

LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Meeting Agenda – December 7, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Trisha Marullo, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those present:

Trisha C. Marullo, DVM	Board President
Larry L. Findley, Sr, DVM	Board Vice President
Keri A. Cataldo-Rogers, DVM	Secretary-Treasurer
Jesse Brandon, DVM	Board Member
Christine McHughes, DVM	Board Member
Jared B. Granier	Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt	Board General Counsel

The Board's Statement of Obligations was read aloud by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers to all present for the meeting.

Dr. Marullo invited Dean Garden to give updates on the LSU SVM to the Board. All other attendees were given the opportunity to make public comments to the Board. No written comments were received prior to December 7, 2023.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes for October 5, 2023

The Board reviewed minutes from October 5, 2023. With no discussion on the minutes, motion was made to accept the minutes as given by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – September & October '23

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of September and October '23 for review by the Board. Mr. Granier informed the Board that all financial matters are in order. There were no questions regarding financial reports reviewed by the Board members. Motion was made by Dr. Brandon to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Investments, CDs - FY 2024

Mr. Granier reviewed accrued interest amounts for current certificates of deposit (CDs) for FY2024. CDs will continue to roll over as they mature, with interest rates continuing to increase. Motion was made by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Brandon, to accept the investment report as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Proposed Budget for FY 2025

Mr. Granier presented the proposed budget for FY2025 for review. Following discussion of income and expenditure projections, motion was made by Dr. Findley to

accept the proposed budget, seconded by Dr. McHughes, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

1. LAC 46LXXXV.301.801.1201

Repeal of Letter of Reference Requirement for Applicants

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the final rule will be promulgated into the *Louisiana Register*, December '23 edition and go into effect July 1, 2024. No action was needed or taken on this item.

2. LAC 46LXXXV.103

Meetings of Boards via Electronic Means

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the notice of intent is under review by the Legislative Fiscal Office. Upon approval, the notice of intent will be published into the *Louisiana Register* and presented to the Legislative Oversight Committees for review. No action was needed or taken on this item.

3. Expedited Licensure for Active Military and Spouses; Military Portability Requirements from Presidential Act

Mr. Vogt informed the Board that this rulemaking item will be suspended until further notice. Rule 307 of the LA Veterinary Practice Act is still in effect and the Board office will process applications from individuals with military qualifications and military spouses in the spirit of La. R.S. 37:3651 on a case-by-case basis. No motion was made, and no further action was taken on this matter at this time.

4. Chapter 4. Continuing Education and Rules 811 & 1227

In accordance with the May '23 vote from the Board, Mr. Granier will present to the Board at a later date a proposed Notice of Intent regarding Continuing Education relative to the definition of online continuing education and the maximum hours for online continuing education. Mr. Granier advised the Board that the Notice of Intent will be written to clean up all language in Chapter 4 of the LA Veterinary Practice Act as well as related Chapters and Rules as part of the Administrative Code Review. The new Notice of Intent will be presented to the Board for final approved once completed. No motion was made, and no further action was taken on this matter at this time.

5. Review of Chapter 10. Rules of Professional Conduct

As required by the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, Mr. Granier presented to the Board Chapter 10 on Rules of Professional Conduct for a full review. The Board discussed several rule changes related to rules §1007, §1025, §1039, §1053.C, and §1057. A Notice of Intent will be drafted and presented to the Board at the next available meeting for review of language changes before the formal rulemaking process is started.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. Policy Part VIII (8.01-8.10) – Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed policy (8.01 to 8.10) related to disaster recovery and business continuity for Board operations. Motion was made by Dr. Brandon to accept the proposed policy as presented, seconded by

Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. Review of Declaration Questions for License Renewals

Mr. Granier presented to the Board amendments to the renewal declaration questions to be put into effect in the '24-'25 renewal cycle starting July 1, 2024 to inquire whether a licensee has practiced with an expired license in the past year.

The Board also suggested that Rule §305.C of the LA Veterinary Practice Act be placed prominently in the online renewal instructions and renewal application to notify licensees that the Board will publish the name of any person holding an expired license to its online license verification directory and distribute this information to agencies which may include, but is not limited to, the Louisiana state controlled dangerous substances program, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Food and Drug Administration, the United States Department of Agriculture, drug supply wholesalers, veterinary supply wholesalers, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors, the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association, and any other entity that requests or is entitled to such information.

Mr. Granier also presented to the Board an Affidavit of Practice Verification that must be submitted along with updated contact and employment details for any application that is older than six months prior to the application being approved and a license being issued.

