

LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Alfred Stevens, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those present:

Alfred G. Stevens, DVM	Board President
Trisha C. Marullo, DVM	Board Vice President
Larry L. Findley, Sr, DVM	Secretary-Treasurer
Joseph Bondurant, Jr.	Board Member
Keri A. Cataldo, DVM	Board Member
Jared B. Granier	Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt	Board General Counsel

Guests:

Melanie Talley	Louisiana Veterinary Medical Association
Ana Zorilla	Louisiana SPCA
Dean Oliver Garden, DVM	LSU School of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Bonnie Boudreaux	LSU School of Veterinary Medicine
Michelle Hall	LA Office of Attorney General
Joe Donahue	LA Office of Attorney General
Robert Burns	SoundOffLA.com

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes for February 2, 2023

The Board reviewed minutes from February 2, 2023. With no discussion on the minutes as given, motion was made to accept the minutes with the proposed correction by Dr. Marullo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Dr. Stevens opened the floor to comments from the public.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – January & February '23

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of January and February '23 for review by the Board. Mr. Granier informed the Board that all financial matters are in order with no unordinary expenses outside of slightly higher than expected banking fees from credit card processing charges. There were no questions regarding financial reports reviewed by the Board members. Motion was made by Dr. Cataldo to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Dr. Marullo. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Investments, CDs - FY 2023

Mr. Granier reviewed accrued interest amounts for current certificates of deposit (CDs) for FY2023. Several CDs will mature in the upcoming fiscal quarter. Mr. Granier will roll these CDs over and anticipates a continued increase in the interest rates for these CDs as rates continue to rise. Motion was made by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr.

Cataldo, to accept the investment report as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Software for Online Board Books & Tablet Purchase Authorization

Mr. Granier presented an option for moving the board books given to board members prior to the meeting to an online version rather than the current printed and compiled hard copies of the books. Feedback from the board members was that the concept is welcomed but the software presented was not desirable. Instruction was given to Mr. Granier to continue searching for a suitable online option for moving the board books online. Presentation of any new option will be given at a future meeting once found, along with a proposal for purchase of tablets for board members. No further action taken on this item.

D. Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program

Mr. Joe Donahue was invited to present to the Board the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP). The OLPR was created by Act 399 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session, codified in La. R.S. 49:260, and provides increased scrutiny of rulemaking activity to ensure new rules, rule amendments and/or repeals of rules proposed by the Board. This will ensure compliance with clearly articulated state policies by review of proposed occupational regulations, as defined in La. R.S. 49:260(G)(4) and 49:951(8), and/or proposed occupational disciplinary actions. Mr. Vogt and Mr. Granier proposed participation in the OLPR in lieu of participation in the Division of Administration's Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC). The OLRC currently provides active supervision of state executive branch occupational licensing boards controlled by active market participants to ensure compliance with state policy in the adoption of occupational regulations promulgated by an occupational licensing board. Motion was made by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. Marullo, to approve participation by the Board in the DOJ's OLPR program for the upcoming FY2024 fiscal year. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. Approval Request for Thentia Contract for Data Dump Report

Mr. Granier presented two proposals from Thentia, the Board's licensing software vendor. In accordance with Board policy 5.04, all purchases over \$1,000 require full Board approval. The first proposal in the amount of \$2,250 is for an analytics report allowing a large report of all application and licensing data to be downloaded from the software. The second proposal in the amount of \$1,575 is for the removal of the preceptorship section of the LBVM Application Portal. Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve both proposals. There was more discussion on the vendor's process, but the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions *(see page 2 for descriptions)*

1. Project (Update): LAC 46LXXXV.Chapter 12 – Preceptorship for DVM Licensure

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the summary report to the Legislative Oversight Committees was approved, and the Final Rule will be promulgated in the April '23 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. No further action was taken on this item.

2. Project (Update): LAC 46LXXXV.100.105 – Amendment for Petition for Rule Modification

Mr. Granier notified the Board that the proposed Notice of Intent was submitted to the Legislative Oversight Committees in March and received subsequent approval.

The Final Rule will be reviewed by the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) at its May 12, 2023 meeting. If approved, the Final Rule is anticipated to be promulgated into the June '23 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. No further action was taken on this item.

