

LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Meeting Agenda – August 5, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Christine McHughes Barr, called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Christopher Morris, as follows:

Those present:

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

The Board's Statement of Obligations (below) was read aloud by Dr. Morris to all present for the meeting.

Statement of Obligations – The LA 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.

Attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves (if desired) and to make general public comments to the Board. No written comments were received prior to August 5th, 2025.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes for June 5, 2025

The Board reviewed minutes from June 5, 2025. 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 from all members in attendance.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS & CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports – May & June '25

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of March and April '25 for review by the Board. Mr. Granier informed the Board that all financial matters are in

order, with no unexpected expenditures, and are within budgetary expectations. 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 from all members in attendance.

B. Investments, CDs – FY 2026

Mr. Granier reviewed final 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 most recently matured CDs on June 6, 17, and 20, 2025 were reinvested with interest rates of 4.35%, 4.20%, and 4.10%, respectively. CPA will account for total capitalized interest in the final fiscal-year-end report. Mr. Granier also informed the Board that he purchased a \$25,000 CD on June 24, 2025 at a 4.18% rather than the originally-approved \$50,000 CD from the June 5, 2025 meeting. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the investment reports as presented. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

C. FY2025 Year-End Budget Review Amendment

Mr. Granier presented the final budget amendments for FY2025 for Board review and discussion. FY2025 budgeted figures were adjusted to bring the FY2025 final budget within acceptable variances in accordance with the '24 Legislative Auditor's AUP Reporting. 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 from all members in attendance.

D. Status of New Board Member Appointments

Mr. Granier informed the Board that notification of an appointment has not yet been received from the Governor's Office. The Board continues to await the appointment for the replacement of Dr. Marullo, who will remain on the Board until such appointment is made. The end date of Dr. Marullo's appointment was supposed to be July 31, 2025. No motion made or action taken on this matter.

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

1. LAC 46LXXXV.301, 801, & 1201 - Licensing Procedures

Mr. Granier notified the Board that the final rule was promulgated in the 2025 Louisiana Register, Volume 51, June edition - effective 06/20/25. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

2. LAC 46LXXXV.106, 108, 401, 805, 807, 809, & 815 - Various Rules

In accordance with the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, after a review of rules 106, 108, 401, 407, 805, 807, 809 and 815, the Board intends to repromulgate all rules listed except for rule 407. All rules have been promulgated in the Louisiana Register July '25 edition, effective July 20, 2025. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

3. LAC 46LXXXV.305, 407, 811, 813, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1213, 1215, & 1217 - Various Rules Related to Renewals of Licenses & Certificates

In accordance with the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, after a review of rules 813, 1203, 1205, 1207, and 1217, the Board intends to repromulgate these

rules as is. All rules will be re-promulgated in the Louisiana Register September '25 edition, effective September 20, 2025.

The Board reviewed several amendments suggested by Mr. Granier to rules 305, 407, 811, 1213, and 1215, with respect to the renewal of licenses and certificates. There are no substantive changes to the renewal or continuing education requirements for licensure or certification. The proposed amendments make rule language clearer and more uniform and consistent.

Upon review, motion was made, and seconded, to finalize and approve rules amendments. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will begin the formal rulemaking process for amendments to rules 305, 407, 811, 1213, 1215.

4. Administrative Code Review Update

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review and Executive Order Number 25-038, the Board continues to comprehensively review all rules of LAC 46LXXXV. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. None at this time

Notice Concerning Informal Practice Queries & Formal Declaratory Statements – Mr. Vogt made a statement concerning the policies and procedures for answering formal declaratory statements, informal practice queries and consent agenda items.

Declaratory statements are formal opinions rendered by the Board and are denoted as such. They are clarifications of an issue arising under the Board's regulatory authorities made after a formal petition by a licensee and have the effect of law until modified by subsequent Board decision or the promulgation of a contrary Rule. Declaratory Statements apply to the particular factual circumstances presented to the Board by the petitioning licensee with the information required under Rule 1423.

Responses to Informal Practice Queries provided by general counsel are provisional and require subsequent Board ratification or modification. They may be relied upon by the licensee posing the query until considered by the Board for ratification or modification. If modified, the licensee is directly informed of the terms of modification and is thereafter governed by the terms of the modification, which is published in the minutes of the following Board meeting. An Informal Practice Query decided by the Board will be published in the minutes adopted in the following meeting and applies to the licensee posing the query. It is informational as to the practice generally.

Both Declaratory Statements and Responses to Informal Practice Queries are limited to the factual circumstances presented to the Board and the regulatory authorities considered.

C. Declaratory Statements

1. None at this time

D. General Agenda

1. Is a faculty license required for junior surgery & clinical skills lab

A representative of the LSU-SVM inquired as to the propriety of a faculty member

who does not possess an active or faculty license supervising 3rd year students performing spays and neuters in connection with a program affiliated with local animal shelters. Although the unlicensed faculty member would, under most circumstances, not participate physically in the surgical procedures, it was posed there may be circumstances during the procedures that required the faculty member to intervene and offer “hands on” care. A series of communications preparatory to presenting the issue to the Board for deliberations and providing an answer to the informal practice query confirmed that the patients were no longer redeemable by the owner or owners prior to the shelter obtaining custody, but would, following the mandated procedure under state law, be offered for adoption. The procedures would be physically performed on the LSU-SVM campus. The patients are not a part of a spay/neuter program offered to the public, but are shelter owned/possessed beyond the redemptive period provided for by state law.

The resolution of the issue would be dependent on the interpretation of Rule 303.E (La. Administrative Code, 49:LXXXV), which provides, in pertinent part: “Pursuant to Section 1533 of the Veterinary Practice Act, a faculty license to practice veterinary medicine issued by the board to a veterinary member of the faculty at LSU-SVM is required when the conduct extends to the direct (hands-on) practice of veterinary medicine on an animal owned by the public whether by referral from another veterinarian, or by direct patient access without referral, as part of his employment at the school. The licensed faculty veterinarian shall be ultimately responsible for the proper veterinary care of the animal and held administratively accountable by the board per its regulatory authority.” (emphasis added)

The Board considered several established principles and the history of the passage of Rule 303.E in arriving at its conclusion to answer this informal practice query, including the following:

1. Purely academic instructors whose duties do not involve direct patient care on publicly owned animals and the supervision of such care come within the “teaching” exception to licensure under the Practice Act (La. R.S. 1514.7), Board minutes, 12-8-93.
2. The provision of veterinary services to patients owned by the LSU-SVM do not require the provider to be licensed by the board under the Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:1514)
3. The presentation of the patient for the spay/neuter to the surgical skills or clinical skills areas at LSU-SVM is pursuant to state laws not under the Board’s regulatory authorities for primary enforcement allowing, under statutorily prescribed circumstances, the services to be provided by students at LSU-SVM and spays/neuters are required by ancillary state laws to animals acquired by the shelter for subsequent adoption by the public. Accordingly, the patients are not presented by either referral from a veterinarian or direct patient access without referral, within the meaning of Rule 303.E.
4. The history of the promulgation of Rule 303.E is consistent with the interpretation of the terms “owned by the public” as meaning individuals and private citizens and not, in the specific context of this informal practice query, animals required to be spayed and neutered which have been legally acquired by an animal shelter. See, for instance, La. R.S. 3: § 2472.

Accordingly, under the very narrow scope of the facts presented and without

interpretation of any statutory provision other than Rule 303.E, the Board answered the practice query affirming the regulatory propriety of the non-licensed faculty member potentially providing “direct (hands-on) care to a patient. As with any informal practice query, only the person or entity requesting the opinion may act thereon with administrative impunity and only under the narrow factual context provided to the board.

2. Emergency review request from Dr. Scott Ford

A board-certified avian specialist licensed in another state was contracted by a Louisiana state agency to do 30 surgeries on wild mottled ducks, for a ten-day period later in August, 2025, for the purpose of implanting tracking devices for a biological study. He had participated in a similar study in Louisiana in 2011. The veterinarian requested information concerning the board’s issuance of a temporary permit to allow his participation in the program without violating the provisions of the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act prohibiting the “practice of veterinary medicine” in Louisiana without a license or temporary permit issue by the board. In 2011, this veterinarian had requested similar authorization for a similar federal project and provided the board with documentation as to his out of state licensure, his expertise in providing the specific services otherwise qualifying as “the practice of veterinary medicine” in the state, the existence of the 2011 federal research project and his status as a federal contractor hired to provide veterinary services pursuant thereto, and other documentation affirming the nature and purpose of the project, its function as research and the term of the project and the specific veterinary services to be provided. The Board advised that under these circumstances temporary permits are not issued and converted the query into an informal practice query inquiring as to the Board’s authority to regulate the inquirer’s participation and compliance under the proscriptions of the Louisiana Veterinary Practice Act. He was informed that he would be in compliance under the “bona fide research” exception of La. R.S. 37:1514 (9) that does not require the issuance of a license or temporary permit by the Board.