Motion was made by Dr. Findley to accept the proposed renewal and application changes as presented, seconded by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers. Minor language changes were discussed and the motion amended, after which time the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. Disciplinary Action After September 30th Deadline Against Expired Licensees/Registrants/Certificants Residing in Louisiana

Mr. Granier presented to the Board the list of currently expired licensees whose last known mailing address is listed in Louisiana. Discussion held in Executive Session as to possible disciplinary action against expired licensees in Louisiana. Motion made by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers to end the renewal cycle on Sept. 30th at midnight with specific notification sent to all expired licensees regarding statute §1531 and rule §305.C. Expired licensees must then contact Board for renewal instructions. It was also motioned to notify the DEA in accordance with rule §305.C and to copy licensees on this notice. Employers will also be notified of all expired licensees. The Board legal counsel will also send cease & desist letters to all expired licensees, detailing the disciplinary action possible by the Board for practicing veterinary medicine without an active license. These motions were seconded Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Declaratory Statements

1. None at this time

D. General Agenda

Request for Board Review of Osteopathy Service SOP at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

The services provided and the educational qualifications for Ms. Anais Musso were presented to the Board by Ms. Musso, Dr. Frank Andrews, Dr. Colin Mitchell, Dr. Cherie Pucheu-Hasten, and Dean Oliver Garden from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. After greater discussion in executive session, the motion was made outside of executive session by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers to accept and to approve Ms. Musso's osteopathy education. Motion was seconded by Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. Can a Non-Veterinarian Own a Veterinary Practice in Louisiana

The board fielded an oft-received query concerning the former prohibition of non-veterinarians owning veterinary facilities. The person posing the query was advised of the Rule change which now allows non-veterinary ownership of veterinary facilities and the licensee's responsibilities in answering to the Board and its regulatory provisions irrespective of employer directives.

2. Are there Prohibitions Against Acts of Goodwill Towards Clients

A licensee inquired about the propriety of a voluntary account adjustment in a case where a patient unexpectedly died during a routine nail clip. The licensee was advised that there were no regulatory prohibitions for an account adjustment as long as there was no motive to deceive the patient or any other untoward conduct by the licensee.

3. Question Regarding Heartworm and Flea Prevention Refills

Questions were posed by a licensee concerning the dispensing of medication by staff when a veterinarian was not on premises to conduct an examination or otherwise supervise the dispensing. The licensee was advised that if the VCPR is intact with a veterinarian associated with the practice, that if the dispensing is in the purview of refills authorized by the attending veterinarian, that if there is no new problem involving the patient and if the activity is limited to dispensing of oral medication that is a legend drug, then there is no need for an examination or supervision by the attending veterinarian with whom the VCPR was established.

4. How Should Records Be Maintained for Phenylpropanolamine

The Board received questions concerning the record keeping requirements of a legend drug insofar as the purchase and accounting for distribution is concerned, as well as the disposal protocol for expired inventory and was referred to the FDA for its requirements.

5. What Are State Requirements for DVM to Work at Clinic Attached to Shelter/Rescue

A query from a pharmaceutical representative concerning the propriety and limits of employment of a licensed veterinarian employed by an animal shelter was refused for lack of sufficient information.

6. Can DVM Prescribe Non-Controlled Compounded Meds for Personally Owned Livestock

The board was asked about the propriety of a licensed veterinarian prescribing non-controlled compounded medication to livestock owned by the veterinarian.

He was advised of the exception to the “practice of veterinary medicine” in the Practice Act notwithstanding licensee status so the board would not have jurisdiction over the owner in such a scenario but referred to the FDA for its view on the establishment of a VCPR as required by federal law to prescribe legend drugs.

7. What Procedures Can an RVT Do?

An RVT asked the board if dental extractions were allowed by RVTs in LA (species undefined), whether an RVT could close surgical incisions following surgery by the licensed veterinarian and whether there is a comprehensive listing of acceptable delegations to RVTs by licensed veterinarians. She was cited the Rules concerning limited extractions for horses and livestock, a prohibition from performing “dental operations” in other scenarios and the lack of a comprehensive list (and the reasons none exists) of acceptable duties that can be performed by an RVT.

8. Can Video/Photo by Client Complete Requirements Necessary for VCPR in LA

A licensee quoted Rule language thought to be ambiguous concerning the propriety of establishing a VCPR by telemedicine - i.e. without an accompanying physical examination and was advised that notwithstanding the licensee’s interpretation of Rule language, a physical examination is required by Board Rule and the adopted AVMA’s Principles of Ethics to establish a VCPR.

