

## LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Meeting Agenda – October 3, 2024

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Larry Findley, Sr., called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

### II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Jesse Brandon, as follows:

Those present:

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| Larry L. Findley, Sr, DVM  | Board President           |
| Christine D. McHughes, DVM | Board Vice President      |
| Jesse S. Brandon, DVM      | Board Secretary-Treasurer |
| Christopher Morris, DVM    | Board Member              |
| Jared B. Granier           | Board Executive Director  |
| Stephen H. Vogt            | Board General Counsel     |

Those absent:

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| Trisha C. Marullo, DVM | Board Member |
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Board President, Dr. Findley, welcomed Dr. Morris as the newest member of the Board.

The Board's Statement of Obligations (below) was read aloud by Dr. Brandon to all present for the meeting. Attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves (if desired) and to make public comments to the Board. No written comments were received prior to October 3, 2024.

*Statement of Obligations, Revised by Board Legal Counsel on October 6, 2020 – The Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (being a state regulatory agency within the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry) is a governmental entity whose mandate is to protect the public/animals by enforcing its jurisdiction of interpreting and implementing applicable laws, and the rules it promulgates, regarding the acceptable standard of veterinary care in LA. The Board has sole and sovereign authority in Louisiana over the practice of veterinary medicine as granted to it by the Legislature. The Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate and take an Oath of Office. The Board members in discharge of their duties are also held to the ethical standards of state government officials. By statute, candidates for the Governor's consideration for appointment to the Board are made by the state professional association. While a Board member may hold general membership in a professional association, he is legally and ethically bound to his Oath of Office and will discharge his duties without any considerations or goals beyond his lawful obligations on the Board. A Board member does not represent the interests of the practitioners of veterinary medicine or a professional association while he serves on the Board, nor will he use his office to engage in any conduct which may constitute restraint of lawful trade.*

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Board Minutes for August 1, 2024

The Board reviewed minutes from August 1, 2024. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as given. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

### A. Financial Reports – July & August ‘24

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of July and August ‘24 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 and seconded to accept the financial reports as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### B. Investments, CDs – FY 2025

Mr. Granier reviewed figures for accrued interest amounts and total investments for current certificates of deposit (CDs) for FY2025. CDs will continue to roll over as they mature unless withdrawal is requested from the Board by Mr Granier. It was indicated that the capitalized interest earned and principal amount from two CDs that most recently matured on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> was reinvested with an interest rate of 5.25 to 5.00% and 5.35% to 5.05%, respectively. CPA will account for total capitalized interest in the final report at the end of FY2025. Motion was made and seconded to accept the investment report as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### C. Annual Fiscal Report, FY2024

Mr. Granier presented the Board’s FY 2024 Annual Fiscal Report for review. CPA was consulted and it was noted that there are no negative items of concern in the AFR. Motion was made and seconded to approve the final amended budget as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### D. Agreed-Upon-Procedures (AUP) Audit Report, FY 2024

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the legislative auditor’s report (AUP) for the FY2024 was not received until one day prior to the meeting. It will be presented for review at the December ’24 Board meeting. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

### E. Approval Request for FY2024 Auditor Payment

Dr. Finley motioned to add this item to the agenda, seconded by Dr. McHughes. Mr. Granier requested approval to make payment for the FY2024 auditor in accordance with Board policy. Motion was made and seconded to approve the final amended budget as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

*Updates to all rulemaking projects can be found at [www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking](http://www.lsbvm.org/rulemaking).*

#### 1. LAC 46LXXXV.Chapter 13

##### **Repromulgation of Zoo Personnel**

Mr. Granier updated the Board on the repromulgation of Chapter 13, which was finalized and promulgated in the *Louisiana Register* June ’24 edition, effective June 20, 2024. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

#### 2. LAC 46LXXXV.Chapter 9

### **Repromulgation of Peer Assistance Program**

Mr. Granier updated the Board on the repromulgation of Chapter 9, which was finalized and promulgated in the *Louisiana Register* June '24 edition, effective June 20, 2024. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

### **3. LAC 46LXXXV.Chapter 4**

#### **Continuing Education and Rules 811 & 1227**

Mr. Granier advised the Board that the Final Rule - having received a favourable oversight review from the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development – was finalized and promulgated in the *Louisiana Register's* August edition, effective August 20, 2024. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

