

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2020**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Keri Cataldo, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Alfred Stevens, with the following results:

Those present:

Keri A. Cataldo, DVM	Board President
Joseph Bondurant, Jr., DVM	Board Vice President
Alfred G. Stevens, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
William H. Green, DVM	Board Member
James R. Corley, DVM	Board Member
Jared B. Granier	Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt	Board General Counsel

Absent:

None.

Guests:

John Walther	Assistant Commissioner, Animal Health & Food Safety
Jennifer Martinson	Louisiana DVM Licensee
Dr. Mike Strain	Commissioner of Agriculture

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes June 4, 2020

The Board reviewed the minutes from June 4, 2020. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Green, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports - Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of April and March '20 for review, as well as year-end FY2020 CD & Investments, Legal Expense Breakdown and Financial Statements year-end for FY2020. Motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Stevens, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Investment Research (Rate Differences for CDs vs. HYSA) – Per direction provided by Board in April and June meetings, Mr. Granier reviewed rates and accrued interest amounts for certificates of deposit (CDs) for FY2020 and proposed move of investments from CDs into High-Yield Savings Accounts, which are producing much better returns at this time. Motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to authorize Mr. Granier, Executive Director, in association with the Board Secretary-

Treasurer, Dr. Stevens, to make internal fund transfers into high-yield savings accounts during FY2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Contract Renewals (Legal, Accounting, Auditing, IT) – Mr. Granier presented the following proposed contracts for review:

- a. Larry D. Jones d/b/a LJONES CFA, LLC for investigation services for review. No changes were made from previous investigator contract, with a ceiling of \$5,000.00 per year.
- b. Thibaut, Thibaut & Vogt, LLC for legal services for review. No changes to the previous contract for legal services, with fees not to exceed \$113,000 per year.
- c. Pinell & Martinez, LLC for accounting services was presented, with no changes made from previous accounting contract and a ceiling of \$5,000 per year.
- d. William D. Mercer, CPA for auditing services for review, with a ceiling of \$1,800 per year.
- e. Client Technology Services, LLC for IT consulting services, with a ceiling of \$2,500 per year.
- f. Thentia Global Systems USA, Inc for management software design and consulting for review, with a ceiling of \$33,000 per year.

Motion made by Dr. Corley to accept all proposed contracts as presented, seconded by Dr. Stevens. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

No administration proceedings to review

Dr. Martinson spoke to the Board relating to chiropractic services being offered and how she can best stay within the guidelines and Rules of the LA Veterinary Practice Act.

Motion was made by Dr. Stevens to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding licensees and applicants not subject to public disclosure as per the law, seconded by Dr. Corley, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

At 9:45am, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to suspend executive session and approved unanimously by voice vote. Dr. Strain updated the Board regarding COVID-19 effects statewide and steps being taken by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

At 10:15am, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant to resume executive session, seconded by Dr. Corley, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Stevens, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

VI. DVM, RVT, AND CAET ISSUES

- A. Jared F. Madden, DVM – Active Military Status, Request to Waive Renewal Fees and CE Requirement** - Following review of the documentation including active military orders submitted Dr. Madden, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Corley, to **approve** waiver of renewal fees and CE requirements.

- B. Robert W. Stafford, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status - Exemption of CE** – Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Stafford, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Corley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and waiver of 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. Carley K. Berggreen, DVM - Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Berggreen, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Corley, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Vikramjit S. Dhillon, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1991 graduate of Punjab Agricultural University in India, licensed in MI. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Dhillon, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Corley, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Jennifer L. Godfrey, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2011 graduate of Washington State University CVM, licensed in CA & TX. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Godfrey, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required 90-day period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Secondly, the request for waiver of retake of the national examination was **denied** based on documentation indicating two gaps in full-time employment within the five years immediately preceding application and thus not meeting the waiver requirements. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Erin L. Katribe, DVM - Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** - 2009 graduate of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in CA, TX, and UT. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Katribe, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Green, to **defer** request for waiver until all details and proof of employment is received. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Courtney E. Landry, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2020 graduate of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Landry, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- E. Carter M. Loftin, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in FL. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Loftin, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Dr. Stevens recused himself from discussion and vote.
- F. Matthew M. Schexnayder, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2016 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in FL. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Schexnayder, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. General Update

1. After discussion regarding the aforementioned waiver requests, Dr. Stevens motioned that the Board re-evaluate Statute 1522 and Rules Section 303 B. related to the waiver of National Examinations requirements, starting in the October '20 Board meeting. Dr. Bondurant seconded, and motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Policy and Procedure

1. Informal Complaint Concerning Online Processing Fee

The Board discussed several inquiries and complaints regarding the online credit card processing fee received by the administrative offer. Mr. Granier stated he will work more closely with the bank on addressing how the processing fee is assessed, especially with regards to the '21-'22 renewal/application cycle and report back to the Board when more details are available. No motion made on this matter.

2. Convenience / Processing Fee Dispute from State Agency Vet

The Board discussed the request to refund the credit card processing fee by the LDWF Accounting Office, which stated it is against their policy to pay convenience fees. Based on the fact that the Board assesses a credit card processing fee and not a convenience fee, the request for refund was denied. Motion to deny the refund request was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Corley. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Faculty License Applications/Renewals and Associated Fees

After discussion on how faculty license fees are assessed based on the LA Veterinary Practice Act, it was decided that moving forward beginning in the current '20-'21 renewal cycle, late renewal fees and back renewal payments will no longer be assessed on faculty applications. All faculty renewals will only pay the annual \$100 Faculty Renewal Fee.

C. Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements

1. Scope of Practice Inquiry Related to Hybrid Mobile Clinic

Board discussed practice inquiry related to hybrid mobile clinic. A query was submitted concerning the allowable scope of practice by a veterinarian wishing to conduct a practice from a traditional vehicle to make house calls to clients and maintaining what essentially would service as an office but also a site for clients to come to pick up food, obtain preventative, wellness and palliative care. The vehicle would not be equipped as a “mobile clinic” and cannot be classified or advertised as such as required by Section 711 C of the LAC (Board Rules) and would not be considered an extension of a “clinic” or “hospital” as defined by Section 700 and equipped as required by Section 711 A and B. The proposed building would not be equipped as required to be classified as a “clinic” or hospital. A series of questions was posed to the Board by the licensee concerning services that can be offered under these conditions, as well as other business and practice concerns. Following a general discussion by the Board it was determined that only those issues which fall squarely under the Practice Act and/or Board Rules would be addressed. The traditional vehicle would be classified as a “mobile practice vehicle” under the definitions section of Rule 700. The restraints and requirements to practice from the vehicle are set forth in Section 711 F, which include but are not limited to (see the entirety of the Rule) not bringing a patient inside the vehicle, having a prior written agreement with a veterinary hospital or emergency facility to provide emergency or aftercare services within a 30 mile/30 minute radius of the site of services provided, the posting of appropriate notices and the license to practice veterinary medicine in the prescribed location, and the other restraints, requirements and conditions as set forth in Section 711 F, 1-12. Services that can be provided from the proposed building that is not equipped as a “clinic” or hospital are limited to those set forth under the definitions and requirements/restraints of a “wellness or preventative care clinic”, including the equipment required by Section 700 and 711 E 1-12. The repair of lacerations as a service to be provided from the “wellness or preventative care clinic” would require an agreement with a hospital or clinic within a thirty mile/minute radius of the “wellness or preventative care clinic” if outside the radius of the services provided by the “mobile practice vehicle”.

2. Reported Facebook Accusations of Animal Abuse at Veterinary Clinic

After reviewing an informal submission of a Facebook regarding animal abuse at a veterinary clinic, with no formal complaint made against a regulated, licensed veterinarian, the Board directed Mr. Granier to only process reports or/and accusations of abuse submitted through the proper, formal complaint process as detailed in Chapter 14. Disciplinary Procedures, Rule 1405.

3. Marketing Inquiry Regarding Animal Chiropractic Services

A query was submitted concerning by a licensee who has obtained post-graduate training and certification in chiropractic concerning the allowable scope of advertising services and credentials in this area of practice. The particular questions submitted to the Board were:

A.) May I advertise in brochures that I offer “spinal adjustments also known as (or similar to) ‘animal chiropractic’?” and B. Can I call myself an “animal chiropractor”? Following a general discussion by the Board it was determined that

chiropractic services come within the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine and is recognized in the Rules as alternative therapy. If qualified to offer such services a veterinarian may advertise the availability of these services in the manner suggested.

B.) The Board Rules (LAC tit 46 pt LXXV, section 1059) prohibits a false, deceptive or misleading claim, including a statement which implies that a veterinarian is a certified or recognized specialist unless he is board certified in such specialty. Further, Section 1063 prohibits a veterinarian from using the term “specialist” in his advertising, nor may he state or imply that he is a certified or recognized specialist unless he is board certified in such specialty. The AVMA recognized specialties do not include chiropractic. Therefore the Board concluded the licensee may not refer to himself or herself as an “animal chiropractor” in the mode of communication suggested.

