



## ARIZONA STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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### MINUTES

September 28, 2022

Board Room C, at 8:30 a.m.

1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room C

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

**Members Present:** Ms. Jessica Creager, Ms. Jane Soloman, Mr. Jim Loughead, Dr. Melissa Thompson, Dr. Craig Nausley, Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT, and Dr. Darren Wright.

**Members Absent:** Dr. Greg Byrne and Dr. Robyn Jaynes.

**Staff and Legal Counsel Present:** Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Mr. Marc Harris, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); and Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Senior Medical Investigator.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Roll call:** Dr. Wright at 8:47 a.m.

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

#### **1. 22-101, In Re: Emma Krakoff, 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.

#### **2. 22-102, In Re: Timothy Chiasson, DVM**

Dr. Nausley was recused. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 recusal (Dr. Nausley).

#### **3. 22-103, In Re: Stephanie Howton, DVM**

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

**4. 22-104, In Re: Daniel Moezzi, DVM**

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

**5. 22-105, In Re: William Langhofer, DVM**

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to ensuring hospital policy and procedures are enforced by hospital staff. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. 22-106, In Re: Tiffany Riddle, DVM**

Dr. Thompson was recused. Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed 5 ayes, 1 nay (Mr. Loughhead), 1 recusal (Dr. Thompson).

**7. 22-107, In Re: McKaila von Johnson, DVM**

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

**8. 22-108, In Re: Johnathon Schnier, DVM**

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

**9. 22-109, In Re: Michelle Morrison, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to accept the Investigative Committee's recommendation and **dismiss** this issue with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** with respect to re-evaluating her use of medications in a euthanasia procedure. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 22-110, In Re: Amanda Holland, DVM**

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

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to open an investigation regarding Dr. Jones' possible premises license violations. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Nausley to add to the open investigation the Board's concerns with Dr. Jones' medical record keeping and his professional conduct by failure to show respect to his colleagues. Motion passed unanimously.



### **11. 22-144, In Re: Helena Wayt, DVM**

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

### **12. 23-15, In Re: David Julien, DVM**

Attorney David Stoll was present to monitor. Ms. Daisy Ortega was present to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **dismiss** this issue with no violation and issue a **Letter of Concern** to ensure that staff is trained on the acceptable procedures and manufacturer's guidelines for sample collection. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 nays (Dr. Wright and Dr. Jaynes).

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

### **1. 22-98, In Re: Jessica Sullivan, DVM**

Dr. Sullivan was present with attorney David Stoll, made statements and answered questions. Mr. and Mrs. Ian Reilly were present, made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **dismiss** this issue with no violation. Motion passed unanimously.

### **2. 22-76: In Re: Jeremy Shapero, DVM – Continuance of Informal Interview of August 17, 2022, for the purpose of receiving additional information due to initial telephonic complications and taking possible action which could include but is not limited to rescinding previous action or approving proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and adopting an Order.**

Ms. Soloman and Dr. Wright were recused. Dr. Shapero was present telephonically, made statements and answered questions. Attorney W. Reed Campbell was present and made statements on behalf of Dr. Shapero. Ms. Kristen Brown 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 adopt the Findings of Fact as drafted and amend the conclusions of law to reflect the language in paragraphs #28 in the Conclusions of law. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, recused; Dr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Wright, recused; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 recusals (Dr. Wright and Ms. Soloman).

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausley and seconded by Dr. Thompson to issue Dr. Shapero an Order that includes a period of **Probation of 1-year** to obtain an additional **6 hours of continuing education** in addition to the statutory requirements to maintain licensure. Those hours are to be in the area of **client communication**. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, recused; Dr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Wright, recused; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 recusals (Dr. Wright and Ms. Soloman).

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



**1. 21-123: In Re: Edwin Kiesel, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on with practice termination plan submitted in compliance with Consent Agreement.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **approve** Dr. Kiesel's termination plan submitted in compliance with his Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. 22-55: In Re: Karla Lombana, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on completion of continuing education as required by Board Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Nausely and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **approve** her completed continuing education as required by her Board Order and return her license back to **Active** status. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. 22-25: In Re: John McWhirter, 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. Nausley and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **deny** Dr. McWhirter's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with his Board Order. The Board clarified that Dr. McWhirter's continuing education should be in the area of small animal and the pharmacology courses should be basic drug use. Additionally, the Board granted Dr. McWhirter a 30 day extension to submit his continuing education plan to comply with his Board Order. Roll call: Ms. Soloman, aye; Dr. Thompson, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Wright, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Dr. Nausley, aye; and Ms. Frost, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. 22-36: In Re: Rowena D'Monte, 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. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **approve** Dr. D'Monte's continuing education plan in compliance with her Board Order. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. 22-13: In Re: Lorna Lanman, 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 **open an investigation** with respect to Dr. Lanman's **non-compliance** with her Consent Agreement. Dr. Lanman submitted the civil penalty late and in an incorrect form of payment that was outlined in her Consent Agreement. Additionally, the Board directed staff to return the incorrect payment check back to Dr. Lanman. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. 21-84: In Re: Lorna Lanman, 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 Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve two hours of continuing education Dr. Lanman submitted in compliance with her Consent Agreement; those hours include:

- 1 hour in acupuncture IVDD; and
- 1 hour in neurological emergencies.

The Board denied the other courses Dr. Lanman submitted. Dr. Lanman was granted an additional 30 days to submit the remaining continuing courses in compliance with her Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.



**7. 22-42: In Re: Simon Escalada, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on compliance with Board Order.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to extend Dr. Escalada timeframe to be in compliance with his Board Order. If Dr. Escalada does not submit his continuing education on or before October 20, 2022, a new investigation will be opened for non-compliance. Board directed staff to reach out to Dr. Escalada. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. 22-64: In Re: Shawna Wood, 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. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Soloman to **approve** Dr. Wood's continuing education plan submitted in compliance with her Consent Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. 21-146: In Re: John Oplinger, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on proposed amended Consent Agreement.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to **approve** the proposed amended Consent Agreement with his services limited to the animals at that facility only. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 21-97: In Re: Celeste Roy, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action regarding request to comply with personal physician's medication protocol.**

- At 12:57pm, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to go into executive session for legal advice. Motion passed unanimously.
  
- At 1:01pm, the Board entered back into open session.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Wright to **approve** Dr. Roy's request to comply with her personal physician's medication protocol. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay (Ms. Soloman).

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

**1. 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. §41-1001.02:**

**a) Krista Dupree**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to continue the matter to a future Board meeting to allow Ms. Dupree provide more detail on her submission or appear before the Board to discuss. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on case C-22-13, In Re: Jaime Draper/Unlicensed Practitioner.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Thompson to close the matter. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on case C-23-02, In Re: Landon Ames/Unlicensed Practitioner.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to refer the case to the County and State Attorney and close the matter. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on case C-23-03, In Re: Ines Ramos Estrada/Unlicensed Practitioner.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Wright to refer the matter to the County and State Attorney and close the matter. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. Board may review, discuss and take action on possible unlicensed practitioners Aaron Porter and Brianna Cunningham.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Ms. Soloman to open an investigation on Mr. Porter and Ms. Cunningham. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. Board may review, discuss, and take action on request for Continuing Education approval for Arizona Veterinary Technician Association 2022-2023 classes.**

- a. Nursing Care for the Megaesophagus Dog
- b. Nursing Records and Client Communications
- c. Large Animal-Field Survival Guide
- d. Medical Error Disclosure and Your Liability
- e. Recover CPR for General Practice
- f. Dental Radiography
- g. Rodenticide Toxicity
- h. Capnography Interpretation
- i. An Introduction to Aquatic Animal Medicine
- j. Dental Nerve Blocks for Zen Anesthetic Procedures

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve the requested continuing education letter b. through j. Letter a. is denied as it was not requested in the timeframe required per Statute. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**a. Tori Steinmetz-Lewis, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve the above referenced veterinary license applications. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Board may review, discuss and take action on anonymous information received regarding possible non-reporting of possible animal abuse.**

No action taken.

**9. Board may review, discuss, and take action on certified veterinary technician applications.**

**a. Alexandra G. Mirbach**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Mr. Loughead and seconded by Dr. Wright to approve the above referenced certified veterinary technician application. Motion passed unanimously.



**10. Board may review, discuss, and take action on premises license applications:**

**a. Wickenburg Veterinary Clinic – Responsible Veterinarian: Robert Thrift, DVM**

Dr. Thrift was present and answered questions. CVT Amber Schmidt was present and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **approve** the Wickenburg Veterinary Clinic premises application. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. Community Veterinary Konnection – Responsible Veterinarian: John Oplinger, DVM**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Dr. Wright to **approve** Dr. Oplinger's premises application and direct staff to conduct a follow-up inspection in 6 – 9 months. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. Board may review, discuss, and take action on results of 2022 American Association of Veterinary State Board's Annual Meeting.**

Ms. Creager updated the Board on the various topics that were discussed at the 2022 AAVSB's Annual Meeting.

**12. Assistant Attorney General Report**

**a. 2022 Legislative updates**

Mr. Harris updated the Board on the 2022 legislative updates.

**13. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Arkansas Veterinary Medical Examining Board's action regarding the Arkansas veterinary license of Joshua Harvey, DVM.**

No action taken.

**14. Board may review, discuss, and take action on animal crematory inspections:**

**a. C0039: All Pets Go to Heaven – John Hassetf, Responsible Owner**

No action taken.

**15. Board may review, discuss, and take action on FY22 Annual Report to the Governor.**

Agenda item tabled to a future Board meeting.

**16. Board may review, discuss, and take action on information submitted from Kathryn Phillip, DVM per A.R.S. § 32-3208.**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Frost and seconded by Ms. Soloman to direct staff to have Dr. Phillips update the Board when the matter is resolved. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. August 17, 2022 Regular Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **approve** the August 17, 2022 regular session minutes. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 abstention (Dr. Wright).

**2. August 17, 2022 Executive Session**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Mr. Loughead to **approve** the August 17, 2022 executive session minutes. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 abstentions (Dr. Wright).

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. R3968: Pure Balance Holistic Veterinary Services. New Premises. Kerri Thiel, DVM
2. R3969: Banfield Pet Hospital #5258. New Responsible Veterinarian. Benjamin Macuil-Rojas, DVM
3. R3970: Altered Tails Barnhart Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Ryan Sloekers, DVM
4. R3971: Prescott Animal Hospital. New Owner. Kenneth Skinner, DVM
5. R3972: DC Ranch Animal Hospital. New Responsible Veterinarian. John Wheeler, DVM
6. R3973: Prescott Animal Hospital Equine Center. New Owner. Bryan Nolte, DVM
7. R3974: Merel Huff, DVM Veterinary Services, PLLC. New Address. Merel Huff, DVM
8. R3976: North Central Animal Hospital. New Owner. Hillary Frank, DVM
9. R3977: Animal Health Services. New Responsible Veterinarian. Whitney Forest, DVM
10. R3978: Spanish Trail Pet Clinic. New Responsible Veterinarian. Spencer Deale, DVM
11. R3980: Phoenix Equine Veterinary Services. New Address. Tegan Easton, DVM
12. R3982: The Pet Wellness Center. New Responsible Veterinarian. Lane Smith, DVM
13. R3996: Palo Verde Animal Hospital. New Owner and Responsible Veterinarian. Lori Herold, DVM

### A (7), (8) and (13) removed from Consent Agenda.

**Approval of Premises Inspections granted.**

### B. **Approval of Premises Name Changes** – Responsible Veterinarian

1. R3638: AASHNE Animal Clinic name change to Neighborhood Veterinary Clinic. Daniel Fonza, DVM

**Approval of Premises Name Changes granted**

### C. **Approval of Premises Change of Scope Requests** – Responsible Owner listed

1. R3602: Desert Veterinary Clinic. Add mobile unit. Cheryl Haugo, DVM

### C (1) removed from Consent Agenda.

### D. **Approval of Animal Crematory Random Inspections** – Responsible Owner listed

1. C0013: Peaceful Pet Rest. Darryl Mathews, DVM

**Approval of Animal Crematory Random Inspections granted**

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

### Items Removed From Consent Agenda:

#### A (7), (8) and (13).

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



**C (1).**

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Loughhead to **approve** the Premises Change of Scope request **pending receipt of request form**. Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

No current events.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No member of the public addressed the Board.

**X. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022**, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at 1740 W. Adams Street, Board Room "C," Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. One or more Board members may appear telephonically.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director