snip n' Go Clinic.** New Responsible Veterinarian. Tandra Sherlock, DVM.

**B. Approval of Random Premises Inspections** – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. **R1458: Desert Cross Veterinary Hospital.** Deborah Chapman, DVM.

**VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

This is the time for the Board Chair, any member of the Board, or the Executive Director to give a brief summary on current events that affect the Board. It is informational only and no discussion may occur.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. Each person wishing to address the Board will be given three (3) minutes to do so.

**X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room "B," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. One or more Board members may appear telephonically.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**