



Public Veterinary Board Meeting Minutes

Veterinary Medicine
Jun 14, 2023 at 8:30 AM EDT

Members Attendance

Winifred Krogman, DVM, Chair
Jill Patronagio, DVM, Vice Chair
Stephen Crawford, DVM, State Veterinarian
Robyn Eldredge, DVM
Claire Timbas, DVM
Elaine Forst, Public Member

Administration

Traci Weber, Administrator
Elizabeth Eaton, Board Council
Samantha Kinstrey, Legal Intern

I. Call To Order at 8:41

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 – May 17, 2023. On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman to approve as amended. Approved 5-0-0.

III. Public Appearances

- A. 8:30 a.m. Jessica Kallipolites, Director, Division of Enforcement discussion about HB 655. Enforcement will review a new complaint and make recommendations to the Board. If the case is not recommended for dismissal, then Enforcement will automatically ask for a response. Licensees will be notified of a complaint after Board review of the complaint and decision is made. Board Council and Administrator Weber will create a template.
- B. 9:00 Tina Kelley to meet with the Board regarding rules
 - 1. Vet 102.01 Final Proposal – Draft – The Board reviewed the public comment submitted by Ed Carlson, NHVTA. On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman to approve as amended, Approved 5-0-0.
 - 2. Vet 900 - Adopted Text & Cover Letter – On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman to approve as amended, Approved 5-0-0. The chair signed the letter of adoption.

3. Vet 802.01 Initial Proposal - Draft – On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman to approve as amended, Approved 5-0-0.
- C. NHVTA - Ed Carlson submitted questions to the Board. Does the Board want to appoint NHVTA to be the Board's designee to handle the alternative path applications? Does the Board have any protocols or guidelines other than what is outlined in the Vet 800's testing section that they would like the NHVTA to follow. NHVTA has offered to assist the Board in any way needed. The Board will put out a notice to all licensees informing them of the process to assist technicians on how to take the exam.
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
 - V. Old Business
 - VI. New Business
 - A. Operational Canine Bill - SB 268. Administrator Weber will invite Chief Romanello and Chara Batchelder to the next meeting to help answer questions from the Board. How frequently does emergency service personnel transport? Is training being offered to the emergency service personnel? What is the expectation of this exception? There is no reference to the Veterinary Board practice act in the bill itself.
 - B. AAVSB Proposed ByLaws Amendments Packet 2023 for your review. Board advised, No comment.
 - C. AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference September 28 - 30, 2023 – On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman to send the following delegates; Board member- to be determined, Board Council, Elizabeth Eaton and Board Administrator Traci Weber to the Annual Meeting & Conference. Approved 5-0-0. Board Council and Board Administrator to figure out the funding gaps and report back to the Board.
 - D. Attorney Lutz - additional questions Board response – On motion from Dr. Crawford, second from Dr. Krogman, The Board is promulgating an FAQ still in process, if this does not address the questions that are answered, you are welcome to utilize the formal processes available under the Board's rules. approved 5-0-0.
 - E. Questions regarding prescriptions – The DEA is the better avenue to answer these questions.
 - VII. Licensure

VIII. Legislative Topics

- A. Legislative Notices from Administration – The Board was advised of updates.

HB 655 - This bill will separate the Board from the Complaint Process and provide clear separate processes. The hearing officer and prosecutors will automatically be appointed.

HB 2 – Passed the Senate and House and it relates to criminal history reports. The Board cannot preclude an applicant for licensure if they have a criminal background, except for felony or violent misdemeanors. The bill creates a clear criteria. The Board has all final decision making.

HB337- This bill requires a 14 day public notice for all meetings. And agenda's are required to be available 7 days prior to the meeting. The telehealth for Veterinarians is now in a nongermane bill and is going to a committee of conference. Additionally, specific language was added to require the public members be more disinterested, meaning they cannot have a specific interest or receive financial gain when in a board position.

- IX. Non-Public Session – On motion from Dr. Krogman, second from Dr. Crawford to move into NP session at 10:42 a.m. roll call vote 5-0-0.

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.

- X. Resume Public Session 1:16 p.m.

- XI. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session – On motion from Dr. Krogman, second from Dr. Crawford to Seal the Minutes with the exception of Dr. Price reinstatement. Approved 5-0-0.

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.

- XII. Adjournment – On motion from Dr. Krogman, second from Dr. Crawford to adjourn at 1:20 p.m.