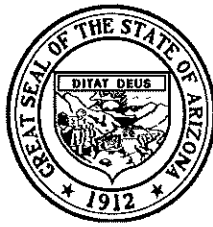


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MINUTES

January 17, 2024 at 8:30am

1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room B

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present: Dr. Robyn Jaynes, Dr. Melissa Thompson, Ms. Jane Soloman, Mr. Jim Loughead, Ms. Jessica Creager, Dr. Craig Nausley, Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT and Dr. J. Greg Byrne

Members Absent: Dr. Darren Wright

Staff and Legal Counsel Present: Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Ms. Elizabeth Campbell, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); and Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Senior Medical Investigator; and Annelise VanSchoelandt, Premises Compliance Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Dr. Jaynes at 8:33 am.

II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW AND ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING CASES

1. 24-11, In Re: Patrick Burns, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to dismiss this issue with no violation and modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to ensuring there is documentation in the medical record of a complete differential when discussing a case with an owner that does not have a diagnosis. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

2. 24-12, In Re: Lynn Maki, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to dismiss this issue with no violation and modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to having an option to obtain ultrasound imaging when a radiologist is not on the premises. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay (Dr. Jaynes), 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

3. 24-13, In Re: Melissa Mazur, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

4. 24-14, In Re: Stephanie Foote, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to dismiss this issue with no violation and modify the Investigative Committee's recommendation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to having an option to obtain ultrasound imaging when a radiologist is not on the premises. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay (Dr. Jaynes), 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

5. 24-15, In Re: Hannah Schaefer, DVM

Dr. Schaefer appeared with attorney Cody Hall and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 24-16, In Re: Nicole Hartman, DVM

Attorney Danielle Chronister was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

7. 24-18, In Re: Sarah Mayer, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. Ms. Christine Marquez was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 24-19, In Re: Jeff Skaggs, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. Ms. Christine Marquez was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 24-20, In Re: Danielle Powers, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. Ms. Christine Marquez was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay (Dr. Nausley).

10. 24-21, In Re: Elaine Holmes, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. Ms. Christine Marquez was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 24-22, In Re: Nilin Gupta, BVSc

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and dismiss this issue with no violation. **Motion failed 1 aye (Mr. Loughead), 7 nays.**

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

12. 24-23, In Re: Melanie Peters, DVM

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

13. 24-24, In Re: Brenda Reed, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Nausley to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed unanimously.

14. 24-25, In Re: Laura Griggs, DVM

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

15. 24-68, In Re: Dennis Phillip, DVM

Dr. Phillip was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

16. 24-69, In Re: Tracey Marvelle, DVM

Dr. Marvelle was present and made statements. Ms. Alicia Douglas was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughead).

17. 24-70, In Re: Bryan Hayter, DVM

Dr. Hayter present and made statements. Ms. Alicia Douglas was present and made statements. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to schedule this matter for an **Informal Interview**. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughead).

III. INFORMAL INTERVIEWS - BOARD DELIBERATION AND ACTION

1. 23-161, In Re: Eric Boshoven, DVM

Dr. Boshoven was present with attorney David Stoll, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Julie Rys was present telephonically, made statements and answered

questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Thompson to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 24-04, In Re: Timothy Betkowski, DVM

Dr. Betkowski was present with attorney Danielle Chronister, made statements and answered questions. Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman were present, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Cassie Kochevar was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 24-05, In Re: David Toomey, DVM

Dr. Toomey was present with attorney Danielle Chronister, made statements and answered questions. Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman were present, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Cassie Kochevar was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

4. 24-06, In Re: Marcella Granfone, DVM

Dr. Granfone was present with attorney Danielle Chronister, made statements and answered questions. Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman were present, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Cassie Kochevar was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

5. 24-07, In Re: Brandi Mattison, DVM

Attorney Danielle Chronister was present, made statements and answered questions. Mr. and Mrs. James Freeman were present, made statements and answered questions. Ms. Cassie Kochevar was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **pend** the matter to a future Board meeting to speak with Dr. Mattison. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 23-146: In Re: Lorna Lanman, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of December 13, 2023, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Lanman an Order **suspending her license for 30-days**; after the 30-day suspension, Dr. Lanman's license will be placed on **Probation for 1-year** in order to obtain an additional **eight (8) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those eight (8) hours shall be in **Medical Record Keeping**. The Order shall also include a **civil penalty of \$1,000** to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period.

Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Mr. Loughhead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 24-38: In Re: Audie Wood, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of December 13, 2023, for the purpose of receiving additional information and reviewing possible action to approve or modify proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.

Dr. Wood was present to monitor.

- At 2:37pm, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.
- At 2:46pm, the Board entered back into open session.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Thompson to adopt the proposed Findings of Fact as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Nausley to adopt the proposed Conclusions of Law as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Wood an Order that includes a period of **Probation for 1-year** to obtain an additional **eight (8) hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain license. Those eight (8) hours shall include:

- Three (3) hours in **Ethics**;
- Three (3) hours spent **reviewing the Arizona Veterinary Medical Board's Statutes and Rules and provide a summary to the Board** on or before the end of the Probationary period; and
- Two (2) hours in **Medical Record Keeping/Communication**.

The Order shall also include a **civil penalty of \$2, 500** to be paid on or before the end of the Probationary period.

Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Mr. Loughhead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE (FORMAL) HEARINGS

1. 24-28, In Re: Emily Young, CVT

Ms. Young was not present. Assistant Attorney General, Carrie Smith, was present to provide independent procedural advice to the Board. Assistant Attorney General, Elizabeth Campbell, represented the state, made statements, asked questions and admitted exhibits of evidence. Witness, Executive Director for the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Victoria Whitmore, was present and answered questions.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find that the state has demonstrated by a preponderance of evidence the factual allegations in complaint, and adopt the allegations set forth in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing as the Board's Findings of Fact. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find that the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of the Statutes and/or Rules as set forth in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing and adopt the alleged violations of law as the Board Conclusions of Law. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman that the Board **Revoke certificate number V1585**. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 24-10, In Re: Lindsay Birrenbach, DVM

Dr. Birrenbach was not present. Assistant Attorney General, Carrie Smith, was present to provide independent procedural advice to the Board. Assistant Attorney General, Elizabeth Campbell, represented the state, made statements, asked questions and admitted exhibits of evidence. Witness, Executive Director for the Arizona State Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Victoria Whitmore, was present and answered questions.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find that the state has demonstrated by a preponderance of evidence the factual allegations in complaint, and adopt the allegations set forth in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing as the Board's Findings of Fact. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to find that the Findings of Fact constitute a violation of the Statutes and/or Rules as set forth in the Complaint and Notice of Hearing and adopt the alleged violations of law as the Board Conclusions of Law. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman that the Board **Revoke veterinary license number 7229**. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

1. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Board may review, discuss, and take action on testing information provided.

Dr. Nausley was recused. Dr. Hunsberger was present, made statements and answered questions. After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to issue Dr. Hunsberger an **Interim Order** that requires her to be evaluated by Board approved addictionologist – the Board has granted Ms. Whitmore the authority to approve Dr. Hunsberger's proposed evaluator. Dr. Hunsberger shall provide Ms. Whitmore with an addictionologist candidate within 30 days of the effective date of the Order; schedule an appointment within 60 days; and provide a report to the Board with an evaluation and treatment plan within 90 days of the effective date of the Order. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, recused; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal.

2. 19-71: In Re: Celeste Roy, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented to be excused from testing while out of state.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to approve Dr. Roy request to be excused from testing while out of state. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 19-37: In Re: Crystal Delano, DVM. Quarterly Board appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented and may return license to Active status.

Dr. Delano was present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to return Dr. Delano's license to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Combined cases 22-136 & 23-03: In Re: Maya Bellapianta, DVM. Monthly appearance as required by Consent Agreement. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with consent agreement and other information presented and may amend ICA.

Dr. Bellapianta was present with attorney Lisa Bivens, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, the Board elected to not make any changes from their previous motion made at the December 13, 2023.