### **4. LAC 46LXXXV. 703, 706, 708, 709, 710, 711, 713, & 714**

#### **Repromulgation of Chapter 7 sections**

In accordance with the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, after a comprehensive review of Chapter 7 the Board repromulgated all sections of Chapter 7 that were not amended in V.A.4 of the agenda below, which was finalized and promulgated in the *Louisiana Register* August '24 edition, effective August 20, 2024. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

### **5. LAC 46LXXXV.1007.1011.1025.1039.1051.1057.1063**

#### **Chapter 10 - Rules of Professional Conduct**

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Summary Report was submitted to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development on August 12<sup>th</sup> and the Notice of Intent was also submitted to the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

### **6. LAC 46LXXXV.700, 701, 702, 704, 705, 707, & 712**

#### **Chapter 7 - Veterinary Practice**

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Notice of Intent and Fiscal & Economic Impact Statements were submitted on July 18, 2024 to the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office for review. The Notice of Intent was published in the *Louisiana Register's* August '24 edition, with the First Report to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development submitted for review concurrently. The period for public comments was August 21 to September 9 during which time one comment was received. Mr. Granier presented the written comment received related to Regulatory Project 2024-07a.

With no further public comments and pursuant to the Board's consideration and discussion of written comment received, a motion was made and seconded to move forward with the rulemaking process with no further changes to the Notice of Intent. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A response to the written comment will be prepared and forwarded to the interested party. The Notice of Intent will be submitted to the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for review.

**7. LAC 46LXXXV.700**

**Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship**

Mr. Granier informed the Board that this rulemaking discussion will be tabled for a future meeting date as more preparation is needed at this time by the Board's Legal Counsel and Executive Director. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

**8. LAC 46LXXXV.301, 801, & 1201**

**Licensing Procedures**

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed rule amendment to LAC 46:LXXXV. Sections 301, 801, and 1201 in Chapters 3, 8 and 12 - respectively - in an effort to provide greater uniformity and clarity to the application for licensure language for veterinarians (DVMs), registered veterinary technicians (RVTs), and certified animal euthanasia technicians (CAETs). The amendments to sections 301.F, 801.F, and 1201.E will change the length of time for which an application is valid from two years to one year from the initial application submission date.

After discussion, the Board determined that this amendment is reasonable due to several changes which have accelerated the application process including: the Board's transition to an online application process; the establishment of an online testing option for the required state jurisprudence exam; the repeal of the letters of recommendation requirement for licensure; the repeal of the eight-week preceptorship program requirement for DVM licensure; the addition of three total CAET trainings annually; and, the addition of a third testing window annually for the national exam (NAVLE) for DVMs.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Notice of Intent and move forward with the rulemaking process. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will proceed with the rulemaking process in accordance with the APA guidelines and submit the Notice of Intent and Fiscal & Economic Impact Statements to the Louisiana Legislative Fiscal Office for review.

**B. Policies and Procedures**

**1. None at this time**

**C. Declaratory Statements**

**1. None at this time**

**D. General Agenda**

**1. Hospital anesthesiology department protocol - approval to prescribe medications for after-hours procedures**

The board was contacted by an RVT concerned about his employer's protocol concerning his supervision when providing anesthesia related services to patients and whether the protocol was compliant with board regulations. The following scenario was provided: For after hours and emergency surgeries, the RVT is called into the facility on an as needed basis to provide anesthesia services. The anesthesia protocol is provided by the RVT, whose department supervisor reviews for approval the next business day—i.e. after its implementation for the benefit of a patient. The anesthesia

protocol is selected by the RVT from a “general” plan that considers the species of animal and its weight, without regard to patient-specific considerations, or formulates the protocol on his own initiative. The surgeon does not, except in rare cases, offer assistance in the selection and administration of the drugs used and the department superior (anaesthesiologist) of the RVT is off premises but may be available by phone if the RVT has questions or issues of concern. The RVT asked about the regulatory propriety of this form of supervision.

The board determined that the department DVM anaesthesiologist supervisor under these circumstances is not providing “direct supervision” as required by the Board Rules for RVTs administering prescription drugs to non-boarding animals (see Rule 702.D), nor is the exception to this requirement present when the supervising DVM does not personally check the status of the patient within 24 hrs and does not chart the precise treatment plan (See Rule 702.D.2 a-f). However, the surgeon that is on premises and performing those services requiring anesthesia IS responsible for the supervision and delegation of work to the RVT, notwithstanding the employer’s designation of supervisor status of the absent DVM.

## **E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered**

### **1. Is a DVM required to give client a prescription for indicated drug at their request for use at another pharmacy (online or brick and mortar)**

A licensed veterinarian contacted the board inquiring as to the regulatory propriety of his employer’s directive to not honor a request by an online pharmacy for a prescription medically indicated due to concerns the on-line pharmacy had a history of filling prescription with “counterfeit” medications. The licensee was advised that under Rule 705 a veterinarian is not required provide a prescription when it is not directly requested by the client. Further, even if directly requested by the client, in circumstances where there is a legitimate concern by the veterinarian that the prescription will not be safe for in-home administration, the veterinarian is not compelled to provide a prescription. In instances where the medication, if properly manufactured, is generally safe for in-home administration but there are legitimate concerns the pharmacy may provide unsafe or ineffective medication, the veterinarian should discuss those concerns with the client and if the client insists that the prescription be issued notwithstanding those concerns, a note in the chart should be made but the prescription should be provided. The primary factor in refusing to provide a client who directly requests a prescription be given for an appropriate medication must not be that the practice will be deprived of the profit from the transaction of filling the prescription.

### **2. Do you have to have a DVM on site to use a class 3B cold laser on horses**

A non-licensee contacted the board to inquire about the permissibility from a regulatory standpoint of providing 3B cold laser treatment for horses without a licensed veterinarian being on premises for supervision when the services are provided. In posing the question the business model of the non-licensee was described, which did not involve employment by a veterinarian. The person posing the query was advised that under the circumstances described she could well be practicing veterinary medicine unlawfully as a non-licensee providing alternative therapy to equines. In order for a person to provide such services who is not employed by a veterinarian, under Rule 712 the treatment must be by order of the veterinarian who has established a valid VCPR, who directly supervises (on premises) the treatment after obtaining informed consent from the client and who is responsible for the treatment provided.

**3. What is needed for me to go to work under a vet until I pass the NAVLE**

A graduate from a veterinary school of medicine asked the board about what is required to practice veterinary medicine under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian pending obtaining a passing score on the NAVLE. He was advised that under the Board's Rules, he cannot do more than is permissible for a lay assistant. See Rule 700.

**4. Is non-veterinarian ownership of a clinic permissible**

This oft-asked question was again answered by the board: Rule 1015 does not require the ownership entity of facilities providing services that would constitute the practice of veterinary medicine to be licensed by the board. Rather the Rule requires the individual providing those services to be licensed and answerable to the board notwithstanding ownership directives.

**5. Questions related to practice/possibilities after license suspension**

A veterinarian whose license is under suspension asked the board about the requirements of keeping the suspended license from becoming an expired license so that after 5 years a retake of the NAVLE would be required. She was advised that her license is "active", albeit under suspension, and not "expired" as long as ongoing CE and the payment of renewal fees is made on a timely basis. The retaking of the NAVLE would not come into play as long as the license did not become "expired" without renewal for the five year period. Questions about eligibility for employment as an instructor was deferred as premature and the licensee was advised to contact potential employers to discuss eligibility as an instructor at a vet tech school with a suspended license.

**6. Does a practice have to have specific wording in its name to house or hospitalize patients overnight?**

The board was asked by a licensed veterinarian whether certain words or phrases are required in the naming of a veterinarian facility that houses or hospitalizes patients overnight. He was referred to the board rules, Rule 711 and 1053. Rule 711 defines veterinary facilities and provides for mandatory equipment and requirements for various types of entities (e.g. hospital, clinic, etc.) and Rule 1053 requires that "hospitals" use either "veterinary" or "hospital" along with the term "hospital". Other pertinent provisions were cited ancillary to the primary question.

**F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed**

**1. None at this time**

**G. Consent Agenda Opinions - Expedited / Emergency Opinions**

**1. What constitutes pet ownership if records are conflicting**

A licensed veterinarian anticipating the need for consent to euthanasia of a patient asked the board what constitutes ownership of the patient where there are multiple, differing indicators — i.e. client/ownership status on intake of the patient, microchip data and actual physical possession of the patient. He was advised that "ownership" of an animal is a civil law determination and not a regulatory determination, although the Rules may use "owner" and "client" interchangeably. He was advised that he is entitled to rely on the "client" status in his medical records first, but absent an emergency scenario, he should attempt to contact all parties possessing an indicia of ownership for confirmation of status. If ownership is in dispute thereafter, the veterinarian was advised that absent an emergency he is free to decline to provide euthanasia services.

After review and discussion of all General Agenda and Consent Agenda Opinion items, a motion was made and seconded to ratify all opinions given. With no further discussions and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **H. Relevant Legislation Enacted - Requires Board Action**

### **1. None at this time**

## **VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

### **A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued**

Mr. Granier reported all new licenses and certificates issued - 34 total listed below - from 07/19/24 to 09/21/24. A motion was made and seconded to accept and ratify all issued licenses, registrations, and certificates as given. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. *{List of all new licenses and certificates issued can be found at the end of this document.}*

### **B. Office Updates – Applications, Renewals, Active Licensees, Complaints**

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on applications, complaints, continuing education review requests, and the current renewal cycle from 07/19/24 to 09/22/24. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter. *{All statistics reported can be found at the end of this document.}*

### **C. Proposed Board Meeting Dates, 2025**

Mr. Granier presented proposed Board meeting dates for 2025. A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed dates as presented to be printed in the Board's Fall '24 newsletter and published in the next edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The 2025 board meeting dates are February 6, April 3, June 5, August 7, October 2, December 4. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **D. AAVSB Annual Meeting Report – San Diego, CA, Sept. 25 to 28, 2024**

Mr. Granier presented a review of various topics and discussions from the 2024 AAVSB Annual Conference in San Diego, California. No action was taken on this item.

### **E. FARB Conference, January 25-28 - Fort Worth, TX**

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the FARB conference dates were moved and it is no longer being held in January '25. The '25 Annual FARB conference will be held on July 23 to 26, 2025. He will present a request to attend the next FARB conference once the new agenda is made available. No action was taken on this item.

## **VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES**

### **A. Brandi Sandstrom, DVM – CE Request for Board Certification Prep Course for American College of Veterinary Preventative Medicine**

Mr. Granier presented to the Board Dr. Sandstrom's request for 10 hours of online continuing education hours for participation in the Board Certification Prep Course for ACVPM. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept Dr. Sandstrom's request for ten hours of online continuing education hours for this activity. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding licensees, applicants, and administrative hearings not subject to public disclosure as per Louisiana open meetings law and passed unanimously by roll call 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. Report of Non-Renewed LA-Based Licensees (DVMs, RVTs, & CAETs)**

The board received information concerning the number of licenses that have not been timely renewed and which may indicate the unauthorized practice of veterinary medicine due to data showing the locale of the practice or employment is in Louisiana. Instructions were given regarding follow up efforts to identify licensees and certificate holders who may be continuing to practice or engage in accredited employment despite the expired status of their licenses and certificates.

### **B. James Slaughter, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Slaughter, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **C. John Lawrence, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Lawrence, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **D. James Floyd, Jr, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Floyd, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **E. David Moore, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Moore, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### **F. Boyd Clement, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Slaughter, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed



unanimously by voice vote.

**G. John Emerson, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Emerson, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**H. Cynthia Smith, DVM – Request for Inactive Retired Status**

Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Smith, a motion was made at the end of executive session and seconded to approve status change to Inactive Retired and to waive the 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2024-2025 per rule 405C. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**X. APPLICANT ISSUES**

**A. Harold Traxler, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Traxler. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded to defer and request additional documentation from Dr. Traxler. If the information received satisfied the parameters given by the board provisional authority was given the Executive Director to issue a license, subject to ratification by the board following issuance. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**B. Loren Kempf, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Kempf. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**C. Robert Simpson, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Simpson. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**D. Justin McCormick, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. McCormick. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**E. Jessica Roebuck, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Roebuck. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded to defer and request additional documentation from Dr. Roebuck. If the

information received satisfied the parameters given by the board provisional authority was given the Executive Director to issue a license, subject to ratification by the board following issuance. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**F. Tammy Sadek, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Sadek. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded to defer and request additional documentation from Dr. Sadek. If the information received satisfied the parameters given by the board provisional authority was given the Executive Director to issue a license, subject to ratification by the board following issuance. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**G. Kelsey Bailey, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Bailey. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**H. Brandy Watson, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Watson. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded to defer and request additional documentation from Dr. Watson. If the information received satisfied the parameters given by the board provisional authority was given the Executive Director to issue a license, subject to ratification by the board following issuance. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**I. Laken Russell, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Russell. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**J. Annamarie Marziliano, DVM – Waiver Request of VTNE Retake**