3. *Project (Update): LAC 46LXXXV.301.801.1201 – Repeal of Letter of Reference Requirement for Applicants*

Mr. Granier notified the Board that the Fiscal and Economic Impact Statements were reviewed and approved by the LA Legislative Fiscal Office in February '23. The Notice of Intent will be presented to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) at its May 12, 2023 meeting. Simultaneously, the First Report will also be submitted for review by the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development. No further action was taken on this item.

4. *Project (Update): Expedited Licensure for Active Military and Spouses*

Mr. Vogt informed the Board that he is still working on the legislative-required rule changes concerning the licensing of individuals with military training, licensing endorsements of military spouses and dependents as per La. R.S. 37:3651 as affecting present Rule 307 concerning the expedited issuance of license for individuals with military qualifications and military spouses.

The Board was also notified of the Veterans Auto and Education Improvements Act recently passed in January '23 by President Joe Biden. As part of this Act, military personnel and their spouses licensed in any profession (excluding law) can automatically practice in another jurisdiction when relocating pursuant to military orders, under certain conditions. It requires the recognition of a state-issued professional license so long as the license is maintained in good standing and the military personnel and/or spouse agree to abide by the relocation state's practice acts and regulations. Military personnel and/or spouse must provide the Board with a copy of the military order, and their right to practice is limited to the period of that order.

Considering this recent federal act, Mr. Vogt must take this into consideration when evaluating what rulemaking action is needed to codify this federal act along with the state legislative requirements from La. R.S. 37:3651.

The final rulemaking proposal will be brought before the Board for a vote once completed. No motion was made, and no further action was taken on this matter. While the possible rule changes are created, the Board will act as though its Rules have been amended as per La. R.S. 37:3651, using its discretionary functions.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. Policy X.XX – Protocol for Waiver Requests of NAVLE/VTNE Re-take

Mr. Granier and Mr. Vogt informed the Board that the proposed protocol for waiver requests of the NAVLE/VTNE re-takes is still work in progress. The desired outcome is to lessen the burden of documentation required for submission by the applicant with respect to the waivers and in lieu of this documentation, the requirement of an affidavit and summary/statement of employment history. This affidavit and policy is still being worked on and will be presented to the Board for review at a later date once completed. No further action was taken on this item.

2. Policy X.XX – Complaint Protocol for Non-Licensees Practicing Veterinary

Medicine

General Counsel noted to the Board an influx in complaints received, formally and informally, concerning non-licensees who appear to be practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Discussed were the Board's procedural options of filing suit in district court, where injunctive relief is available vs. filing against non-licensees in an administrative hearing with the Board adjudicating the matter without injunctive relief, with the adjudication appealable to district court. Pros and cons were discussed. Also, although not required prior to either filing a cease and desist letter may be issued. The discussion was centered around whether adopting a policy would be desirable since the Board meets every 60 days or so. The Board declined to adopt a policy at this time and consider a determination on a case-by-case basis to be adequate and sufficiently timely.

3. Policy XXX – Continuing Education, Defining Online vs. In-Person/Live

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed language change to the rules regarding Continuing Education, specifically the definition of online activity. Rather than defining what online activity is and capping the online hours, Mr. Granier proposed that the rule language is amended to state that there is a minimum of 10 required CE hours that must be from "contact participation" as it is defined in Rule 400. (Contact participation is defined as physical attendance at seminars, lectures, conferences, or workshops.) Mr. Granier also provided some statistics to the Board indicating that 15 out of the 21 responding boards (71%) do not limit online CE hours. In other words, all CE hours can be completed in whatever delivery method (in-person or online) that the licensee chooses. Mr. Granier informed the Board that while there is no specific exemption possibility for this rule, there has been an increase from licensees of requests for exemption from the current limit of 10 online CE hours. The Board requested that this agenda item be deferred to the May '23 meeting. No motion was made, and no further action was taken on this matter.

C. Declaratory Statements

1. None at this time

D. General Agenda

1. Can Animal Control Officers Microchip Publicly Owned Pets

A licensee, noting a prior Board decision which prohibited animal control officers from microchipping animals that had not been captured and in formal possession of an animal control facility, inquired as to the present status of the prohibition. The licensee was advised by counsel that a search of the content of prior board decisions on topic was not definitive but highly suggestive of a finding that such services are prohibited by the Practice Act and Board Rules implementing its provisions. A provisional opinion was issued, and ratified by the Board, that the exception to the Practice Act that, generally, where an employee of a governmental entity is acting within his official duties is not answerable to the board is not present with the scenario of privately owned patients being seen and microchips are inserted. That does constitute the practice of veterinary medicine and by rule only a licensed veterinarian may do that, or a qualified employee under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

