

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HEARING ROOM 5  
HENRICO, VA  
JANUARY 9, 2015**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Regulatory/Legislative Review Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hearing Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk, DVM - Chair  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM  
Taryn Singleton, LVT

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Elaine Yeatts, Sr. Policy Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Henkel  
Jennifer Daly, Ph.D.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the agenda to include public comment to accommodate a member of the public.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Henkel made a brief comment and provided handouts to the Committee.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 3, 2013, with amendment of two typographical errors.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **OWNER CONSENT AND LEVELS OF SUPERVISION**  
Ms. Knachel provided the Committee with background information on the purpose of the meeting. She stated that the Board chose not to take action on a recent petition for rulemaking, but requested that the Committee convene to review certain aspects of the suggested regulatory changes for possible amendments.

The Committee discussed owner consent and level of supervision which included the

following:

- The exemption found in § 54.1-3801(3) may need to be clarified through a guidance document. Ms. Knachel was asked to prepare a draft guidance document that explains the differences between a DVM, Board Certification in a specialty, interns, residents and students.
- Recommendation that 18VAC150-20-130(B) be amended to require that veterinarian be present in a surgical suite where a veterinary student is engaged in an unassisted surgery. In addition, it was recommended that 18VAC150-20-130 have a section C added that clearly states that the veterinarian is responsible for the health and safety of the animal.
- Multiple recommendations were made to enhance the delegation of duties. Ms. Yeatts and Ms. Knachel were asked to develop a draft of the suggested changes for review.
- Recommendation to change “Immediate and direct supervision” in 18VAC150-20-10 to “Immediate supervision.” The definition is to stay the same.
- Recommendation to develop a model form for a written consent that a client would be provided if a student is going to perform surgery unassisted on an animal. Ms. Knachel was asked to prepare a draft for review.
- Recommendation to expand the guidance document for veterinary students. Ms. Knachel was asked to prepare a draft for review.
- Recommendation to open a full board discussion on the issue of adding a faculty license type.
- Recommendation for Ms. Singleton to work with Ms. Knachel on issues related to dental prophylaxis.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, - Executive Director