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Ms. Marziliano. Russell. A motion was made outside of executive session and seconded 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. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

All votes noted for the licensing (IX.) and application (X.) agenda items given above in executive session were made en globo at the end of discussion and out of executive session.

**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.

**D. Legal Strategy Discussion for Practicing with Expired - but newly Renewed - License**

Mr. Granier provided to the Board for review a list of all expired licensees as of October 1st – particularly those CAETs, RVTs, and DVMs whose either place of employment and/or mailing address may suggest that they are practicing in Louisiana with an expired certificate or license. The Board decided to review each renewal and/or current expired license on a case-by-case basis and have Mr. Vogt and Mr. Granier issue notification to each licensee of the potential violation for practicing without a license. Those individual licensees and certificate holders who declare that they have practiced without a license since September 30th or those who are suspected to have practiced but falsified their response for the '24-'25 renewal will be presented to the Board at its December '24 meeting. All licensees and certificate holders who will be presented to the Board at the December '24 meeting will be given sufficient notification via email from Mr. Granier at least 30 days in advance of the meeting date.

**E. Maximum Employee Wage Increase for FY 2026 Budget**

Mr. Granier presented the Board with the historical data of employee wage increases. Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to keep maximum possible wage increase at 7% for FY2026 budget. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Upon conclusion of all administrative, licensing, and applicant discussions in executive session as well as discussions related to current and potential civil litigations, a motion was made to return to regular session and seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote. All votes and action taken related to administrative hearings, applicant issues, and licensee issues above were made out of executive session.

**XII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19pm.

Minutes reviewed and approved by full board on December 5, 2024.

  
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Jess Brandon, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer

**Agenda Item - VI.A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued**

**New Licenses Issued** from 07/19/24 to 09/21/24

*34 total issued*

| License No.  | Name                   | Type                   | Issued On  |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 30136        | Ber, Catherine         | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/10/2024 |
| 30137        | Handwerk, Ashley       | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/10/2024 |
| 30138        | Adams, Antravyon       | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/10/2024 |
| 30139        | Perrodin, Jessica      | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/12/2024 |
| 30140        | Bowers, Rhiannon       | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/12/2024 |
| 30141        | Barker, Virginia       | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/12/2024 |
| 30142        | Hantz, Kaylee          | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/13/2024 |
| 30143        | Sandoval Istre, Amanda | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/13/2024 |
| 30144        | Sachse, Kayla          | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/13/2024 |
| 30145        | Hampton, Kelsey        | CAET - Active - Full   | 09/13/2024 |
| 10306        | Lex, Zoey              | DVM - Active           | 07/24/2024 |
| 10307        | Jules, Staci           | DVM - Active           | 08/02/2024 |
| 10308        | Jonatan, Abraham       | DVM - Active           | 08/09/2024 |
| 10309        | Myers, Adam            | DVM - Active           | 08/21/2024 |
| 10310        | Fontenot, Kayla        | DVM - Active           | 09/09/2024 |
| 10311        | McClanahan, Ambrielle  | DVM - Active           | 09/09/2024 |
| Faculty 1195 | Lu, Michael            | DVM - Faculty - Active | 07/22/2024 |
| Faculty 1196 | Gozzard, Heather       | DVM - Faculty - Active | 07/22/2024 |
| Faculty 1197 | Kasirye, Mark          | DVM - Faculty - Active | 07/22/2024 |
| Faculty 1198 | Mahoney, Kelly         | DVM - Faculty - Active | 07/29/2024 |
| Faculty 1199 | Aleksandrova, Svetlina | DVM - Faculty - Active | 08/07/2024 |
| Faculty 1200 | Allouch, Margot        | DVM - Faculty - Active | 08/07/2024 |
| Faculty 1201 | McLaughlin, Ronald     | DVM - Faculty - Active | 09/12/2024 |
| 20119        | Minion, NaTaija        | RVT - Active           | 07/31/2024 |
| 20120        | Hand, Macie            | RVT - Active           | 07/31/2024 |
| 20121        | Smith, Breunna         | RVT - Active           | 08/20/2024 |
| 20122        | McLeod, Wesleigh       | RVT - Active           | 08/21/2024 |
| 20123        | Hotard, Claire         | RVT - Active           | 08/21/2024 |
| 20124        | Wulfert, Brennen       | RVT - Active           | 08/21/2024 |
| 20125        | Brown, Lauren          | RVT - Active           | 08/21/2024 |
| 20126        | Richard, Danielle      | RVT - Active           | 08/23/2024 |
| 20127        | Avocato, Alyssa        | RVT - Active           | 08/27/2024 |
| 20128        | Henriques, Bailey      | RVT - Active           | 08/28/2024 |
| 20129        | Collins, Ashli         | RVT - Active           | 09/19/2024 |

**Agenda Item - VI.B. Office Updates - Applications,  
Active Licensees, Complaints, and Renewals**

| NEW APPLICATIONS from 07/19/24 to 09/22/24 |           |                              |           |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Submitted Applications                     |           | Approved Applications        |           |
| Animal Euthanasia Technician               | 1         | Animal Euthanasia Technician | 10        |
| Veterinarian                               | 18        | Veterinarian                 | 6         |
| Veterinarian - Faculty                     | 3         | Veterinarian - Faculty       | 7         |
| Veterinary Technician                      | 15        | Veterinary Technician        | 11        |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                         | <b>37</b> | <b>Grand Total</b>           | <b>34</b> |

| Current Licensee Count <i>(as of 10/02)</i> | Total # of ACTIVE |
|---|-------------------|
| <b>CAETs</b>                                | <b>186</b>        |
| CAET - Active - Full                        | 166               |
| CAET - Active - Lead                        | 20                |
| <b>DVMs</b>                                 | <b>1,719</b>      |
| DVM - Active                                | 1,708             |
| DVM - Inactive - Disabled                   | 1                 |
| DVM - Inactive - Retired                    | 10                |
| DVM - Military - Active Status              | 0                 |
| <b>DVMs - Faculty</b>                       | <b>131</b>        |
| DVM - Faculty - Active                      | 131               |
| <b>RVTs</b>                                 | <b>334</b>        |
| RVT - Active                                | 334               |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                          | <b>2,370</b>      |

| 2024 RENEWAL CYCLE <i>(as of 10/02)</i> | Not Renewed | Renewed      | Pct (%)    |
|---|-------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>CAETs</b>                            | <b>29</b>   | <b>145</b>   | <b>83%</b> |
| Active - Full                           | 29          | 125          |            |
| Active - Lead                           | 1           | 20           |            |
| <b>DVMs</b>                             | <b>104</b>  | <b>1,656</b> | <b>94%</b> |
| Active                                  | 93          | 1,656        |            |
| Inactive - Disabled                     | 1           | 0            |            |
| Inactive - Retired                      | 10          | 0            |            |
| Military - Active Status                | 0           | 0            |            |
| <b>DVMs - Faculty</b>                   | <b>39</b>   | <b>108</b>   | <b>73%</b> |
| Faculty - Active                        | 39          | 108          |            |
| <b>RVTs</b>                             | <b>40</b>   | <b>322</b>   | <b>89%</b> |
| Active                                  | 40          | 322          |            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                      | <b>212</b>  | <b>2,231</b> | <b>91%</b> |

| COMPLAINTS   |    |                                  |   |
|--|----|----------------------------------|---|
| <i>From 07/19/24 to 09/22/24</i>   |    | <i>Still On-Going / Active</i>   |   |
| Complaints Received  | 2  | Pending Cases (licensees)        | 8 |
| Complaints Closed  | 10 | Pending Cases (non-licensees)    | 3 |
| Consent Orders Issued  | 0  | Consent Orders                   | 1 |
| Consent Orders Closed  | 0  | HPFLA Referrals (new & on-going) | 7 |
| 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**

*From 07/19/24 to 09/22/24*

*31 CE activity requests were approved for the '24-'25 CE period.*