



# Board of Veterinary Medicine Public Session

## Minutes

Veterinary Medicine

Apr 24, 2024 at 8:30 AM EDT

### Attendance

#### Present:

Members: Winifred Krogman (remote), Selvi Lampman, Jill Patronagio, Claire Timbas, Elaine Forst.

#### Absent:

Members: Stephen Crawford, Robyn Eldredge

#### I. Call To Order 8:30

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.

**Motion** to vote allow WK to participate remotely

Reason - Home Construction

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

#### II. Review of Public Minutes

**Motion** to approve 3/27/24 draft mins as amended

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

#### III. Public Appearances

- A. 9 - 9:30 a.m. Jessica Kallipolites to meet with the Board regarding Processes and Procedures regarding veterinarian inspections. The way it was done and how to make improvements. The Board of Pharmacy statute allows inspection for various professions. Enforcement inspects, if violations are written, they are forwarded to that respective Board for a decision. If after review, the Board wants a follow up inspection, the Board Admin would submit a memo to Enforcement to notify of a request to inspect. They are trying to routinely inspect all facilities, hospitals, and providers. They inspect the drugs, and the logs, and look for expired drugs, and the inspectors do drug destruction as well. Enforcement would like to receive a resolution to violations, Board Admin will submit the follow up to Enforcement.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

A. List Serve Items

AAVSB Watchdog Tracking Report. The Board does like this and will sign up to receive it themselves so no need to forward any longer unless asked.

1. License fees, Board Admin will send the fees.
2. AI does our state have any legislation surrounding it.
3. Spectrum of Care - Some Boards do not acknowledge the spectrum of care and are dinging some people for not adhering to it. NHVMA has been involved in some of the aspects of this as well. We do not specifically define the spectrum of care. We refer to the AVMA guidelines. If the AVMA guidelines are changed, then that may change how we interpret them. Our recordkeeping is more robust now. Plan A is the gold standard, but then some owners don't want to say, they can't afford it. At least the Vets can offer another option. Veterinarians worry about getting in trouble, but if they have acknowledged the offer of the plans, then the Veterinarian did their due diligence by offering it. There is a difference in spectrum of care, and that is ok as long as it was discussed with the clients. Respond to #1 we do not have any specific rules or regulations regarding it. #2 Any declinations of care or client communications or treatment plan options should be recorded in the medical record. #3 They would not be treated differently in an emergency.
4. Question from Oregon

B. fipmed.co

This is on the internet selling FIP both injectable and oral formulations and sending to clients in NH. The meds are not FDA regulated. The Board would be concerned if their staff veterinarians are licensed in NH. People can buy whatever they want and give to their cat, but if they have someone consulting then that is practicing. Nobody knows how this is made. This is an unregulated substance and should be treated as any unregulated substance would be. Unless a case is brought against a license regarding this, the board is not able to act on it. Board Admin to create a response.

C. Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfers - Discussion tabled for hold with additional Board Members.

- D. 2024 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference - September 25, 2024 - September 28, 2024, in Coronado, San Diego. Are any Board Members planning on attending? Who would like to attend as a delegate? CT is interested in attending. WK would like to be nominated for the ICVA.

Motion to Nominate Winni to the ICVA-International Council for Voluntary Agencies. **Motion** moved by JP and motion seconded by SL. roll call vote 5-0-0 One Board Member was interested in going as a delegate, but wanted to check with the ones not at the Board meeting this date to see if anyone else wants to go.

## VII. Licensure

- A. List of Licensees from last meeting held 3/27/24

## VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. HB 1095 clean up bill

This is the bill that is removing conflicts from the practice acts after last year from changing from Board to office when appropriate. Your practice act was omitted from the original version. Board Counsel drafted appropriate language and submitted. This version is on pg. 158. Removes the President. You are determining the criteria. They are just pulling out the portions that do not apply anymore and it will be in alignment to what the processes are happening now. Where is the state exam? They see the NAVLE. RE examinations, it still allows you to establish in rule the JP exam. And it still allows you to adopt and use the National Examination. It just says that the office is going to hold the examinations.

Does this fix the loophole with reciprocity. No, it is in the OPLC rules for Endorsement.

Pg 139 says 24 hours in a 2-year period. It should be 30. It says at least 24 so they Board can get 30, they can go beyond that. It is not different from what exists now.

This is just for the Board to review and to make sure they know what is happening with their statute. Liz is tracking, it did go for a hearing, and it did pass the house and in the senate. it went for a hearing there the 10th of April, and there has been no report on what the outcome is yet. Liz is confident it will pass without much amendment.

- B. Discussion Topic

HB 1526 - Veterinary licensing for vets educated in other countries, it is going for a hearing on May 1, 2024. She is trying to meet with one of the sponsors to give additional information. This is for Vets who are trained through PAVE or EFVCG and they are waiting to take the exam. The questions does this automatically get

issued a full license when they pass the exam. Do they have to take the JP exam. They are removing the Immigration requirements, it is out of the Boards perview. Motion JP to allow Winnie to represent the Board at the May 1, 2024 hearing. Room 103 May 1.

Is the Board comfortable with a foreign graduate to practice under a veterinarian. And they can add direct supervision practice under a veterinarian. This one focuses on ECVFG. They have to have passed their NAVLE, it is their clinical proficiency exam. How are they going to protect the public and Claire is concerned about protecting the public. Propose the Board has the authority over this conditional license like what supervision they need, whether they can prescribe, whether surgical and medical skills, The direct supervision piece is really important. There could be certain tasks or procedures and this can be done in rules. Similar to the Vet Techs. Then can prohibit whatever the Board does not feel comfortable with. (ECFVG).

We should be making them take the NAVLE. We could amend the bill to require them to take the NAVLE before being issued this license, along with taking the JP exam as well. If this passes then the Board needs to begin rulemaking. Generally the bill would say, it takes effect 60 days from signing of the bill. Interim rules you could get done in 60 days. Also, do we ever ask for input from the community? yes. you will have the public comment period and anyone can submit comment.

C. Discussion Topic

HB 1233

Animal Chiropractic Bill has passed the house and senate.

Vote to allow WK to connect with the Veterinary/Chiropractic Care.

Vote to allow CT to draft some bullet points and submit to Board Counsel.

Outlining the Boards position with assistance.

On motion from JP with a second from SL, roll call vote 5-0-0.

Alert the AAVSB because this is exactly what they are covering as well. Board Admin will alert AAVSB.

On motion from JP with a second from WK, roll call vote 5-0-0.

Vote to send a draft letter to the NHVMA.

On motion by JP with a second from SL, roll call vote 5-0-0.

SB 545 relative to reestablishing the large animal veterinarian incentive now changed to establishing a committee to study the scope and roll of veterinary technicians.

Motion from SL with a second from CT, roll call vote 5-0-0 to allow WK to write to the sponsors of the bill requesting a veterinarian be included on the committee.

- IX. 9:00 a.m. Vet 200 Adoption  
**Motion to Adopt Vet 200**  
Motion moved by JP and motion seconded by CT. roll call vote 5-0-0
  
- 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 Non-Public at 10:07**  
Motion moved by JP and motion seconded by SL. roll call vote 5-0-0.
  
- XI. Resume Public Session at 10:55 a.m.
  
- XII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session  
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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 of the-Public Session**  
Motion moved by JP and motion seconded by CT, roll call vote 5-0-0
  
- XIII. Adjournment 10:56