5. 23-122: In Re: Lorenzo Gonzales, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve Dr. Gonzales compliance with his Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

6. 23-112: In Re: Jessica Seibel, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Board Order.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Thompson to approve Dr. Seibel's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

7. 23-114: In Re: Anna Krumins, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on completion of Continuing Education as required by Consent Agreement and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept Dr. Krumins's completion of her continuing education and return her license to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 23-124: In Re: Gurjit Sandhu, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education Plan submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve Dr. Sandhu's continuing education plan in compliance with his Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

9. 23-47: In Re: Kimberly Young, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education completed in compliance with Board Order and may return license to Active status.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept Dr. Young's completed continuing education in compliance with her Board Order and return her license to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

10. 24-08: In Re: Dwight Benesh, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to pend this matter and direct Ms. Whitmore to contact Dr. Benesh's Practice Monitor. If Dr. Benesh is non-compliant, the Stay of Suspension shall be lifted and his license will be suspended. Motion passed unanimously.

11. 23-159: In Re: Larry Hudman, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to lift the Stay of Suspension, **suspending Dr. Hudman's license** due to non-compliance of his Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

12. 23-75: In Re: Eliana Alvarez Calderon, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Practice Monitor report submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to accept Dr. Calderon's Practice Monitor report in compliance with her Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

13. 24-54: In Re: Erin Miracle, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Interim Order for Evaluation and may take action to offer a Consent Agreement.

Dr. Miracle was present with attorney Lisa Bivens, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to offer Dr. Miracle a **Consent Agreement** adopting the Findings of Fact as outlined in the Investigative Division Report and the findings, recommendations, and test results as noted in Dr. Keene's evaluations, as the Board's Findings of Fact. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and second by Ms. Soloman to find Dr. Miracle in violation of:

- **A.R.S § 32-2232 (7)** Chronic inebriety or unlawful use of narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances;
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (15)** Distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs, prescription-only drugs or controlled substances for other than legitimate purposes; and
- **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (16)** Violation of or failure to comply with any state or federal laws or regulations relating to the storing, labeling, prescribing, or dispensing of controlled substances or prescription only drugs as defined in section 32-1901.

Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to offer Dr. Miracle a Consent Agreement that includes the following:

- Stayed Suspension Probation for a period of 5 years;
- Abstain from alcohol, opioids, and other controlled substances that are not authorized and/or prescribed by a health care professional;
- Provide a pharmacy profile to the Board quarterly;
- Undergo random observed drug testing twice a month for the first 6 months (method of testing at Board's discretion), then step-down each year after if tests are clear;
- Appear monthly before the Board the first 12 months, then step-down each year after;

- Sign medical release forms for any and all treatment programs, evaluators and medical care;
- Appoint one health care professional to be aware of, and oversee, all care and treatment being provided to licensee;
- Evaluation by a Board approved therapist within 10 days of the effective date of the Consent Agreement and provide a written assessment with recommendations to the Board;
- Monthly visits with the Board approved therapist until provider recommends or approves otherwise;
- Have any and all counselors and evaluators submit quarterly reports to the Board with recommendations and status;
- Comply with recommendations by evaluators to rehabilitate Dr. Miracle in order to safely and competently practice veterinary medicine;
- Notify supervising veterinarian, if working in a clinical setting, and compel them to provide written verification on letterhead to the Board that Consent Agreement was reviewed and understood, with quarterly reports thereafter;
- No prescribing of controlled substances or have access to controlled substances; and
- If the Consent Agreement is not signed and returned to the Board in 10 days, the matter shall be remanded to Formal Hearing.

Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

14. 23-80: In Re: Dawn Hunsberger, VMD. Board may review, discuss and take action to rescind or modify December 13, 2023 motion to transition Interim Consent Agreement to a final Consent Agreement.

Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to rescind the motion that was made at the December 13, 2023 Board meeting with respect to transitioning the Interim Consent Agreement to a final Consent Agreement. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, recused; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; and Dr. Byrne, aye. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal.

VI. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Equine Dental Practitioner applications:

a. Cutter Barnes

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to approve Equine Dental Practitioner applicant C. Barnes's application. Motion passed unanimously.

b. McKael (Mac) Barnes

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve Equine Dental Practitioner applicant M. Barnes's application. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises inspections:

- a. P0293: Mission Pet Center. Meredy Callahan, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to reinspect Mission Pet Center.
 - b. R3530: Metro Spay & Neuter. Raegan Wells, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to reinspect Metro Spay & Neuter.
 - c. R3605: Desert Forest Animal Hospital. Bryan Hayter, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, the Board directed to staff to reinspect Desert Forest Animal Hospital.
 - d. R4052: Pet Doctor. Shayne Garner, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to open an investigation with respect to Dr. Garner's conduct. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises license applications:**
 - a. R4314: Sun City West Animal Hospital. Lara Sosnow, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to reinspect Sun City West Animal Hospital.
 - b. R4326: Sedona Animal Clinic. Karla Valentine, DVM**
After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to reinspect Sedona Animal Hospital.
- 4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises license Change of Scope requests:**
 - a. R4266: Petsmart Veterinary Services. Add Surgery. Jarrod Dorsey, DVM**
Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to approve the premises' Change of Scope request and reinspect the premises. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal.
 - b. R4296: Petsmart Veterinary Services. Add Surgery. Jarrod Dorsey, DVM**
Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to approve the premises' Change of Scope request and reinspect the premises. Motion passed 7 ayes, 1 recusal.
- 5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary technician application:**
 - a. Ryan Carley**
After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Mr. Loughead to approve applicant Carly's veterinary technician application. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Board may review, discuss, and take action on reportable charge information submitted by Jennifer Kress, DVM.**

Ms. Frost was recused. After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to request Dr. Kress update the Board on her status of employment and the reportable charge.

7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on updates regarding reportable charge:

a. Gabriel Cox, DVM

After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to request Dr. Cox follow up in 90 days or sooner if applicable.

8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request regarding the clarification of interpretation of A.R.S. § 32-2242(B) pertaining to Certified Veterinary Technician application requirements, per A.R.S. § 42-1001.02.

a. Rachel Hatfield

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to approve applicant Hatfield's CVT application requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Board may review, discuss, and take action on legislative bills:

a. HB2100 administrative completeness review; licensing

b. HB2187 – health professionals; title use; prohibitions

c. HB2312 – health professionals; website; time limitation

e. Draft – veterinarians; malpractice actions; unprofessional conduct

f. Draft – veterinarian board; complaints; records; specialists

Ms. Whitmore discussed the above legislative bills. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to give authority to Ms. Creager and Ms. Whitmore to approach legislatures with respect to the proposed legislative bills. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Executive Director Report

a. FY24 Executive Budget

b. American Association of Veterinary State Boards - Board member training

Ms. Whitmore updated the Board on the above referenced items.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 13, 2023 Regular Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the December 13, 2023 regular session minutes. Motion passed 6 ayes, 2 abstention (Dr. Byrne, Ms. Frost).

2. November 15, 2023 Executive Session #1

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughhead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the December 13, 2023 executive session minutes. Motion passed 6 ayes, 2 abstention (Dr. Byrne, Ms. Frost).

