Virginia Department of Health Professions Board of Veterinary Medicine

Final Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The June 3, 2024, Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Presiding Officer

Thomas B. Massie, Jr., DVM, President

Members Present

Richard G. Bailey, DVM
Patricia Seeger, LVT
Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Secretary
Jeffery B. Newman, DVM, Vice-President
Steve Karras, DVM
Steve Linas, OD, Citizen Member

Staff Present

Arne W. Owens, Agency Director
James L. Jenkins, Jr., Chief Deputy Director
Kelli Moss, Acting Executive Director
Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Barbara Hodgdon, Deputy Director, Healthcare Workforce Data Center DHP
Laura Jackson, Board Administrator
Laura D. Paasch, Senior Licensing & Operations Specialist
Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist
Taryn Singleton, LVT, Discipline Case Specialist
Mary Church, Senior Inspector

Public Present

Jake Tabor, Legislative Specialist at Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Victoria Staples, Associative Director at Virginia Veterinary Medical Association

Establishment of Quorum

With seven out of seven board members in attendance, a quorum was established.

Introductions

Dr. Massie congratulated Executive Director Ms. Leslie Knachel who has transitioned into the role of Chief Operating Officer for the Department of Health Professions. Since 2009, Ms. Knachel's leadership and guidance have been invaluable to the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and we appreciate her service and dedication. Ms. Kelli Moss, who has served as the Board's Deputy Executive Director since 2018 and is currently the Acting Executive Director, has been selected to serve as the new Executive Director of the Board, effective June 10, 2024. Congratulations to Ms. Moss.

Ordering of Agenda

Dr. Massie opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Massie opened the floor to any additions or corrections regarding the draft minutes from the January 25, 2024, Full Board meeting. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Agency Director's Report

Mr. Owens provided an update on the agency's activities.

Legislative/Regulatory Report

Ms. Barrett provided the report on legislative and regulatory activity.

- Closure of public participation guidelines periodic review.
 - Dr. Bailey made a motion to retain 18VAC150-11 as is. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cockburn. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.
- Interpretation of posting a license pursuant to 18VAC150-20-30.
 - Dr. Karras made a motion to interpret 18VAC150-20-30 to be satisfied by the posting of the legible current listing found under License Lookup for the applicable credential. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bailey. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.
 - Ms. Singleton added to the discussion that the Guidance Document for inspections should be revised to reflect this change. Dr. Karras made a motion to approve this change. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.

- Emergency regulations/NOIRA for veterinarian traineeships.
 - Dr. Karras made a motion to adopt emergency regulations and NOIRA as amended by the Board to permit practice as a veterinary medicine trainee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.
- Emergency regulations/NOIRA for regulation of satellite offices.
 - Dr. Newman made a motion to adopt emergency regulations as amended by the Board to regulate satellite offices of registered veterinary establishments and issue a NOIRA to draft these regulations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karras. The motion carried with seven votes in favor.

Discussion Items

- Ms. Hodgdon provided the report on the 2023 Veterinarians and Veterinarian Technicians Healthcare Workforce Data Center Reports.
- Ms. Moss provided information on the Veterinarian Shortage Study Workgroup.
- Ms. Moss had no updates at this time on the licensing reciprocity agreement between Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.
- Ms. Moss provided information submitted by the Equine Dental Providers of America.

Board Counsel's Report

Ms. Booberg gave an update on the appeal of a discipline case.

President's Report

Dr. Massie had no information to report to the Board.

Board of Health Professions' Report

Dr. Karras had no information to report to the Board.

Staff Reports

Ms. Moss provided an update on open and closed discipline cases.

Ms. Moss recognized Dr. Karras and Dr. Cockburn for their eight years of service each to the Board and the Commonwealth.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Next Meeting

The next full board meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2024.

Adjournment

With no objection, Dr. Karras made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cockburn.

Kelli Moss

Executive Director