9. What Steps are Necessary to Hire for Equine Dentist (Non-Veterinarian)

A licensed veterinarian inquired of the Board concerning the requirements of hiring a lay assistant to perform enumerated equine dental tasks and whether a lay person so employed must obtain a certificate of approval from the board. She was advised that with board approved training, a lay person who is employed as a “W2” employee under direct supervision of the employing veterinarian may perform limited equine duties—i.e. the floating of molar, pre-molar and canine teeth and the removal of deciduous incisor and caps. Other other “dental operations” must be performed by the employing veterinarian. A citation to the specific rules was given.

10. Are DEA and CDS Licenses Mandatory for Veterinarians

A licensee queried the board concerning the mandatory obtaining of DEA registrations and CDS licenses in order to practice veterinary medicine in LA. He was advised that a DEA registration was not required by board regulations but referred to the DEA for practice limitations concerning scheduled drugs and to the Board of Pharmacy relative to prescription drugs.

11. Can EMS Treat an Injured K-9 in the Field While Transporting to Vet Office

An EMT asked the board about the acceptable medical measures that can be administered on an emergency basis to police/firefighter service dogs. After a discussion concerning same, counsel was instructed to respond as authorized by the board.

12. Legal for Non-Veterinary Staff to Administer Immiticide to Shelter-Owned Animals

A query was decided by the board: can a lay person administer a legend drug by injection to a shelter owned animal without supervision by a licensed

veterinarian? The query involves the complex overlay of various regulatory provisions as well as exquisitely fact sensitive issues necessary for an authoritative response, including what a licensed veterinarian who may have obtained the drug can delegate and the qualifications necessary of the employee to whom the duties are delegated; whether the shelter qualifies as a governmental entity whose “employees” are performing work within their job description so as to be exempted by the Practice Act from board regulation; the degree of licensee supervision of delegated duties in a shelter context concerning a specific class of drugs and related issues. Counsel was instructed to respond as per board discussion and instructions.

13. Information Requested Concerning Equine Dentistry Application, Fees, Dates

A question was posed in the most general terms concerning “equine dentistry certification/registration”. Citations were given concerning the unavailability of the certifications of “Registered Equine Dentists” and the employment of lay persons and RVTs and the acceptable scope of delegated duties within employment.

14. Can Medical Records Be Withheld Until Payment is Received

The board was asked about the propriety of refusing to provide medical records to client in circumstances where the client has a balance on the account. The licensee was advised that medical records may not be withheld from a client because the account is overdue, a civil not regulatory matter, although a reasonable charge can be made (typically the cost of reproduction) for providing those records or a synopsis thereof.

15. Legal Ownership of a Pet and What Our Responsibility is as a Vet Clinic

A dog, not microchipped, was found apparently abandoned by a regular client of the clinic whose owner posed the query. The regular client authorized vaccinations and limited care but claimed not to know who might actually own the dog. A person claiming ownership of the dog contacted the clinic seeking information about the dog. The veterinarian had authorization from the purported owner to disclose information about the dog but the client who presented the dog for treatment did not give authorization to disclose the content of medical records to others. The licensee wanted to know his obligations vis-à-vis the presenting client and the purported owner. The issue was declared moot when the presenting client voluntarily communicated with the purported owner.

F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed

1. If Owner Purchases Injections, Can We Administer the Drug

A licensee inquired concerning the propriety of administering a “black market” or FDA unapproved drug on behalf of clients who obtain the illegal drug. Counsel was instructed to respond to the query as per board discussion and instructions.

G. Consent Agenda Opinions - Expedited / Emergency Opinions

1. None at this time

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. AAVSB Presentation from Jim Penrod & Michelle Shane

Mr. Jim Penrod, AAVSB C.E.O and Ms. Michelle Shane, Director of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Board and AAVSB Board of Director Member, presented to the board the services available to member boards of the AAVSB. Of note for the Board was the continued benefit of the Board Basics and Beyond training for new board members, the Practice Act Model, and the VIVA data exchange program. No action was taken on this item.

B. 2023 ICVA Report to Licensing Boards

Mr. Granier presented to the Board the 2023 ICVA report related to NAVLE from the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA). No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

C. ICVA's Revision to NAVLE Retake Policy

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the ICVA will be implementing revisions to the NAVLE retake policy for candidates. Candidates will be permitted to take the NAVLE up to five times, including incomplete attempts. Candidates may appeal to the ICVA Board of Directors for approval to take the NAVLE more than five times. This NAVLE retake policy takes effect with the November-December 2024 administration. Attempts made prior to this administration are counted toward the five-attempt limit. No action was taken on this item.