2. Governmental Contract for Care of Publicly Owned Animals

Can a licensed veterinarian employed by a governmental entity provide services to animals owned by the public? That essential question was posed to the Board in the context of a potential amendment to an ordinance expanding the role of a contract

veterinarian to treatment of animals owned by the public vs. only those animals captured or surrendered to a public animal shelter. The Board responded that the Practice Act nor Board Rules prohibit this. The licensed veterinarian, despite the ownership and location of his employment, is answerable to the Board just as any other licensee employed in a private practice. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, permissible delegation of veterinary tasks, equipment required for certain veterinary services allowed (e.g. surgery), the maintenance of proper records, the establishment of a valid VCPR, the DEA and FDA's regulations and rules, and all other standards and requirements of practice set out in the Practice Act, Board Rules and the AVMA's principles of ethics—without regard to the ownership of the practice.

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. Can We Authorize Prescriptions via Phone or Fax to Another Pharmacy?

A licensee inquired of the Board whether it was acceptable under regulatory authorities to fax or phone in a prescription for a client with whom a valid VCPR to a national vendor of prescription medications. The licensee was advised, subject to board ratification, that the Board Rules do not require that as it is not a “direct request” by the client and that a prescription may be given to the client for an appropriate medication to be filled via the national vendor, but that he may do so at his discretion and using his professional judgment as to the quality of the medications dispensed by that vendor. A telephone communication or fax is an acceptable form of communication and request that a prescription be filled.

2. Can Faculty Licensee Prescribe for Personal Pet?

The board was asked whether regulatory authorities given to the Board allowed a faculty licensee to write prescriptions for non-controlled medications for their personally owned pets. The inquirer was advised provisionally (now ratified by the Board) that a faculty licensee is allowed by Board Rule to use his license “for all aspects of his employment at” LSU-SVM. This employment is not necessarily limited by physical location at the school, but the practice is limited to the scope of his employment by the school. Rule 303 E.

3. Animal Osteopath Practicing in Louisiana

A foreign osteopath inquired of the Board the regulations that come into play with a proposed practice in Louisiana. He was advised of the content of Rule 712, which requires an order for services written by a licensed Louisiana veterinarian who has first established a VCPR with the owner, direct supervision by the licensed veterinarian (on premises) who is also responsible, and informed written consent given to the owner. The alternative therapist must possess a license or certificate issued by a regulatory authority in Louisiana or possess verification of an educational level acceptable to the Board in the subject matter of the alternative therapy. The inquirer was encouraged to write the Board (informal petition) offering evidence of the educational level obtained and requesting acceptance of the educational level as accepted.

4. Can Lead CAET Order/Maintain Federal Legend Non-Controlled Substances

A practice query was posed to the Board as to whether a Lead CAET could “legally” order and maintain non-controlled legend drugs for the sole purpose of “restraining, capturing and euthanizing” animals. He was cited Rule 1225 (B) which allows CAETs qualified for “lead” status to be limited to Sodium pentobarbital, tiletamine hydrochloride and zolazepam hydrochloride and ketamine hydrochloride. See

La.R.S. 37: 1556 B and Rule 1225 B. Who and under what circumstances can order and maintain legend drugs in an animal control setting is governed by Rule 704 A (1) and (2). Rule 1209 B addresses the use (not ordering/maintaining) Xylazine by a CAET, lead or otherwise, in the pre-euthanasia restraint of feral or fractious animals

5. What Limitations are There for Non-Veterinarian Ultrasonographers

A query by a licensed veterinarian who had been approached by non-licensed ultrasonographers to use his facility was posed to the Board, asking if the non-licensees were allowed, under board regulations, to obtain ultrasound guided fine needle aspirations for cytology who were not under the active supervision of a licensed veterinarian. He was advised under the circumstances posed that the activity would constitute the “practice of veterinary medicine” under the Practice Act and would be prohibited from doing such absent compliance with Rule 712 requirements—i.e. generally the licensed veterinarian must establish the VCPR, provide an order for the service, be responsible to the client with written, informed consent and under the active supervision of the veterinarian. Education must be via certification by a Louisiana regulatory board or an acceptable level of education. The inquirer was also cautioned that even though the operations of the proposal would not be a part of the veterinarian’s practice, only housed at a facility owned by a licensee, that it is a breach of ethical principles to promote, aid or abet in the practice of veterinary medicine by an unlicensed person. Rule 1029.

6. Can Remote VCPR be Established, and Drugs Prescribed Remotely

A query was posed to the Board as to whether under Louisiana authorities it was acceptable for a licensed veterinarian to prescribe drugs solely remotely—i.e. through “telemedicine”. The inquirer was advised that under Board Rules—i.e. not applying to FDA legend drugs—a VCPR, which is needed to prescribe drugs—cannot be established remotely.

7. Filling 90 Day Supply of a Controlled Drug

A licensee, at the suggestion of the Board of Pharmacy, asked the Board if it was against our regulations and laws to prescribe a 90 day supply of a controlled drug regulated by the DEA if a valid VCPR had been established and the supply was available in house. He was advised that insofar as DEA regulations are concerned, the Board is a secondary regulator and will make no independent analysis or finding of DEA compliance (but will take action with a finding of non-compliance by the DEA) but there is no absolute prohibition against filling a 90 day supply. He was cautioned that the issuance of a prescription must be based on the establishment of a VCPR and ongoing knowledge of the condition the animal or herd sufficient to maintain a VCPR and that professional, sound judgment should be used to maintain the VCPR during the prescription’s life. Also, that prudence required satisfaction of the issue of any substantial chance such drugs would be diverted and that the convenience of the client to request a 90 day supply may be outweighed by these concerns.

8. Disposition of Controlled Substances Logs

A licensee asked of the Board whether it was acceptable in a regulatory context to dispose of logs of controlled drugs when allowed to do so by the DEA. He was advised that the Board’s Rules require that medical records be kept for a period of 5 years from the time of the last patient visit, and that the mandatory content of medical records do not include the logs required to order and maintain controlled drugs that are not patient specific.

9. Legality of Telehealth or Telemedicine

An Oregon veterinarian whose client had moved to Louisiana asked if it was permissible to “consult” with the client via telemedicine. He was advised that under Louisiana law and Board Rules this would not be permissible unless he was acting as a consultant for a Louisiana licensed veterinarian. When the patient resides in the state in order to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine one must be licensed here or acting as a consultant for a local licensee with a VCPR. Further, in order to maintain a VCPR a personal examination is required to establish and then, under certain circumstances, maintain a VCPR, which cannot be done remotely.

10. Legal Difference Between Registered Vet Tech vs Assistants

The Board was asked of a listing of those permissible duties an RVT can perform vs. a lay veterinary assistant. She was advised that no such listing exists—what can be done by those categories of employees is dependent on the task delegated, the degree of supervision and the nature of the facility where the patient receives care. The inquirer was given a citation regarding Rules that may govern the inquiry but otherwise the question was too broad for an authoritative response.

11. Needing Help Regarding THC/CBD Products for Animals

The Board was asked for a clarification on the recommendations for the use of THC and CBD contacting products. The lengthy response given in similar queries, answered in May and December of 2022 was cited.

12. Are IV Catheter & Pre-Anaesthetic Blood Work Required for Small Animal Surgeries

A former Texas licensee recently licensed in LA asked whether the above described for small animal surgeries in Louisiana. He was advised that neither is mandatory per prior Board decision with regard to IV catheter use (April 2019 Board minutes) and that although Pre-Anaesthesia blood work is advised, a client sufficiently informed of the inherent risks may refuse Pre-Anaesthesia blood work. He was also cited the content of the mandatory pre-anaesthesia consent form. Rule 1039 B

13. Responsibility Involved for Volunteer of Services

A veterinarian contemplating retirement from work at an animal shelter asked the Board if she would be held accountable for work in advising of overall shelter health if that was done on a volunteer basis and not a part of her employment with the shelter. She was advised that her volunteer status would not be a shield for the obligations and duties required of any licensee, and that as a volunteer she would not fit in an exception concerning the practice of veterinary medicine provided by the Practice Act for employees of governmental entities acting in the scope of employment.

14. What Can Vet Assistants and RVTs Legally Do in LA

An inquiry similar to query #10, above, was posed & answered in the same fashion.

15. Written Prescriptions for Clients

A client asked the Board if, under the Board’s regulatory authorities, a veterinarian could refuse to write a prescription for an otherwise appropriate medication to be filled at the pharmacy of the client’s choosing. He was directed to Rule 705 G and advised that under certain circumstances the request cannot be refused, but that the veterinarian prescribing the medication can charge a reasonable fee for those services incidental to work reasonably required. The conditions requiring issuing the prescription are, generally: the VCPR has been established and it has been determined the medication is appropriate; the medication is safe to administer at

home; the patient's life is not endangered by a delay in administration; it is not for a controlled drug and is otherwise a proper medication; the prescription is directly requested by the client. Prior board decisions were also cited: a request by an online pharmacy for a prescription is not a direct request by the client; when the source has been proven, in the good faith experience of the veterinarian not to be reliable by providing on prior occasions out of date medication, sold in foreign countries or has been found lacking in purity, the Board will not compel the veterinarian to provide a written prescription to the client. Further, the reason for refusal must, basically, not be that some other person will receive the financial remuneration for the sale of the product.

16. Offering In-Home Euthanasia & Related Controlled Drug Storage Regulations

A licensee sought a citation of regulatory authorities specific to a proposed practice for in-home euthanasia and the accompanying regulations concerning storage of drugs regulated by the DEA (controlled drugs). The inquirer was referred to the primary regulators of the storage issue, the DEA, the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the FDA. Certain general, ancillary questions not necessarily raised by the inquirer were cited but otherwise, the query was too broad and indefinite for an authoritative response.

F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed

1. None at this time

G. Consent Agenda Opinions - Expedited / Emergency Opinions

1. None at this time

After review and discussion of all General Agenda and Consent Agenda Opinion items, motion was made by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Marullo, to ratify all opinions given. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued

Mr. Granier reported all new DVM licenses (including Faculty), RVT registrations, and CAET certificates issued listed below from 01/13/23 to 03/10/23. Motion was made by Dr. Cataldo to accept and ratify all issued licenses as given, seconded by Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

License No.	Name	Type	Issued On
9497	Megan Choate	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30050	Gage Babbs	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30051	Gabriel Bailey	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30052	Keely Beasley	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30053	Colin Black	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30054	Hunter Campbell	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30055	Layla Chandler	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30056	Cedrick Conner Jr	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30057	Ashley Domangue	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30058	Dawn Godfrey	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30059	Jennifer Hollas	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30060	Jimi Leger	CAET - Full	03/06/2023

30061	Lillian Lynch	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30062	Paul Neal	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30063	Abbi Parfait	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30064	Jamie Smith-Scaffidi	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30065	Gwendolyn Self	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30066	Taquilla Nelson	CAET - Full	03/06/2023
30067	Mark Maiden	CAET - Full	03/08/2023
10150	James Charlot	DVM	01/17/2023
10151	Erin Carter	DVM	01/18/2023
10152	Jenna Charles	DVM	01/30/2023
10153	Sara Ochoa	DVM	02/03/2023
10154	Robin Tolmer-Paterson	DVM	02/07/2023
10155	Kaitlin Dever	DVM	02/07/2023
10156	Savannah Burch	DVM	02/07/2023
10157	Delaney Oxford	DVM	02/07/2023
10158	Carolina Collazos	DVM	02/07/2023
Faculty 1097	Mark Byrum	DVM Faculty	01/17/2023
Faculty 1098	Megan Mickelson	DVM Faculty	01/17/2023
Faculty 1099	Bruna Miessler	DVM Faculty	02/01/2023
Faculty 1100	Allyson Sterman	DVM Faculty	02/01/2023
Faculty 1101	Victoria Hare	DVM Faculty	02/07/2023
Faculty 157	Samantha Miles	DVM Faculty	01/20/2023
20069	Melissa Sewell	RVT - Active	01/17/2023
20070	Brittany Zak	RVT - Active	02/03/2023

B. Office Updates – Applications, Renewals, Complaints

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on applications and complaint statistics as seen below from 01/13/23 to 03/10/23. No motion was made, and no further action was taken on this matter.

NEW APPLICATIONS from 01/13/2023 to 03/10/2023			
Submitted Applications		Approved Applications	
Animal Euthanasia Technician	14	Animal Euthanasia Technician	19
Veterinarian	9	Veterinarian	9
Veterinarian - Faculty	7	Veterinarian - Faculty	6
Veterinary Technician	9	Veterinary Technician	2
Grand Total	39	Grand Total	36

COMPLAINTS			
From 01/13/23 to 03/10/23		Still On-Going / Active	
Complaints Received	11	Pending Cases (licensees)	13
Complaints Closed	5	Pending Cases (non-licensees)	7
Consent Orders Issued	0	Consent Orders	2
Consent Orders Closed	0	Other Negative Actions *	0
Other Negative Actions *	1	Other Negative Actions *	0
* Other negative actions include, formal reprimands, informal reprimands, cease and desist notices, etc.			

C. Report on Regulatory Workshop Attendance on February 10, 2023

Mr. Granier reported to the board on the Dale Atkinson Regulatory Workshop attended

February 10, 2023 in Baton Rouge. This was a great networking opportunity to for Mr. Granier to meeting other Executive Directors, Legal Counsels, and Board Members from numerous other Louisiana regulatory boards, and to learn other boards' best practices. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

D. Report on LSU SVM Orientation Presentation on February 8, 2023

Mr. Granier reported to the board in his presentation to the LSU SVM's 3rd year DVM students entering their clinical rotations. His presentation included licensure application instructions and details on the board's function as well as current and upcoming regulatory rulemaking changes from the Board. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

E. 2022 AAVSB Member Board Profile Survey

The board was presented the 2022 annual member board profile survey results from the AAVSB. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

F. Report on CAET Training Course on March 2, 2023

Mr. Granier and Dr. Cataldo presented to the Board their impressions of the expanded CAET training course held on March 2nd in Hammond, LA. This course included first-time presentations from the Board's Peer Assistance Program partners, HPFLA, and the Louisiana SPCA. Representatives from the LA Board of Pharmacy also presented to the attendees. Dr. Cataldo and Mr. Granier were very pleased with all of the new presenters and plan on continuing to have them present to future CAET training classes. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. Proposal of CE Hours for LBVM Board Meeting Attendance

Mr. Granier submitted a continuing education proposal to the Board, requesting approval for up to six (6) in-person hours annually of CE credit for any licensee who attend LBVM board meetings. A maximum of three (3) hours can be earned from each meeting attendance, and the licensee must be physically present for at least three hours to earn all three CE credits. After each Board meeting, the Executive Director will prepare a CE Reporting Form for any licensee in attendance. The CE Reporting Form will be emailed to the licensees to upload into the LBVM License Portal for CE activity reporting for that particular CE period.

Motion was made by Dr. Marullo to approve the proposal as presented above, seconded by Dr. Findley. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES

A. None at this time

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 roll call voice vote.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Case 21-1006 I

The Board was briefed on the status of pending litigation. The Board received legal advice and gave counsel directions for further action to be taken, as deemed necessary.

No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

X. LICENSING ISSUES

A. *Update:* Katelyn Whaley, RVT – Continuing Education Petition

The Board was briefed on the status of a prior request for waiver of contact continuing education by an RVT. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

XI. APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Matthew Barnhart, DVM – Waiver Request of Preceptorship & NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Barnhart. Motion was made outside of executive session by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to approve waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the waiver criteria 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. Sarah Leteff, RVT – Waiver Request of VTNE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Ms. Leteff. Motion was made outside of executive session by Dr. Marullo, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve waiver of retake of the national examination as the documents provided meet 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.

C. Corinne C. Mayer, DVM – Waiver Request of Preceptorship & NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Mayer. Motion was made outside of executive session by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Findley, to approve waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the waiver criteria for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board was briefed on the status of pending litigation. The Board received legal advice and gave counsel directions for further action to be taken, as deemed necessary. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

B. *Update:* Potential Practice Act Violation by Non-Licensee (Case #23-1219 N)

The Board was advised of the receipt of information that an individual may be practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Strategy and instructions were given counsel. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

C. *Update:* Potential Practice Act Violation by Non-Licensee (Case #23-0225 N)

The Board was advised of the receipt of information that an individual may be practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Strategy and instructions were given counsel. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

D. *New:* Potential Practice Act Violation by Non-Licensees (Case #23-0213 N, #23-0212 N, #23-0211 N)

The Board was advised of the receipt of information that an individual may be practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Strategy and instructions were given counsel. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

E. New: Notification of Petition for Rule Repeal - Pelican Institute/Stooksbury/Breen

No motion made or action taken on agenda item. The Board was advised of the filing of a petition for a repeal of a Rule. Hearing will be scheduled for the next board meeting when the Board will be fully briefed. No motion made or action taken on agenda item.

Upon conclusion of discussions in executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and approved unanimously by voice vote. All motions and votes related to administrative hearings, applicant and licensee issues above were made by the Board out of executive session.

XIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Findley, and passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on May 23, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Larry Findley, Sr.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Larry Findley, Sr., DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer