

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
December 10, 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
Dr. Trisha C. Marullo, DVM	Board Member
Jared B. Granier	Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt	Board General Counsel

Absent:

James R. Corley, DVM	Board Member
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Guests:

John Walther	Assistant Commissioner, Animal Health & Food Safety
Bland O'Conner	LVMA
Dale Paccamonti, DVM	<i>himself</i>

Statement of Obligations was read aloud by Dr. Stevens to all present for the meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Board Minutes October 1, 2020**

The Board reviewed the minutes from October 1, 2020. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Financial Reports** - Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of August, September and October '20 for review. It was noted to the Board that accounting changes were made to better reflect actual expenses and liabilities in financial data. Motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Dr. Marullo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. FY2020 Legislative Audit** - Mr. Granier presented the legislative auditor's report for FY2020 for review. All items matters of deficiency, including updated written policies and procedures, outstanding check issues and sexual harassment reporting were all discussed. Mr. Granier has started implementing the recommendations from the contracted auditor. No further action was taken on this matter.

- C. **Proposed Budget for FY 2022** –Mr. Granier presented proposed budget for FY2022 for review. Following discussion of income and expenditure projections, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, to accept the proposed budget as presented, seconded by Dr. Marullo, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

### **A. Case 21-1006 (9:00am) – Proposed Consent Order**

*Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding administrative proceedings not subject to public disclosure as per the law, seconded by Dr. Marullo, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

The respondent waived appearance at the hearing. Mr. Vogt presented the facts of the case, submitted exhibits for review, and a Consent Order for consideration by the Board. Upon conclusion of the presentation and questions, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Marullo to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

*Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and approved unanimously by voice vote, to address the agreement.*

Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Marullo to accept the Consent Order as presented for this case. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## VI. DVM, RVT, AND CAET ISSUES

*Motion was made by Dr. Marullo 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. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

- A. **Case 17-0809 – Petition to Apply for DEA Registration** – The Board reviewed the petition for DEA registration to be allowed by licensee, per the conditions & rights given after three years to the licensee in the agreed-upon Consent Order. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to **approve** petition to apply for DEA Registration. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. **George L. Reese, DVM - Request for Change Status – Inactive Retired** – The Board reviewed affidavits and documentation provided by Dr. Reese. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and waiver of 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. **Joseph V. Strother, Jr., DVM - Request for Change Status – Inactive Disabled** - The Board reviewed affidavits and documentation provided by Dr. Strother. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to approve status change to Inactive Disabled and waiver of 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2020-2021 (he is older than 65 years of age). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



*Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and approved unanimously by voice vote. All votes related to applicant and licensee issues noted above were made out of executive session.*

## **VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES**

*Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant 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. Marullo, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

- A. Joseph P. Blount, DVM – Request Waiver Preceptorship Requirement – 2020** graduate of Texas A&M CVM, licensed in TX. The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Dr. Blount. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, 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. Erin L. Katribe, DVM – Re-Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement - 2009** graduate of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in CA, TX, and UT. The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Dr. Katribe. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements (waiver of preceptorship requirement was previously approved in October '20 meeting) 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.
  
- D. Thomas B. Little, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement – 1993** graduate of Illinois University SVM, licensed in IL and NV. The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Dr. Little. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, 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.
  
- E. Dale L. Paccamonti, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement – 1981** graduate of MSU SVM, licensed in MD and DE. The Board reviewed the documentation submitted by Dr. Paccamonti, including additional work history documentation. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, 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.

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## **VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES**

### **A. General Update**

#### **1. No action taken**

### **B. Policy and Procedure**

#### **1. No action taken**

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

#### **1. NAVLE Waiver Discussion**

There was an extensive discussion regarding a possible Rule change regarding the language allowing a waiver of the requirement that all applicants for licensure in Louisiana successfully pass the national examinations—i.e. under Rule 303 B (4). A waiver is allowed when an out of state, licensed veterinarian has been employed on a full time basis in a private practice for the five years immediately preceding his application. The language of the Rule is ambiguous and its application in the past has been problematic and has led to results not particularly desired by the Board, e.g. very well qualified applicants being denied the waiver for insignificant periods of time of employment preceding the application and/or disparate impact on applicants based on short-term needs for absences from employment which had no effect on clinical skills. Suggested wording changes were offered by counsel. Counsel was asked to prepare a Rule change to be filed at a later date when other desired changes are filed, to avoid unnecessary expense.

#### **2. Inactive License Status as Defined in Practice Act**

In responding to a query concerning a long inactive licensee wanting guidance on what would be necessary to become a fully active licensed veterinarian, it was determined by counsel that inactive status was erroneously allowed since there was no accompanying affidavit establishing disability or retirement and age 65. Research revealed that a significant number of inactive licensees have never presented affidavits of retirement/age 65 or disability as required by the Board Rules, and due to the passage of time becoming active again would be burdensome in terms of past due fees and continuing education required. The Board, after discussion, instructed counsel and the Board's executive director to notify these licensees of the Rule requirements of the presentation of affidavit evidence of retirement/age 65 and/or disability, and the requirement that a new application for licensure (including successful retaking of all state and national exams) is needed if the application for return to active status is filed more than 5 years after becoming inactive. The Board authorized a reduction of the payment in the difference between inactive renewal fees and active renewal fees for those who are notified and wish to become active again.

As such, for all inactive licensees without an affidavit of retirement/disability, the Board authorized the reduction of payment for the '21-'22 renewal cycle to include only three years of back payment to bring fees up-to-date for active status rather than the actual five years which would be necessary for the majority of the long inactive licensees. In the '21-'22 renewal cycle, all inactive licensees without affidavits of retirement/disability must either renew to return to active status by submitting any outstanding CE hours and payment for the past three cycles of the remaining fees due for active status, otherwise at the end of the renewal cycle, these licensees will be considered expired and require a new application for active licensure

(including successful retaking of all state and national exams)

**3. CAET Rule Review Related to Approved Employment Locations**

The Board continued its discussion regarding the restriction of the practice of a CAET and lead CAET to employment involving public shelters and governmental agencies engaging in animal control activities. However, the Rules do not specifically restrict the practice. Counsel reported to the Board the results of research regarding how other jurisdictions provide by Rule or statute such restrictions. The Board instructed counsel to draft Rule change proposals which clearly reflect such a restriction to be filed with other Rule changes required by the Board in the upcoming months.

**4. Late Renewal Charges for Hurricane Laura Victims**

After further consideration, it was determined by the Board that the emergency rule previously voted on regarding the waiving of the late renewal charges for Hurricane Laura victims was not necessary. The executive director and legal counsel were instructed to not move forward with executing the emergency rule.

**IX. PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES**

**A. None at this time**

**IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES**

**A. LSU SVM – Inaugural Education Day** – Mr. Granier presented a continuing education request for review and approval. Following review of the request and program outline, motion was made by Dr. Marullo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to approve CE request. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**A. Licensure Issue – Reported Out-of-State Conviction** - Mr. Vogt informed Board no further progress made in reported conviction. Mr. Granier and Mr. Vogt will continue to monitor situation for a possible re-visit of this matter at a future Board meeting.

**B. Licensure Issue – Requirement for Specific Duty** - Board made no motion and deferred this agenda item, instructing Legal Counsel to obtain more information from IDEXX for a re-visit of this matter at a future Board meeting.

**C. Possible Complaint Regarding Unlicensed Practice of Veterinary Medicine** - Legal counsel will be proceeding with Cease and Desist, and move forward with formal investigation into this matter.

**D. CAET Training Course Scheduled, Feb '21** - Mr. Granier and Dr. Cataldo presented to the Board the details for the CAET Training Course scheduled in February '21. No action taken on this matter.

**E. Proposed Winter 2020-2021 Newsletter** – Mr. Granier proposed a draft containing topics and statistics to be included in the Winter 2020-2021 newsletter. Changes/Additions were requested. Motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Marullo, to approve the newsletter with proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.



**F. Customer Satisfaction Questionnaire** – Mr. Granier presented a summary of the customer service questionnaire comments from October 2019 through November 2020. The majority of the responses were positive and the results will be mailed to the appropriate state agency for reporting purposes. No action was taken on this item.

**G. 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 09/18/20 to 11/17/20). No motion made pertaining to the licenses and certifications issued.

**DVM**

3789	Jennifer Lauren	Godfrey
3790	Christine Louise	Gerrity
3791	Vikramjit Singh	Dhillon
3792	Lindsey Jordan	Harvey
3793	Talesha Cade	Brown
3794	Courtney Elizabeth	Landry
3795	Christopher Louis	Barlow
3796	Jeffrey Lewis	Rothstein
3797	Scott Clark	Vaughan
Faculty 212	Warry	Emma Elizabeth
Faculty 216	Peycke	Laura E
Faculty 217	Heinz	Justin Andrew

**RVT**

8501	Malorie Schwartz	Rice
8502	Jennifer Alisa	Dilldine
8503	Hailey Marie	Latting
8504	Rebecca Jean	Matt
8505	Jessie Leigh	Doucet
8506	Scarlett Marie	Delatte
8507	Raylynn Elizabeth	Boasso
8508	Sydney Gwen	Gillespie
8509	Candace Marie	Miranda
8510	Madison Martinez	Guarino
8511	Shannon Marie Hennessy	Garrison
8512	Denice Lavon	Hollis
8513	Katie Marie	Vedros
8514	Giovanni Ludovic	Gerrets

**CAET**

9927	Lauren Michelle	Jordan
9928	Angela K.	LeBlanc
9929	Jada Marie	Duhon
9930	Andrea Anne	Mire
9931	Madison Mary	Kinchen
9932	Colton Grant	Addison
9933	Leslie Lynn	Robertson
9934	Angelique Michelle	Stevens
9935	Anthony Michael	Hooker,

Jr.

**H. LA DVM Non-Renewed Licensees** - Mr. Granier presented summary of non-renewed DVM licensees with Louisiana addresses for review. No action was taken on this item.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. None at this time.**

**XI. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Marullo, seconded by Dr. Stevens, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35pm.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on February, 2020.



Alfred G. Stevens, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer