



Veterinary Board of Medicine Public Session

Minutes

Veterinary Medicine
Oct 18, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Robyn Eldredge, Winifred Krogman, Jill Patronagio

Absent:

Members: Stephen Crawford, Claire Timbas

I. Call To Order at 8:30 a.m.

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. Review of Public Minutes of 9/20/23

Motion to approve draft minutes as written of 9/20/23:

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by JP. roll call vote 3-0-1 WK abstained

III. Public Appearances

A. NH Professionals Health Program Open House 11/6/23

Board Advised

IV. Administrative Rules

A. Vet 200 - Final Proposal - Draft

Board Vote needed

Motion to approve Vet 200 Final Proposal-Draft:

Motion moved by WK and motion seconded by JP. roll call vote 4-0-0

V. Old Business

A. NH VTNA Notice sent out to all in their database.

Board Advised

B. AAVSB Listserv questions and answers

Board Advised

C. Veterinary Technician Regulated & Non-Regulated Jurisdictions

Board Advised

D. Amanda Gourge email for Boards review.

Veterinarians are already bound by their Ethics which includes euthanasia and there are guidelines in place around the euthanasia.

E. 2024 Meeting dates moving the meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month

Wini will be here virtually here in January, she will submit a request to the Board for a vote. Chair will be in attendance at the February mtg. Move the dates suggested to these dates; Jan-1/24 February 2/21 and 3/27 and 4/17. Wini off the Board in March. 12/18 Wednesday. Statute does say, until a member is appointed. November 20 is the new date and 12/18 .

VI. New Business

A. Vet rules regarding Euthenasia

Sarah Procter was talking about the new 800's. Is this only for CVT or could it be any shelter that the Veterinarian appoints. 802.01 does sound like Veterinary Nurse or Veterinary Technicians. This is not intended to be just CVT's. The waivers allowed for any Medical Staff. They can continue to request a waiver under Vet 207 even after the new rules come into effect. The waiver will terminate upon separation between the veterinarian and facility.

As long as the waiver intact. They are asking for all medical staff. The fact they can have a waiver is in the 200's. The practice of CVT is in 800's. Unlicensed Medical Staff - Just for shelters Right now the waiver is the way to do it. However the intent is only for Shelters. So "medical staff" instead of unlicensed medical staff. (Non-Veterinarians).

It is on the agenda to review the 802's at next meeting and at this time the waiver's provided at this time.

VII. Licensure

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Plc 500

if your boards participate in the professionals' health program. Please let them know we are soliciting their feedback. If they have feedback, please provide by November 15, 2023.

If they do not have time to submit feedback prior to November 15, 2023, they can certainly do so during the normal rulemaking process.

Please send feedback to Gretchen.R.Hamel1@oplcnh.gov. The Board of Veterinary Medicine does not have any comment.

B. Plc 313 Licensure by Endorsement (implementation guidelines)

This is a Board Advisement. This is being implemented into the OPLC procedures at this time. Board Counsel can provide an update whether this affects the Vet Techs coming into NH from Wisconsin.

The Board reviewed this draft a couple of months ago and provided feedback. These are the interim rules and do not show the suggested feedback, however, the permanent rules will show the changes suggested by the Board.

Who determined substantially equivalent? Director Courtney outlined in a PowerPoint how she moved through the decision making. She went through the statute for each profession. There are a couple of companies who have already been through this process and had a lot of the information, CLEAR and KNEE.. All the states plus the District of Columbia require passing of the NAVLE exam. The difference is some states have a passing score of 65% where NH has 70%. The

definition of passing is not equal. Is Director Courtney aware of this? Board Counsel will inform Director Courtney that the Board would feel better about this if the wording stated "they need to obtain a passing score of 70 or better".

IX. **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 move to NP session at 9:22 a.m.:

Motion moved by WK and motion seconded by JP. roll call vote 4-0-0

X. **Resume Public Session at 10:32 a.m.**

XI. **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 Non-Public Session and minutes:

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 4-0-0

XII. **Adjourned at 10:34 a.m.**

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion moved by RE and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 4-0-0