



Board of Veterinary Medicine  
PUBLIC meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2023  
7 Eagle Square in Concord, NH 03301

**Present:**

Members:

Winifred Krogman, Chair

Jill Patronagio

Kirk Smith

Claire Timbas

Stephen Crawford-arrived at 10:58

Elaine Forst-excused herself at 1:17 p.m.

**Absent:**

Robyn Eldredge

**Administration:**

Traci Weber, Administrator, Jessica Whelehan Program Specialist IV, Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel

I. Call To Order 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.

Winifred Krogman called the meeting to order at 8:30AM and read the Board's mission statement.

II. Review of Public Minutes

**Motion:**

To approve the 2/15/23 public meeting minutes. Motion by Winifred Krogman and seconded by Jill Patronagio. Passed

Public Appearances

A. 8:47 a.m. Tina Kelley –

1. Vet 102 Initial Proposal Draft – On motion from Winifred Krogman seconded by Jill Patronagio to approve, all in favor.
2. Vet 800 Conditional Approval Response – On motion from Claire Timbas, seconded by Winifred Krogman to approve, all in favor. Tina will submit to JLCAR and if she receives a response, she will bring it back to this meeting for approval.

3. Vet 900 Final Proposal Draft – On motion from Claire Timbas, second from Jill Patronagio to approve as amended, (901.02(c) should read determined “if”)all in favor.
4. Vet 1000 vote on Adoption – On motion from Winifred Krogman, second from Jill Patronagio to approve as written, all in favor. Cover letter signed.

B. 9:30 a.m. Dr. Sarah Proctor and Dr. Heather Faria from Pope Memorial Animal Shelter Attended to discuss concerns about the Vet 800 rules for Euthanasia. If a shelter is doing Euthanasia, there is always a Veterinarian available via phone. The new rules state that a CVT (Certified Veterinarian Technician) would perform the euthanasia under ‘direct Supervision’. This is very challenging. A lot of times the veterinarian is at another facility, available via phone, but not in house to provide this direct supervision. Could the Board add in some language to allow a person specifically trained, or a CVT who has had specific training to do this procedure. The burdensome part is the direct supervision. The ER’s may taken animals in, however they may not want to do the euthanasia, which could put an animal in more pain. The Board is in agreement to submit a rule change to ease this burden. In the meantime, Veterinarians could submit a waiver as described in the administrative rules, Vet 207 and then the Board will review the waiver at the next meeting and make a decision at that time. The licensed Veterinarian on record will need to submit the waiver request. Under the new rules, all assistants will have until 5/1/26 to get their Certification.

III. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates – People can submit written online testimony when there is a work session or committee meetings.

A. HB 2 – Elizabeth Eaton provided the Board with an update to this bill and where it is in the process. The bill passed through the committee as amended. HB 2 and HB 655 had some overlap. The OPLC restructuring is in HB 655. HB2 reduces the size of certain Boards and certain groups would not be represented. Its been difficult to find Board members, but reducing this will cause additional delay in specific issues being presented before the Board. At this current time, there are 3 names with the Governor’s office, that have been delayed significantly, without any explanation why. Originally the Board meetings were 6 meetings per year, now they are monthly and one member is appointed to the PDMP program. The Board can bring in a previous member as it currently reads in the laws/rules to make a quorum. The Board currently has one case where three Board members are recused, under the new rules, it would be the quorum of the Board and they would not be able to vote on this case. A public hearing was held on HB 2 and it appears it will not take effect until September 2023, just the OPLC piece. On motion from Winifred Krogman, second by Jill Patronagio to create a letter regarding HB 2 and send out notices when the hearings are scheduled. All in favor.

B. HN 258 – This bill will allow chiropractic care to be done on an animal without a referral or a license. The Board is in agreement that in order for chiropractic care to be completed on an animal, you need a diagnosis from a veterinarian. This treatment modality is not a substitute for veterinary care. Just because a dog is limping, does not mean a chiropractic visit could fix this limp, it could be another medical condition which would go undiagnosed and result in delay and harm to the pet under this new bill. Veterinary care has improved immensely since covid, and same day appointments are available so there is no argument with “there is a delay”. Also, with Telemedicine, the doctor would have had to have seen the pet within the last year in order to make a referral. If they have not see the pet in 3 years, then an appointment would be necessary to protect the pet and the consumer. Some veterinarians do practice chiropractic care. With this bill, there is no accountability & the potential harm to the animal and the consumer is great. And the Board would not be able to respond to complaints because the Board would have no jurisdiction. Chiropractic care is a treatment modality, which is an alternative therapy where the veterinarian determines if it is necessary and/or appropriate. All veterinarians have someone they would refer a patient to which performs chiropractic treatment. On motion from Winifred Krogman, second from Claire Timbas to write testimony as discussed and submit after review by the chair. All in favor.

#### IV. New Business

- A. Question from Oklahoma regarding pregnancy tests. NH does not have any statute/rule that allows a non-veterinarian to do this procedure. On motion from Kirk Smith, seconded by Claire Timbas to have the administrator create a letter of response and send to the chair for review and approval, all in favor.
- B. Animal Poison Control Center – It is the opinion of the Board that it is common practice for a Veterinarian to refer a consumer to the animal poison control center so that the pet receives optimum care as quickly as possible. This Board does not oversee a pet poison control center, so the Board would not hold any jurisdiction over pricing. On motion from Kirk Smith, second by Winifred Krogman to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.
- C. Question from Kentucky regarding administering rabies vaccines – RSA 436.99 II, states in part “II. "Vaccination against rabies" shall mean the inoculation of a dog, cat, or ferret with a rabies vaccine licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Such vaccination shall be performed by a veterinarian duly licensed to practice veterinary medicine. On motion from Winifred Krogman, second by Jill Patronagio to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.
- D. Linwood Vet Clinic Question –The department of agriculture and also the veterinarian board’s rules do not allow for a charity clinic. The veterinarian must follow all record keeping statutes and rules as defined in Vet 701.01 Record Making and Keeping and

Department of Agriculture 436:102 Duties of a Veterinarian. These laws and rules are not all inclusive. The professionals are required to review their Laws and Administrative Rules applicable. On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Jill Patronagio, to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.

- E. Rabies Clinic Question – The department of agriculture and also the veterinarian board’s rules do not allow for a charity clinic. The veterinarian must follow all record keeping statutes and rules as defined in Vet 701.01 Record Making and Keeping and Department of Agriculture 436:102 Duties of a Veterinarian. These laws and rules are not all inclusive. The professionals are required to review their Laws and Administrative Rules applicable. On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Jill Patronagio to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.
- F. Vaccine Clinic with questions – The department of agriculture and also the veterinarian board’s rules do not allow for a charity clinic. The veterinarian must follow all record keeping statutes and rules as defined in Vet 701.01 Record Making and Keeping and Department of Agriculture 436:102 Duties of a Veterinarian. These laws and rules are not all inclusive. Ideally, the professionals are required to review their Laws and Administrative Rules applicable. On motion from Kirk Smith, second by Winifred Krogman to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.
- G. AAVSB anesthesia question – The answer is no. On motion from Winifred, seconded by Jill Patronagio to have the administrator draft a letter of response, all in favor.

#### V. Licensure

- A. Initial application (reinstatement) – Dr. Karin Wilson, DVM. On motion from Kirk Smith, seconded by Winifred Krogman to approve for a new license, all in favor.
- B. Initial application - Angela Tuckerman, DVM. On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Claire Timbas to grant the license, all in favor.
- C. Initial application (reinstatement) - Philippa Richards, DVM – On motion from Winifred Krogman, second from Kirk Smith to approve for a new license, all in favor.
- D. Initial application - Alexandra Crowley, DVM – On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Jill Patronagio to grant the license, all in favor.

#### VI. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Vet 800 – A response from JLCAR was received and approved. On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Jill Patronagio to approve the Vet 800 as amended and a cover letter was signed, all in favor.
- B. Vet 501.02 & Vet 501.03 – The Board will need to create a draft of the rule and send to the administrator and Tina to create a draft for Board review next month. The 2019 version is the most current. The Chair will send to the administrator.

VII. Vet 400 rules questions

- A. NHVMA and NH Veterinarian question regarding continuing education. With the approval of the new rules, the licensees cannot go back and get the required 6 hours per year. Do the licensees each need to send in a waiver request, or is there an option for the Board to notify all licensees at once. Board Counsel will draft a response after review with the legal team and then send to the Board for review. On motion from Winifred Krogman, seconded by Kirk Smith to wait for Board Counsel to draft the response and review by the Board before sending out. All in favor.
  
- B. NHVMA is happy to produce and present CE programs to fulfill the new rule requirements in regards to “Opioid Use or Prescribing of Opioids”. Are there any expectations regarding what they choose to present when it comes to these programs? The Board’s laws or administrative rules outline the specific requirements for approved programs, providers, to present courses to be used for continuing education located here; [Board of Veterinary Medicine Laws and Rules | NH Office of Professional Licensure and Certification](#).

VIII. Non-Public Session

**Motion:**

to enter non-public session at 12:11 PM 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 Winifred Krogman, seconded by Stephen Crawford. Passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

IX. Resume Public Session

The Board returned to public session at 2:20 PM.

X. 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 to approve licenses for Robert Murtaugh, DVM. Dr. Kitt Hollister, DVM, and Dr. Elaine Arsenault, DVM.

Motion moved by Winifred Krogman and motion seconded by Stephen Crawford. Passed.

XI. Adjournment - Motion moved by Stephen Crawford, seconded by Claire Timbas. Passed.  
Winifred Krogman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 PM.