D. Customer Service Survey Results, 2023 (Oct. '22 to Nov. '23)

Mr. Granier presented to the board the statistics from the 113 customer service survey responses received from October 30, 2022 to November 1, 2023. Board discussed the overall positive results and comments received, noting the consistent improvement in the performance of the Board office staff and the overall positive feedback related to the online application and license portals. The survey results will be made available online and will also be mailed to the appropriate state agency for reporting purposes by Mr. Granier. No action was taken on this item.

E. New Licenses and Certificates Issued

Mr. Granier reported all new licenses and certificates issued - 42 total listed below - from 09/13/23 to 11/15/23. Motion was made by Dr. Findley to accept and ratify all issued licenses as given, seconded by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

License No.	Name	Type	Issued On
30078	Daniel Boquet	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30079	Brittani Brown	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30080	Jamie Chustz	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30081	Ricky Cline	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30082	Collins Fairley	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30083	Kathleen Hixon	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30084	Jennifer Hotard	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30085	Lindsey Hunt	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30086	Aaron Landry	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30087	Haylee Manuel	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30088	Keddrick Peters	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30089	Thuy-Trang Pham	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023

30090	Dianna Riley	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30091	Averi Rojas	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30092	Morgan Talluto	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30093	Sierra Uselton	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30094	Ashley Vigie	CAET - Active - Full	10/13/2023
30095	Brittany Phillips	CAET - Active - Full	10/23/2023
10226	Margaret Joel	DVM - Active	10/01/2023
10227	Bruna Miessler	DVM - Active	10/04/2023
10228	Whitney Miller	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10229	Tifini Batts	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10230	Courtney Patson	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10231	Hilary Householder	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10232	Jenifer Newton	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10233	Allison Foster	DVM - Active	10/06/2023
10234	Madison Moffett	DVM - Active	10/10/2023
10235	Jeremy Coleman	DVM - Active	10/26/2023
10236	Priyanka Bhatia	DVM - Active	11/07/2023
10237	Alexis Zieve	DVM - Active	11/14/2023
3072	Amelia Constantine	DVM - Active	11/03/2023
Faculty 1148	John Payne	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/01/2023
Faculty 1154	Theresa Frey	DVM - Faculty - Active	09/30/2023
Faculty 1155	Lisa DiBernardi	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/03/2023
Faculty 1156	Jose Len	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/03/2023
Faculty 1157	David Trundell	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/17/2023
Faculty 1158	Reto Fritsche	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/23/2023
Faculty 1159	William Whitley	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/25/2023
Faculty 1160	Sandra Taboada	DVM - Faculty - Active	10/25/2023
Faculty 1161	Lynda Miller	DVM - Faculty - Active	11/08/2023
20102	Courtney Roberson	RVT - Active	10/04/2023
20103	Kendra Chriss	RVT - Active	10/06/2023

F. Report of Non-Renewed LA-Based Licensees (DVMs, RVTs, & CAETs)

Mr. Granier presented a list of all non-renewed DVM licensees with Louisiana addresses for review. These individuals have an expired license and are potentially practicing veterinary medicine in Louisiana in violation of the LA Veterinary Practice Act.

Refer to item V.B.3 – Disciplinary Action After September 30th Deadline Against Expired Licensees/Registrants/Certificants Residing in Louisiana – for the Board’s decision on the course of action to take at this time against these individuals with expired license statuses.

G. Office Updates – Applications, Renewals, Active Licensees, Complaints

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on the status of license renewals as of November 7, 2023 and on applications, complaints, and continuing education review requests from September 16 to November 15, 2023. No motion was made and no further action was taken on this matter.

NEW APPLICATIONS from 09/16/23 to 11/15/23			
Submitted Applications		Approved Applications	
Animal Euthanasia Technician	11	Animal Euthanasia Technician	4
Veterinarian	8	Veterinarian	2
Veterinarian - Faculty	10	Veterinarian - Faculty	7
Veterinary Technician	8	Veterinary Technician	0
Grand Total	37	Grand Total	13

2023 RENEWAL CYCLE (as of 11/07)	Not Renewed	Renewed	Complete Pct (%)	TOTAL # of ACTIVE (as of 11/07)
CAETs	29	155	84%	174
Active - Full	29	134		153
Active - Lead	0	21		21
DVMs	93	1653	95%	1729
Active	87	1648		1724
Inactive - Disabled	1	0		0
Inactive - Retired	5	5		5
Military - Active Status	0	0		0
DVMs - Faculty	40	113	74%	163
Faculty - Active	40	113		163
RVTs	49	302	86%	333
Active	49	302		333
Grand Total	211	2,223	91%	2,399

COMPLAINTS			
<i>From 09/16/23 to 11/15/23</i>		<i>Still On-Going / Active</i>	
Complaints Received	3	Pending Cases (licensees)	14
Complaints Closed	10	Pending Cases (non-licensees)	10
Consent Orders Issued	0	Consent Orders	3
Consent Orders Closed	0	HPFLA Referrals	0
Other Negative Actions *	0	Other Negative Actions *	0
* Other negative actions include, formal reprimands, informal reprimands, cease and desist notices, etc.			

