



Board of Veterinary Medicine PUBLIC meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

Feb 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM EST
7 Eagle Square in Concord, NH 03301

Attendance

Present:

Members: Stephen Crawford, Elaine Forst, Robyn Eldredge, Winifred Krogman, Jill Patronagio, Kirk Smith, Claire Timbas

Guests: Elizabeth Eaton, Jessica Whelehan, Jenna Wilson

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.

Kirk Smith called the meeting to order at 8:41AM and read the Board's mission statement.

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion:

to approve the 1/18/2023 public meeting minutes as amended.

Motion moved by Stephen Crawford and motion seconded by Kirk Smith. Passed [Winifred Krogman abstained]

III. Public Appearances

A. RULEMAKING PUBLIC HEARING: Vet 900 - Animal Dental Care

Kirk Smith opened the Public Rulemaking Hearings for Vet 900 at 9:00AM and read the required information pursuant to RSA 541-A. The Hearing was closed at 9:33AM and no public comment was received.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Staffing Changes

Jenna Wilson informed the Board that she is leaving OPLC at the end of February to take a position at a different state agency.

- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Licensure

- A. Initial Applications

1. FLANAGAN, Clarissa
2. HART, Patricia
3. LABRANCHE, Lora
4. PENRATT, Jan
5. TUSCH, Claire

Motion:

to waive the supplemental documents required for licensure (photo, transcripts, national exam score, NH Jurisprudence exam, Letters of Verification) and approve licensure for Flannagan, Hart, Labbranch, Penratt, and Tusch

Motion moved by Stephen Crawford and motion seconded by Kirk Smith. Passed
[Robyn Eldredge out of the room - abstained]

6. RICHARDS, Philippa

Tabled until the next meeting because page 2 of the application is missing.

7. MURTAUGH, Robert

Motion:

to table the application, contact the applicant and request a written explanation of out-of-state discipline. Additional details and background information are required for the Board to review the application.

Motion moved by Stephen Crawford and motion seconded by Kirk Smith. Passed.
[Robyn Eldredge out of the room - abstained]

- VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Vet 900 Animal Dental Care - See 9AM Public Hearing above in Section III

Vet 400 - Continued Status

Motion:

to approve the Conditional Approval Response for Vet 400 with an effective date of 3/1/2023

Motion moved by Stephen Crawford and motion seconded by Robyn Eldredge. Passed
[Winifred Krogman out of the room - abstained]

B. Vet 1000 - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Motion:

to approve the Vet 1000 Conditional Approval Response

Motion moved by Stephen Crawford and motion seconded by Kirk Smith. Passed.

C. Vet 800 Public Comments - Review with Tina Kelly

Motion:

to authorize Stephen Crawford to communicate with the parties on behalf of the Board;
and to invite Sarah Proctor or other shelter vet(s) to the next Board meeting to give
suggestions on what rule changes would be helpful for them.

Motion moved by Robyn Eldredge and motion seconded by Winifred Krogman. Passed.

D. Legislation

1. HB 655 - Redefining OPLC Roles and Responsibilities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fiFCN0EZq0>

"This bill redefines the roles and responsibilities of the office of professional licensure and certification (OPLC) for the boards and commissions. OPLC issues licenses, sets fees, provides legal and investigatory services, and presents administrative rules as advised by the boards and commissions. The bill consolidates administrative authority for OPLC in a new chapter and repeals redundant provisions of law."

The Board noted that this change would remove the Board's ability to call in a former Board member to meet quorum when there are recusals (RSA 332-B: 3a)

The Board was in recess from 10:35AM to 10:52AM.

At 10:53AM, the Board entered non-meeting to receive legal advice from Board counsel. Public session resumed at 11:06AM.

2. HB 258 - Animal Chiropractic Care

Public Hearing: 01/19/2023 0

Subcommittee Work Session:

01/27/2023 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeAEe7dDAA> begins at 1:17

02/08/2023

Executive Session: 02/15/2023 01:00 pm

Motion:

to authorize Liz Eaton the testify and submit written testimony to convey the Board's position on the bill to the legislative committee.

Motion moved by Kirk Smith and motion seconded by Stephen Crawford. Passed.

3. HB 231 - Prohibiting the removal of claws from cats

Public Hearing: 02/07/2023

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BnQqugzvl> begins at 3:05:30

Schedule not set yet, but potentially holding an executive session on 2/28/23

4. HB 249 - Pet insurance industry standards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yx6ZuGgimpQ>

Beginning at 2:30

Not scheduled yet

5. HB 37 - Create a study committee for companion animal groomers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BnQqugzvl>

Begins at 4:34

Schedule not set yet, but potentially holding an executive session on 2/28/23

HB 321 - Non-public minutes review and release

Motion:

to oppose HB 321 an authorize Liz to give oral and/or written testimony for the Board.

Motion moved by Kirk Smith and motion seconded by Jill Patronagio. Passed.

6. HB 594 - reciprocity

Informational. No action taken.

7. HB 507 - unlicensed practice

Motion:

to oppose HB 321 an authorize Liz to give oral and/or written testimony for the Board.

Motion moved by Robyn Eldredge and motion seconded by Winifred Krogman. Passed.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion:

to enter non-public session at 12:07PM 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 moved by Kirk Smith and motion seconded by Jill Patronagio. Passed by roll call vote.

X. Resume Public Session

The Board returned to public session at 1:35PM.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion:

to seal the minutes of the non-public session 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, excluding the vote related to the emergency suspension of licensee Andrew Krause.

Motion moved by Kirk Smith and motion seconded by Robyn Eldredge. Passed.

XII. Board Leadership

Motion:

to nominate Winifred Krogman to be the next Board president; and Jill Patronagio the next Board vice president.

Motion moved by Kirk Smith and motion seconded by Robyn Eldredge. Passed.

XIII. Adjournment

Kirk Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:40PM.