4. COVID-19 Effects on Expired Licensees/Certificate Holders

Board discussed two queries from expired licensees, specifically as to whether or not the continuing education deadline extension for the '20-'21 per the COVID-19 Emergency Rule is applicable for expired license and certificate holders. The Board clarified that the Emergency Rule deadline extension is specific to the '20-'21 continuing education cycle only. Continuing education hours for previous cycles must be completed by September 30 in order for a renewal to be processed with the understanding that any continuing education hours not completed in '20-'21 must be completed by the extended deadline for the '20-'21 renewal cycle.

Additionally, the Board clarified that the removal of the maximum limit for online continuing education hours per the COVID-91 Emergency Rule would include any missing continuing education hours from renewal cycles prior to '20-'21.

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES

A. St. Tammany Parish Animal Services – The Board discussed a preceptorship request, resulting in a denial based on deficient radiograph and surgical equipment. Motion to deny made by Corley, seconded by Bondurant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued – - Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following licenses/certificates issued since the previous Board meeting (license issue dates from 05/16/20 to 07/19/20):

DVM

3732	Pela	Maegan Elizabeth	
3733	Frischhertz	Katelyn Boudreaux	
3734	Rice	Dallas Melena Wynn	
3735 (T)	Young	Kristen Renee	<i>* now fully active</i>
3736	Chauvin	Kaitlin May	
3737	Bonin	Sarah Genest	
3738 (T)	Caillouet	Alexis Lane	

3739 (T)	Ramirez	Blakeley Michele	
3740	Reyna	Zachary Allen	
3741	McClendon	Brittany Burnham	
3742	Richard	Morgan Ashley Byrd	
3743 (T)	Martin	Caroline Elizabeth	
3744	Livaccari	Alexis Mia	
3745 (T)	Tullos	Macy Jean	* now fully active
3746 (T)	Boysen	Courtney Jean	* now fully active
3747	Courville	Emily Claire	
3748	Gerdes	Kathleen Elaine	
3749	Wilson	Diane	
3750	Pickett	Jaime Klimsey	
3751 (T)	Poche	Allison Claire	
3752 (T)	Beck	Jeanne Michel	
3753	Hernandez	Tanner Dwayne	
3754 (T)	Hymel	Paige Elaine	* now fully active
3755 (T)	Gremillion	Mackenzie Allain	
3756 (T)	Smith	Erin Renee	
3757	Fontenot	Amber Louise	
3758 (T)	Zotkiewicz	Claire Elizabeth	
3759	Hendry	Sarah Ainsworth	
3760 (T)	Pellegrin	Christian Joseph	
3761 (T)	Upton	Laurel Ann	
3762 (T)	Loper	Robert Thomasson	
3763	McInturff	Montgomery Dean	
3764 (T)	Kroes	Crystal Lynn	
3765	Batson	Sidney Guillory	
3766	Wardsworth	Isaiah	
3767	Powell	Mary Kathryn	
3768 (T)	Campos	Rayna L.	
3769	Copeland	Sydney Elise	
3770 (T)	Richmond	Nadia Lorraine	
3771	Connella	Anne Michal Serdy	
	Tassin		
3772 (T)	Mains	Jennifer Lynn	
3773 (T)	Dodson	Holly R.	
3774	DeMello	Victoria Anne	
3775 (T)	Cormier	Josephine Lynn	
3776 (T)	Williams	Alexandra Brehon	
3777	Loftin	Carter McCain	
3778	Jones	Tifaney Ammber	

Faculty DVM

Faculty 81	Smith	Annette Noel
Faculty 195	Barden	Lelia Elizabeth Blaine
Faculty 196	Van	Victoria L.
Faculty 197	Seifert	Jessica
Faculty 198	Neill	Hannah Mairi
Faculty 199	Edwards	Veronica Lynn
Faculty 200	Hu	Tricia Gin
Faculty 201	Joen	You Na

Faculty 202	Tang	Chieh
Faculty 203	Moghaddam	Rachael
Faculty 204	Rayment	Kelsey Marjorie

RVT

none

CAET

none

Mr. Granier presented to the Board the list above of all licenses and certificates issued since the previous Board meeting in June. No motion made pertaining to the licenses and certifications issued.

B. CAET Training Course Scheduled – September 3, 2020

Mr. Granier presented to the Board the new CAET certification training course scheduled for September 3, 2020 at the Tangipahoa Parish Animal Control Facility. No motion made pertaining to the CAET course.

C. AAVSB Conference Updates

No action taken on agenda item

D. License Management Software Update

No action taken on agenda item

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Request for Direct Deposit of Employee Pay

Mr. Granier presented the ability of the Board to pay its administrative employees more efficiently via direct deposit, with the same oversight protocols for each pay period currently with the Board Secretary-Treasurer. Motion to allow direct deposit for administrative employees made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Green. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on October 1, 2020.



Alfred G. Stevens, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer