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Minutes: November 28, 2018

The regular board meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Veterinary Medicine was held at the State House Annex, Room 201, 25 Capitol Street, Concord, NH.

Members present: President:, Simon George, DVM; Vice President: Dr. Sonnya Dennis, DVM; Kirk Smith, DVM:, DVM, Stephen K. Crawford, DVM, EX Officio Member; Elaine Forst, Temporary Public Member, Nancy Smith, Board Counsel

John MacGregor, DVM arrived at 8:48 am

Judith Leclerc, DVM was not present.

Public present: Becky Gallant, NH Veterinary Tech Association, Dan Kadle, Madeline Kadle, Pat Long, Katelyn Andrews, and George Bailey.

PUBLIC SESSION

The public segment of the meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

1. The September 26, 2018 public minutes were reviewed. Dr. Crawford motioned to approve the public minutes with one correction. Dr. George seconded. So moved.
2. AAVSB, RACE standards. Discussion ensued. Dr. Dennis stated that it is possible that the PDMP might fall under non-medical. Administrative Secretary will send any of our forms that need to be changed to Dr. Dennis.
3. Dr. Dennis motioned to put the Veterinary Nurse Initiative-Ramona Crane, LVT, CVT on the public agenda. Dr. Crawford seconded. So moved.
4. Becky Gallant, representing the New Hampshire Veterinary Technician Association, will prepare her questions for the Board for input about the rules.
5. Board President, Dr. George, asked the public attending, if they would like to address the Board with any questions/concerns they might have. Dan and Madeline Kadle responded with a series of questions for the Board. One of their concerns was the clarification of the recusal protocol. Board Counsel, Nancy Smith, responded by stating that cases cannot be discussed during the public session.

Dr. George briefly explained how a complaint works and that once a complaint is received, the board members only see the basic information from the complainant and would immediately recuse themselves from the discussion and leave the room prior to any additional discussion, including the decision of whether to investigate or not. The recused member(s) would not be privy to any further discussion or information on that case. Madeline Kadle asked Dr. MacGregor directly if he had or was going to recuse himself. Dr. MacGregor asked Board Counsel to advise about answering in the hypothetical was not advised against. Dr. Macgregor stated that, in the hypothetical, if he were to have mutual employers or a personal relationship with a licensee who were to receive a complaint, he would absolutely recuse himself because it would be obviously easier for him to avoid any conflict of interest.

Other inquiries included as to why the Board doesn't put a spreadsheet list of complaints on their web site instead of just individual disciplined vets that are already on the site. Board counsel, Nancy Smith, responded by stating that some Boards post the number of complaints on their website once a year. Another inquiry was why the 2018 minutes are not posted on the web site. Dr. Crawford responded by stating that the legal requirements of 91:A are fulfilled, and that we have limited resources as we are a staff of one. Dan Kadle asked why our stand on euthanasia wasn't on the AVMA web site and how does the public know if euthanasia is done properly. Dr. Crawford responded by saying that the Board does not have control over the AVMA website. Dr. Dennis responded by stating that the Board will discuss their stand on euthanasia at the Board's rule meeting, but that it is currently viewed as other procedures covered by the current rules. Mr. Kadle also asked if there was someone responsible for inspecting veterinary hospitals. Dr. George responded by stating there is no organized entity to inspect veterinary hospitals. Dr. Crawford stated that the Board is separate entity of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Kadle thanked the Board and its members for their time and effort.

Dr. Dennis motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Dr. MacGregor seconded. So moved.

Upon the motion of Dr. Crawford and second of Dr. Dennis the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct, noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II, (c)RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91A:5, IV, Lodge V. Knowlton, 118 NH 574 (1978), and the board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

The non-public segment of the meeting was held.

Upon the motion of Dr. Crawford and the second of Dr. Dennis, the Board, by roll call vote, resolved to withhold the minutes of preceding non-public sessions from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III, on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her own vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Authorized Representative of the
NH Board of Veterinary Medicine