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Premises Licenses – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R4283: Veterinary Emergency Group. New Premises Chelsie Barrett-Narito, DVM.
2. R4303: Arizona Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Buckeye. New Premises. Danielle Minick, DVM.
3. R4308: Legacy Veterinary Services. Address Change. Helena Carner, DVM.
4. R4309: Amanda Dorn – Sole Proprietor. New Premises. Amanda Dorn, DVM.
5. R4311: Exceptional Pets – Mesa. New Responsible Veterinarian. Brooke Benecke, DVM.
6. R4313: Page Animal Hospital. New Owner. Gerald Roundtree, DVM.
7. R4314: Sun City West Animal Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian and New Owner. Lara Sosnow, DVM.
8. R4315: Desert Ark Veterinary Paradise Valley LLC. New Premises. Nikki Goeddeke, DVM.
9. R4316: VCA Valley Animal Hospital of Sahuarita. New Responsible Veterinarian. Maggie Weston, DVM.
10. R4317: Better Chance Rescue. New Premises. Danielle Simons, DVM.
11. R4319: Complete Pet Care, PLC. New Premises. Cinda Rajkovic, DVM.
12. R4321: Crazy Horse Equine, PLLC. New Premises. Nancy Johnson, DVM.
13. R4322: Tender Loving Care Veterinary Services Dale's Town and Country. New Premises. Christie Keim, DVM.
14. R4323: Tri City East Veterinary Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian. Lance Jennings, DVM.
15. R4324: Lap of Love Services, LLC. New Premises. Briana Arias, DVM.
16. R4325: Star Valley Veterinary Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adrianna Allen, DVM.
17. R4326: Sedona Animal Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Karla Valentine, DVM.
18. R4327: Rio Verde Animal Hospital. New Premises. Michael Peplowski, DVM.
19. R4328: Legacy Animal Wellness, PLLC. New Premises. Julia Podmayer, DVM.
20. R4329: Kaibab Animal Hospital. New Owner. Gretchen Koch, DVM.
21. R4330: Eye Care for Animals. New Responsible Veterinarian. Paul Barrett, DVM

A (7), (14) (16), (19), and (21) were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Premises Inspections granted.

B. Approval of Random Premises Inspections – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. P0538: Cortaro Equine Services, PC. Lawrence Shamis, DVM.
2. P0700: Arizona Small Animal Clinic. Shananne Edwards, DVM.
3. R0079: Leonard Partridge, DVM. Leonard Partridge, DVM.
4. R1243: Central Arizona Equine. James Bleak, DVM.
5. R1503: Arizona Canine Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Ross Lirtzman, DVM.
6. R2563: Pegasus Veterinary Center. Michael Hutchison, DVM.
7. R2606: Bell Rock Veterinary Clinic. Rachelle Jarvis, DVM.
8. R2664: Superstition Animal Hospital. Richard Heffelman, DVM.
9. R2738: Higley Road Pet Clinic. Gary Oliver. DVM.
10. R3536: Stetson Hills Animal Hospital. Edward Cohen, DVM.
11. R3541: San Tan Animal Hospital. Scott Darger, DVM.
12. R3544: Sonoran Equine Sports Medicine. Kristen Christensen, DVM.
13. R3590: Cactus Pet Hospital. Sandeep Cheema, DVM.
14. R3592: Eye Care for Animals – Phoenix. Gavin Kennard, DVM.
15. R3613: Salt River Veterinary Specialists. Alejandro Aguirre, DVM.
16. R3904: Tender Loving Care Veterinary Services & Supplies – Kabat's San Tan Ace Hardware. Christie Keim, DVM.
17. R1591: Caring Hearts Animal Clinic. Alvin Schleappe, DVM.
18. R2655: Baseline Animal Rehabilitation Center. Omar Montes, DVM.

19. R2669: Avian & Exotic Animal Clinic of AZ. Todd Driggers, DVM.

B (2) and (13) was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Random Premises Inspections granted.

C. Approval of Scope Change Request – Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R4002: Maricopa County Animal Care and Control. Add on-site vaccination clinic. Joel Ruehs, DVM.

2. R4153: Cochise Animal Hospital. Add Transporting Patients. Rachel McKague, DVM.

Approval of Premises Scope Change Request granted.

D. Approval of Animal Crematory Licenses – Responsible Owner listed

1. C0065: Lakey Animal Crematory. Address Change. Garrett Lakey, Responsible Owner.

D (1) was removed from the Consent Agenda.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to **approve** the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Items Removed From The Consent Agenda:

A (16), (19) and D (1)

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to approve the above premises **pending inspection and compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

A (14), (21), B (2), and (13)

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Jaynes to approve the above premises **pending compliance**. Motion passed unanimously.

A (7)

No action. See agenda item VI. 3. a.

IX. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mr. Loughead's last meeting, Dr. Thompson reported that California had a bill that would be giving veterinary technicians the ability to provide services under telephonic supervision.

X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No member of the public wished to address the Board.

XI. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**, 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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria Whitmore".

Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director