



# Board of Veterinary Medicine Public Session

## Minutes

Mar 27, 2024 at 8:30 AM EDT

### **Attendance**

#### Members Present

Robyn Eldredge, Selvi Lampman, Jill Patronagio, Claire Timbas, Elaine Forst

#### **Absent:**

Members: Stephen Crawford, Winifred Krogman

#### I. Call To Order

RSA 332-B:1-a Purpose. – The purpose of the board of veterinary medicine is to promote public health, safety, and welfare by safeguarding the people of New Hampshire against incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons and from unprofessional or illegal practices by persons licensed to practice veterinary medicine. The right to practice veterinary medicine is a privilege granted by legislative authority to persons possessing personal and professional qualifications specified in this chapter.

#### II. Remote Attendance

The AG requires the vote to participate remotely should be taken prior to the Board Meeting when the absence is expected and good cause is acceptable. The Board can elect to have a standing vote which incorporates some basic language. Board Counsel can write up and if the Board would like, the President can sign it to be in place for the whole year.

Checking attendance at the next meeting should be on the agenda each month to confirm attendance for the next meeting.

#### III. Review of Public Minutes

The Board approved the 1/24/24 mins, as amended. However, when I amended, I amended additional items, so wanted the Board to review to be certain the original vote is still in order.

Motion to Approve:

Approve Both 1/24/2024 and 2/28/2024 meeting minutes as amended.

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by SL, roll call vote 4-0-1 JP abstained

#### IV. Public Appearances

#### V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Vote on President and Vice President positions

Motion to Nominate Jill Patronagio as President for the March 2024 - March 2025  
Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by CT, roll call vote 5-0-0

Motion to Nominate Claire Timbas as Vice President for March 2024 - March 2025.

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by EF. roll call vote 5-0-0.

B. 91-A Meeting Presentation - FYI

During this legislative session there were changes made to the 91-A law. This is placed here as an FYI, to assist Board members to stay up to date with changes.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Listserve Items from AAVSB, Board Advisement.

Motion to Delegate one Board Member to review listserv questions.

President JP accepted the responsibility to review the Listserve items and create a response if needed. The Listserve items are uploaded to OnBoard once they are received, so each Board member can review, and if they feel a response is needed, they can email the Board Administrator to alert the chair to review.

Motion moved by SL and motion seconded by RE, roll call vote 4-0-0

VIII. Licensure

IX. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Legislation Schedule discussion

The bills have crossed over.

HB 1272 - reciprocity-ITL.

HB 1408 Bill to recompose the Board from 7 to 5. This bill is going to study committee. It may come back in the fall.

HB 1676 - sunset bill-ITL

Animal Chiropractor bill - The legislative representatives did ask questions. Still unknown where it will go from here.

Foreign Trained - the Committee has voted it ought to pass. ECVFG process, there are 4 pieces to it. 3 can be done while a veterinarian is in another country including the NAVLE. They need to take the practical exam, which is incredibly difficult to pass, it is \$7,000 and it is only offered 1x per year and so allowing those foreign trained vets time to work under a licensed veterinarian, and get practical training, they are more likely to pass the exam. The requirement is they have to be signed up to take the practical exam in order to get this license.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine wants to be certain the candidates take the

JP exam before being issued this license. The Board of Veterinary Medicine would have to write rules around this process. The candidate will have 2 years to pass the exam.

HB 1095 - Is to pronounce Concord and to clean up legislative changes to the Boards Practice Acts.

X. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion to go to Non Public at 9:01

Motion moved by JP and motion seconded by RE, roll call vote 5-0-0

XI. Resume Public Session at 10:09

XII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion to Seal the Minutes

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by JP. roll call vote 5-0-0

XIII. General Standing Order for participating remotely

Motion to authorize remote participation pursuant to the standing order.

Motion made by JP motion seconded by RE, roll call vote 5-0-0.

XIV. Adjournment at 10:15