



NH Board of Veterinary Medicine Public Session

Minutes

Veterinary Medicine

Nov 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Stephen Crawford, excused himself from the meeting at 9:45 a.m., Robyn Eldredge, arrived at 9:16 a.m. Winifred Krogman, Jill Patronagio, Claire Timbas, Elaine Forst arrived at 8:45 a.m.

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 10/18/23.

Motion to Approve as Amended.

Motion moved by JP and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 4-0-1 SC abstained.

III. Public Appearances

A. NHVTA Ed Carlson

Motion to draft a small letter/email from the Board to send to AAVSB

The NH Board of Veterinary Medicine is requesting any potential change to existing alternative pathways not take effect until after May 1, 2026.

Motion moved by SC and motion seconded by RE. roll call vote 6-0-0

B. **Veterinary Technicians authorized by the Board to sit for the exam.**

The Boards rule making authority is in the practice act RSA 332-B:7-(a) #10.

RSA 541-a 'state approval' counts as a license. So by approving candidates to take the test, you are creating a license. The Board does have the authority to oversee technicians, that is why that one small part of the 800's still stands. On May of 2026 it will be fine, but in between, this is the way it has to be at this time.

Currently, AAVSB does not allow OJT candidates to take the exam without state approval. Fortunately for NH, there are other states, like WI that do allow OJT applicants to sit for the exam. The Board would like to discuss this next month.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Plc 313 Requirements and Vet Board

Are all applicants required to take the JP exam? Not all applicants, only Initial. The Board wants to be certain that all applicants take the JP exam, and this does not get overlooked in the new Endorsement rules moving forward. The JP exam requirement is in the Boards rules currently in place and candidates must follow the statute and rules.

Feedback: Board Counsel will submit the feedback to Director Courtney; however, the Board would like it in writing. Board Counsel will cc: Administrator and Chair. The Board has 2 concerns: checking verifications of candidates, to include, anyplace they have ever held a license. And the requirement to take the JP exam.

B. OPLC FY 23 Annual Report - CT name is spelled incorrectly in the report.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

A. Chat GPT and AI discussion at the request of the chair Tabled.

B. Board Advised - AAVSB 2024 Call for ByLaws Amendments

C. Board Advised - AAVSB Listserv Items

D. Dental x-ray questions

Motion to send a letter to the consumer referring to his/her own legal counsel and reference the rules for a declaratory ruling.

Motion moved by SC and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 5-0-0

VII. Licensure

VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

A. Vet 802.01 - Vote on Conditional Approval Response and Chair to sign letter.

Motion to approve 802.01:

Chair signed the letter and handed back to Tina Kelley

Motion moved by Sc and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 6-0-0

B. Vet 200 - Initial Proposal – Draft, Revote on Initial Proposal

Motion to approve Vet 200 Initial Proposal - Draft

Motion moved by SC and motion seconded by WK. roll call vote 6-0-0

C. Vet 102.01 Proof Read Text Cover Letter. Letter signed and given to Tina Kelley.

D. Draft wording for Vet 800 rules.

(g) Any licensed Veterinarian providing supervision **to unlicensed medical staff** while working for an animal shelter as defined in RSA 437:1, I., shall be exempt from the requirement to provide "Direct Supervision" while working for the animal shelter. replace the bold with 'non-veterinarians'. This section needs to be with the Veterinarians and about the Non-Veterinarians.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion to Non-Public Session at 9:45 a.m.

Motion moved by WK and motion seconded by RE. roll call vote 6-0-0.

X. Resume Public Session at 11:39 a.m.

XI. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion to Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Motion moved by WK and motion seconded by CT. roll call vote 5-0-0

XII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 11:40a.m.

Motion moved by WK and motion seconded by CT. roll call vote 5-0-0