CONTINUING EDUCATION REVIEWS & APPROVALS
<i>From 09/16/23 to 11/15/23</i>
<i>34 CE activity requests were approved for the '23-'24 CE period (from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).</i>

- A. AAVSB Board of Director Meeting Recap – Potential VTNE Policy Change**
Mr. Granier updated the Board on current discussions by the AAVSB's Board of Directors concerning a potential change to the VTNE eligibility policy. Several member boards requested that AAVSB amend its policy related to candidates from accredited institutions being able to sit for the exam prior to graduation. No motion was made and no further action was taken on this matter.
- B. LBVM Spring '24 Annual Newsletter – Request for Article Ideas**
Mr. Granier solicited article ideas from board members for the annual newsletter to be released in the spring '24. No motion was made and no further action was taken on this matter.
- C. Review of Texas Equine Dental School as Approved Training for Layperson Dental Assistant**
The Board was presented with a request from a layperson interested in having his education reviewed and approved by the Board in order to work as a dental assistant under a licensed veterinarian in accordance with rule §712 of the LA Veterinary Practice Act. After a review of the provisions concerning the content of required instruction and the instruction received by the layperson, motion was made by Dr. Brandon to approve the educational training presented, seconded by Dr. Findley. Mr. Granier was instructed to build a database to compile and track educational approvals as they are received. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. None at this time

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

All votes noted for the following agenda items in executive session were made at the end of discussion and out of executive session.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. None at this time

IX. LICENSING ISSUES

- A. Sally Coco, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**
Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Coco, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Lambert Coco, Jr., DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**
Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Coco, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Joseph Strother, Jr., DVM – Request for Inactive Disabled Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Strother, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Disabled and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. John Lawrence, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Lawrence, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Michael Liles, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Liles, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. Mica Landry, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Landry, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2023-2024 per rule 405C. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

G. Cedric Dennis, CAET, Disciplinary Review for '23-'24 Renewal Responses

Following review of the documentation provided by Mr. Dennis, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to take no action and dissolve the matter. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. Sharie Davidson, DVM, Disciplinary Review for '23-'24 Renewal Responses

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Davidson, motion was made at the end of executive session, by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to take no action and dissolve the matter. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

X. APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Marie Faucheux, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Faucheux. Motion was made outside of executive session by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement as the documents provided supported the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and registration in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. *Update:* Civil Litigation, LBVM vs. O. Nyzhnyk (Suit No. 2021-9164 A)

The Board was briefed on the status of its suit against an individual practicing equine dentistry without a license as a veterinarian and outside the employment of a veterinarian by general counsel.

B. *Update:* Civil Litigation, Pelican Institute vs. LBVM (Suit No. C-735730)

The Board was briefed on the status of a civil suit filed against it on behalf of three

DVMs who are/were licensed out of state and who either applied for a waiver of the requirement to retake the NAVLE or did not apply for licensure due to the Rule language adopted by the Board.

C. Legal Strategy Discussion on Potential Litigations Against Non-Licensee Practice of Veterinary Medicine

The board was briefed on the progress of several investigations of individuals alleging the practice of veterinary medicine without a license. Mr. Vogt and Mr Granier were instructed by the Board to handle the initial complaints/allegations with the same protocols as complaints against licensees.

D. Update – Board Office Staff

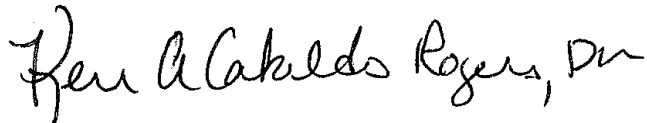
Mr. Granier informed the Board of the excellent progress being made in office operations by new staff. No action was taken on this item.

Upon conclusion of all discussions in executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. McHughes, and approved unanimously by voice vote. All votes and action taken related to administrative hearings, applicant issues, licensee issues, and personnel reviews above were made out of executive session. A motion was made by Dr. Cataldo-Rogers to approve in globo all waivers for applicant and licensee issues, seconded by Dr. Findley. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. McHughes, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Minutes reviewed and approved by full board on February 1, 2024.



Keri Cataldo-Rogers, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer