

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, Director, DHP
James L. Jenkins, Jr., Chief Deputy Director
Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
Kelly Smith, Director of Communications
Barbara Hodgdon, PhD, Deputy Director, Healthcare Workforce Data Center
Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel, Office of the Attorney General
Kelli G. Moss, Acting Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine
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, DHP

Public Present

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

Establishment of Quorum

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

Introductions

Dr. Massie announced that since the Board's last meeting Leslie Knachel transitioned from her role as Executive Director of the Board held since 2009 to the role of DHP's Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Massie stated Ms. Knachel's leadership and guidance have been invaluable to the Board and expressed the Board's appreciation of her service and dedication. He congratulated Kelli Moss, the Board's Deputy Executive Director since 2018 and currently its Acting Executive Director, who will be the new Executive Director of the Board effective June 10, 2024.

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 regulatory actions as follows:

- Closure of the periodic review period for 18VAC150-11, Public Participation Guidelines.

Dr. Bailey moved to retain 18VAC150-11 as is, which was seconded by Dr. Cockburn. The motion carried unanimously.

- Interpretation of posting a license pursuant to 18VAC150-20-30.
The Board discussed updating the interpretation of this regulation that requires licenses and registrations issued by the Board to be publicly posted. Ms. Singleton was recognized by the chair and informed the Board that the current inspection report for inspections includes guidance that an original license should be posted.

Dr. Karras moved to interpret 18VAC150-20-30 to be satisfied by the posting of a legible copy of the current listing found under License Lookup for the applicable credential, and to revise the Board's inspection report guidance document to reflect this change. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bailey and carried unanimously.

- Emergency regulations/Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for veterinarian traineeships.

Dr. Karras moved to adopt the draft emergency regulations for veterinarian trainees as amended by the Board to permit an applicant for licensure as a veterinarian to practice as a veterinarian trainee, and to issue a NOIRA. The motion was seconded by Dr. Newman and carried unanimously.

- Emergency regulations/NOIRA for regulation of satellite offices.

Dr. Newman moved to adopt the draft emergency regulations as amended by the Board to regulate satellite offices of registered veterinary establishments and to issue a NOIRA. The motion was seconded by Dr. Karras and carried unanimously.

Discussion Items

- Dr. Hodgdon presented the 2023 Veterinarian and Veterinarian Technician Healthcare Workforce Data Center Reports.
- Ms. Moss provided information on the Veterinarian Shortage Study Workgroup.
- Ms. Moss stated there were no updates at this time to a licensing reciprocity agreement between Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia.
- Ms. Moss provided a request by the Equine Dental Providers of America for the Board to recognize it as an approved certifying entity to qualify for registration as an equine dental technician (EDT) in Virginia. Ms. Barrett informed the Board that regulatory action is required for the Board to consider this request, which may be initiated stakeholders by filing a Petition for Rulemaking. The Board took no action.

Board Counsel's Report

Ms. Booberg provided an update on the appeal status of a 2022 disciplinary case.

President's Report

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

Board of Health Professions’ Report

Dr. Karras reported that no BHP meeting has been held since the last Board meeting due to an inability to reach a quorum absent new appointments.

Staff Reports

Ms. Moss provided information about the Board’s outreach and education efforts, opportunities to attend the American Association of Veterinary State Boards’ annual meeting in September, licensing and discipline case statistics and Board staff updates.

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

Dr. Karras moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cockburn and carried unanimously.

Board President

Kelli Moss
Acting Executive Director