

### **Call to Order**

The March 3, 2022, Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 2, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

**Presiding Officer** - Tregel Cockburn, DVM, President

### **Members Present**

Jeffery Newman, DVM, Secretary  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM  
Steve Karras, DVM  
Thomas Massie, DVM  
Mary Yancey Spencer, JD, Citizen Member

### **Members Attending Electronically**

Autumn Halsey, LVT, Vice-President was approved by the Board President to participate in the board meeting via electronic communication, telephone in this case, because she was unable to attend due to a personal matter. Ms. Halsey was out of the state attending an equine competition.

### **Staff Present**

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst DHP  
Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst DHP  
Yetty Shobo, Deputy Director, DHP Healthcare Workforce Data Center  
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Laura Jackson, Board Analyst  
Laura Paasch, Licensing & Operations Administrative Specialist

### **Public Present**

Katie Hollebush, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA)  
Talya George, VVMA  
Pattie Seeger, Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians (VALVT)  
Noah Meyers, VALVT

## **Establishment of Quorum**

With six out of seven members present in the Henrico, VA location and one participating via electronic communication, a quorum was established.

## **Mission Statement**

Dr. Cockburn read the Department of Health Professions' mission statement.

## **Ordering of Agenda**

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

## **Public Comment**

There were no requests to provide public comment.

## **Agency Director's Report**

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that Dr. Brown was not able to join the meeting due to attending the General Assembly and that Dr. Allison-Bryan, Chief Deputy Director retired as of March 1, 2022. Ms. Knachel recognized the board members with expiring terms as of June 30, 2022. She thanked Dr. Hillyer and Ms. Spencer for their service on the Board and to the Commonwealth. In addition, Ms. Knachel recognized Ms. Yeatts' pending retirement and her service to DHP and the Commonwealth. Ms. Erin Barrett will replace Ms. Yeatts as of April 1, 2022.

## **Legislative and Regulatory Report**

Ms. Yeatts reported that the regulatory amendment for acceptance of the PAVE Certificate for Veterinary Technicians becomes effective on April 1, 2022.

Ms. Yeatts provided a report on the 2022 Session of the General Assembly.

Ms. Yeatts provided information on the periodic review of the regulations.

Dr. Karras made a motion to continue Chapter 20 of the *Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine* with amendments, which was seconded by Dr. Massie. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Yeatts and Ms. Knachel reviewed the proposed changes to Guidance Document 150-15 Disposition of Routine Inspection Violations and 150-21 Frequently Asked Questions about Reporting to the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Dr. Newman made a motion to adopt Guidance Document 150-15 Disposition of Routine Inspection Violations and 150-21 Frequently Asked Questions about Reporting to the

Prescription Monitoring Program as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Hillyer. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Discussion Items**

#### 2021 Veterinary Medicine Healthcare Workforce Data Center Report

Dr. Yetty Shobo provided a presentation on the 2021 Veterinarian & Veterinary Technician Healthcare Workforce Data Center Reports.

#### Continuing Education audit for January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Ms. Knachel asked the Board whether it wanted to conduct a CE audit for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

Dr. Karras made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Newman to conduct a CE audit for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Veterinary Establishment Inspection Committee Report**

Dr. Cockburn reported that the Veterinary Committee met in February 11, 2022. The Inspection Committee is working on regulatory amendments to present to the Board.

### **Board Counsel Report**

Ms. Mitchell had no information to report to the Board.

### **President's Report**

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

### **Board of Health Professions' Report**

Dr. Karras reported that the Board of Health Professions met on December 2, 2021.

### **Staff Reports**

Ms. Knachel stated that the most recent veterinary medicine licensure renewal ended on December 31, 2021. She provided information on board statistics and outreach activities, which included presentations to the veterinary students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, and to the memberships of the VVMA and the VALVT.

Ms. Knachel provided an update on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' activities to include the annual meeting scheduled for September in Charlotte, NC.

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

### **Next Meeting**

The next full board meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2022.

**Adjournment**

With no objection, Dr. Cockburn adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.