



**ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

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**MINUTES**

**April 17, 2019**

**Board Room A, at 8:30 a.m.**

**1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room A**

**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**

**Members Present:** Mr. Jim Loughead, Ms. Jessica Creager (left at 11:10am), Dr. Darren Wright, Ms. Jane Soloman, Dr. J. Greg Byrne, Dr. Christina Bertch, and Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Robyn Jaynes and Dr. Sarah Heinrich.

**Staff and Legal Counsel Present:** Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Ms. Sunita Krishna Cairo, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Mr. Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Ms. Dawn Halbrook, Veterinary Compliance Specialist; and Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Senior Medical Investigator.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll call:** Dr. Darren Wright at 8:30 a.m.

**II. INITIAL INVESTIGATIVE REVIEWS**

**1. 19-31, In Re: Katherine Bratcher, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to agree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. 19-32, In Re: Clemence Chako, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Bertch to agree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. 19-33, In Re: Melvin Paquin, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Byrne and seconded by Dr. Bertch to agree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. 19-34, In Re: Dwight Benesh, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to agree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and offer Dr. Benesh a Consent Agreement. Roll call: Ms. Creager, nay; Dr. Byrne, nay; Ms. Frost, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, nay; Mr. Loughead, nay; and Dr. Bertch, nay. **Motion failed, 2 ayes, 5 nays.**

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Bertch to disagree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and dismiss this issue with no violation and issue Dr. Benesh a **Letter of Concern** regarding the need for respectful communication with pet owners especially at a time of loss. Roll call: Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Frost, nay; Ms. Soloman, nay; Dr. Wright, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; and Dr. Bertch, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 nays.

**5. 19-43, In Re: Irina Vera, DVM**

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

**6. 19-44, In Re: Jenna Adair (Krohn), DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Bertch to agree with the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Roll call: Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Ms. Soloman, nay; Dr. Wright, nay; Mr. Loughead, nay; and Dr. Bertch, aye. Motion passed 4 ayes, 3 nays.

**7. 19-45, In Re: Brandon Prince, DVM**

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

**8. 19-47, In Re: Theresa Horsley, DVM**

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

**III. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS**

**1. 19-29: In Re: Julie Yeager, 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 Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve Dr. Yeager's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. 18-16 and 18-18: In Re: Edwin Kiesel, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on completion of Continuing Education as required by Board Order and may return license to Active status.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve the completion of Dr. Kiesel's continuing education in compliance with his Board Order. Dr. Kiesel has not paid the Board Ordered civil penalty therefore his license with remain in Probationary status until paid. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. 18-94: In Re: Cameron Folkers, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Continuing Education submitted in compliance with Board Order and may return license to Active status.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded Dr. Wright to approve Dr. Folkers' completed continuing education in compliance with his Board Order and return his license to Active status. Motion passed unanimously.

**IV. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license applications.**

**a. Matthew Keller**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Bertch and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve Dr. Keller's veterinary license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Sarah Wilken-Harris**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve Dr. Wilken-Harris' veterinary license application. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information pertaining to closed investigative cases from the Colorado Board of Veterinary Medicine re: Denise Itule, DVM.**

No action taken.

**3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on reportable charge from Celeste Roy, DVM.**

➤ At 9:29am, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Creager to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.

➤ At 9:40am, the Board entered back into open session.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to open an investigation regarding Dr. Roy's conduct. Roll call: Ms. Creager, nay; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Frost, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Mr. Loughhead, aye; and Dr. Bertch, nay. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 nays.

**4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on: (1) Arizona Auditor General's State Board Member Per Diem Compensation and Expense Reimbursements – Annual Reviews – Fiscal years 2017-2018; and (2) the agency's Board Member Compensation policy.**

No action taken.

**5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on annual review of Board training program.**  
No action.

**6. Presentation by Jim Penrod, Executive Director, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and Larry McTague, DVM, Director, AAVSB Board of Directors, regarding AAVSB services and efforts to assist licensees and State Boards with licensure and certification processes. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information presented.**

Mr. Penrod and Dr. McTague appeared and presented AAVSB services and efforts to assist licensees and State Boards with licensure and certification process.

**7. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license pending receipt of license fee and proof of graduation.**

- a. Eliana Alvarez Calderon
- b. Jonathan Bycroft
- c. Kristen Capen
- d. Kenneth Compton
- e. Brett Cromwell
- f. Stacy Duffy
- g. Demi Gonzalez
- h. Shannon Hansen
- i. Alexa Hollingsworth
- j. Jatin Jadhvani
- k. Kaitlin Knerr
- l. Gretchen Koch
- m. Courtney Loeschel
- n. Tatyana Lyakhova
- o. Ana Maretic
- p. Patricia Neagu
- q. Matthew Reed
- r. Andrea Savarese
- s. Ashley Schwartz
- t. Brandy Stewart
- u. Jessica Weirich
- v. Jessica Winters

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve the above veterinary licenses pending receipt of issuance fee and/or proof of graduation. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary technician request for reinstatement of certification.**

- a. Eva Byars

After discussion and consideration, a motion by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve Ms. Byars' request for reinstatement of certification with the caveat that the CE used to reinstate cannot be used for the next renewal cycle. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Board may review, discuss, and take action on denial of veterinary license for failure to pass the State exam.**

- a. David Ernsthausen
- b. Rae Porter-Blackwell

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Bertch to deny licensure to the above applicants for failure to pass the State exam and appoint Ms. Whitmore to represent the Board if a settlement conference is requested with her authority limited to denial. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Board may review, discuss, and take action on denial of certified veterinary technician certificate for failure to pass the State exam and/or VTNE.**

- a. Clay-Sinkar, Siohvan
- b. Dean, Alexandra
- c. Greene, Tiffany
- d. Lamb, Leonard
- e. Lovato, Isabela
- f. Milosevic, Michael
- g. Summers, Bryanna
- h. Zimmerman, Felissa

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Ms. Soloman to deny certification to the above applicants for failure to pass the State exam and/or VTNE and appoint Ms. Whitmore to represent the Board if a settlement conference is requested with her authority limited to denial. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. Board may review, discuss, and take action on technician certification pending receipt of certificate fee.**

- a. Izamary Chavez
- b. Hollie Chiles
- c. Deborah Cooper
- d. Kathryn Cutter
- e. Emma Floyd
- f. Alyssa Glenn
- g. Paige Hunsinger
- h. Amber Kelly
- i. Rebecca Lovell
- j. Angela Mosher
- k. Bailey Oppedisano
- l. Gavin Selby
- m. Natina Shalley
- n. Cassandra Warren
- o. Julianna Wollenzier

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve the above technician certifications pending receipt of issuance fee. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Investigative Committee member applicants:**

- a. Brian Sidaway, DVM

After discussion and consideration, the Board directed staff to invite Dr. Sidaway, as well as any other Investigative Committee applicants received, to appear before the Board at the May 15, 2019 Board meeting.

**13. Board may review, discuss, and take action on legislative bills.**

**a. SB1086: health professions; temporary licensure**

Ms. Whitmore reported on the status of this bill.

**b. HB2118: unauthorized practice; health professions**

Ms. Whitmore reported on the status of this bill.

**c. HB2463: occupational regulations; licenses; communication notice**

Ms. Whitmore reported that this bill had passed and will require modification of all license applications and other communications.

**d. HB2569: occupational licensing; reciprocity**

Ms. Whitmore reported that the Governor had recently signed this bill. The agency will be studying the law and conferring with the Attorney General's Office on implementation steps.

**V. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT – SUNITA KRISHNA, AAG**

**1. Crime Classifications**

Ms. Krishna Cairo reviewed crime classifications. No action taken.

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. March 20, 2019 Regular Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Bertch and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve the March 20, 2019 regular session minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. March 20, 2019 Executive Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve the March 20, 2019 executive session minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval to take Veterinary State Exam**

1. Amorati, Brad (R)
2. Castonguay, Amélie (R)
3. Elkayam, Anat (R)
4. Erdman, Azureen (R)
5. Fling, Michael (E)
6. Gros, Nikalette (R)
7. Harris, Antoinette (R)
8. Hennigan, Patrick (R)
9. Hensen, Amanda (R)

10. Henwood, Rebecca (R)
11. Johnson, Nicole (R)
12. Kerns, Ashley (R)
13. Kersting, Alexa (R)
14. Klein, Molly (R)
15. Luoma, Rachel (R)
16. McClellan, Blayde (R)
17. McElhenny, Cailin (R)
18. McKersie, Alan (E)
19. Mielke, Samantha (R)
20. Pilny, Anthony (E)
21. Podmayer, Julia (R)
22. Reeder, Allison (R)
23. Russo, Olivia (R)
24. Ryan, Jillian (R)
25. Sterling, Sarah (R)
26. Todd, Jamie (R)
27. Valensin, Brianna (R)
28. Vorherr, Kasitlyn (R)
29. Zenko, Cora (R)
30. Allen, Jonathan (R)
31. Butler, Alyssa (R)
32. Cornell, Heather (R)
33. Edell, Analisa (R)
34. Fisher, Renee (R)
35. Fox, Darryl (R)
36. Frankel, Shanah (R)
37. Gordon, Amanda (R)
38. Jay, Maureen (E)
39. O'Connor, Kaitlin (R)
40. Riggs, Craig (S)
41. Sander, Carrie (R)
42. Westphal, Juliana (R)
43. Young, Alexandria (R)

**Approval to take Veterinary State Exam granted.**

**B. Approval of Reinstatement of Technician Certification**

1. Domres, Tracey
2. Vivers, Corinne
3. Austin, Maria

**Approval of Reinstatement of Technician Certification granted.**

**C. Approval to take Veterinary Technician Exam(s)**

1. Liu, Shelby

**Approval to take Veterinary Technician Exam granted.**

**D. Approval of Temporary Permit(s)**

1. Elkayam, Anat
2. Riggs, Craig

## Approval of Temporary Permits granted.

### E. Approval of Premises Licenses with Responsible Veterinarian listed

1. R3223: Four Peaks Animal Clinic. New Address. Aubrey Pruitt, DVM.
2. R3226: EasyVet Clinic of San Tan Valley. New Premises. Marlene Hanzi, DVM.
3. R3229: Shot Spot Vaccinations at Litchfield Park Ace Hardware. New Responsible Veterinarian. Amy Jakobe, DVM.
4. R3230: Pima Pet Clinic. New Ownership. Judith Parker, DVM.
5. R3231: Scott D. Nichols, DVM. New Premises. Scott Nichols, DVM.
6. R3232: St. Mary's Animal Clinic. New Ownership. Joshua Fender, DVM.
7. R3233: Eye Care for Animals (Avondale Practice). New Responsible Veterinarian. Joanna Norman, DVM.
8. R3234: Eye Care for Animals (North Scottsdale Practice). New Responsible Veterinarian. Jennifer Urbanz, DVM.
9. R3235: Eye Care for Animals (Phoenix Practice). New Responsible Veterinarian. Gavin Kennard, DVM.
10. R3236: Eye Care for Animals (Gilbert Practice). New Responsible Veterinarian. Lisa Felchle, DVM.
11. R3237: Animal Fair Low Cost Vaccination Clinic. New Ownership. ShanAnne Edwards, DVM.
12. R3238: Happy Tails Mobile Vet. New Premises. Kim Berglund, DVM.
13. R3239: Spay Neuter Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Michael Thompson, DVM.
14. R3240: Vetco #570. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
15. R3241: Vetco #571. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
16. R3242: Vetco #572. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
17. R3243: Vetco #574. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
18. R3244: Vetco #575. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
19. R3245: Vetco #591. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
20. R3246: Vetco #915. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
21. R3247: Vetco #921. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
22. R3248: Vetco #1108. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
23. R3249: Vetco #1104. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
24. R3250: Vetco #1109. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
25. R3251: Vetco #1118. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
26. R3252: Vetco #1113. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
27. R3253: Vetco #1119. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
28. R3254: Vetco #1129. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
29. R3255: Vetco #1165. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
30. R3256: Vetco #1157. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
31. R3257: Vetco #1151. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
32. R3258: Vetco #1156. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
33. R3259: Vetco #1144. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
34. R3260: Vetco #1138. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
35. R3261: Vetco #1132. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
36. R3262: Vetco #2148. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
37. R3263: Vetco #2147. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
38. R3264: Vetco #2142. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
39. R3265: Vetco #2136. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
40. R3266: Vetco #2125. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.



41. R3267: Vetco #1175. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
42. R3268: Vetco #1173. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
43. R3269: Vetco #1169. New Responsible Veterinarian. Adriana Stinnett, DVM.
44. R3278: Yavapai Humane Society Spay & Neuter Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Leo Egar, DVM.

**E (1), (2), (5) (9) through (22), (24) through (35), (37) through (43) removed from Consent Agenda.**

**Approval of Premises Licenses granted.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Items Removed from Consent Agenda**

**E (2), (5), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14), (15), (17), (18), (21), (22), (24), (25), (28), (29), (30), (32), (34), (35), (37), (38), (39), (40), (42), and (43).**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve the above premises pending inspection and compliance. Motion passed unanimously.

**E (16), (19), (20), (26), (27), (31), (33), and (41).**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Bertch to approve the above premises pending compliance. Motion passed unanimously.

**E (1).**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Ms. Frost to approve the above premise license and instruct staff to re-inspect the premises in 6-months. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Mr. Loughead and Ms. Soloman advised that the new Dean for the University of Arizona Veterinary College has arrived.

#### **IX. CALL TO PUBLIC**

A member of the public was present and made comments to the Board.

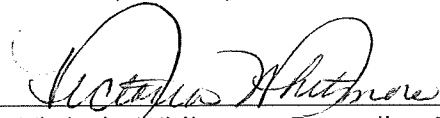
#### **X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next *regular* meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room "A," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Victoria Whitmore", written over a horizontal line.

Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director