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. How to handle situation in which person who found dog does not want to contact original owner

Another query was posed by a licensee asking for Board guidance as to the proper handling of a situation where a VCPR relationship was established and subsequently circumstances indicated the client may not be the owner of the patient, having found the patient. The client was reticent in accepting the veterinarian’s suggestion that he contact the apparent owner of the patient and the veterinarian wanted regulatory guidance on the use of information in the medical record generated upon treatment. He was advised that “ownership” of animals in Louisiana is an issue to be determined by the civil courts and is not within the purview of the Board’s regulations. Animals in Louisiana are considered movable property and ownership may be conveyed in ways that cannot be verified by a licensee. Microchipping is an indicia of ownership but stolen animals can be microchipped on the request of the person who stole the animal without any definitive proof of ownership. Accordingly, the licensee was reminded that the confidentiality requirements of the Board’s regulations extend to the “client” who, together with the licensee, has established the VCPR. He was encouraged to seek to continue to persuade the client to contact the putative owner of the patient to discuss ownership or the transference of ownership and to consider discharge of the client for future care.

2. For how many years after a practice closes must HR records be retained

The board was asked by a licensee who had closed the practice for recommendations concerning the retention of personnel records. The licensee was advised that the board's regulations only pertain to the retention of medical records and the information therein and suggestions were given as to the possible source of useful information.

3. Could a person with a certification from the NBCAAM be considered a layperson since they are not a certified veterinarian

The Board was asked a series of questions concerning the status of someone, not licensed or issued a certificate of approval by board, who had obtained a certification from the National Board of Certification for Animal Acupressure and Massage (NBCAAM) as a "lay person" as well as the rationale of the Board's Rules requiring that such NBCAAM certified individuals provide services to animals only on the order of a licensed veterinarian who is required to provide on premises supervision. She was referenced to the Board's Rules which state that anyone engaged in conduct otherwise constituting the "practice of veterinary medicine" must be licensed by the Board or issued a certificate of approval or be employed by a licensed veterinarian who is responsible for the acts and omissions of the employee, who has the duty of supervision. The Board Rules specifically refer to such unlicensed persons (all except veterinarians, RVTs, CAETs or REDs) as a "lay person". The Board's Rules are designed to protect the public and animals of Louisiana from incompetent, dishonest or unprincipled providers of veterinary medicine as per the Practice Act.

4. Can EMS treat an injured K-9 in field while transporting to vet office

The board was asked about the existence of regulations or laws prohibiting a nurse, paramedic, or EMT from treating and/or transporting a critically wounded service animal, injured in the field, specifically referencing a scenario where a service animal is injured, needs immediate attention and the nearest licensed veterinarian is some distance away. This was for all intents and purposes a duplicate query by the same individual who had also earlier asked whether the board had regulations that governed individuals not licensed by the board in similar scenarios but who had obtained documented training and competency in providing veterinary care in such instances. He was advised that the Board cannot address the efficacy or approval of any training given to EMS personnel regarding the emergency care given to K-9s injured in the field as there is no mechanism for review by the board of such protocols, nor is the board authorized by law to approve, disapprove or otherwise comment on training given to for the care of animals aside from those people the board certifies. The query lacked sufficient information for an informed response but a prior board decision concerning the administration of oxygen to an animal suffering from smoke inhalation was cited wherein such stated care did not meet the statutory definition of "the practice of veterinary medicine" when given as a first aid measure while the animal was being taken for further care to a licensed veterinarian. Further inquiries concerning other first aid measures were not sufficiently descriptive to allow for a response by the board and no answer was provided.

5. Request for approval to sit for a sixth attempt for NAVLE

An individual asked the board via practice query if he would be allowed to sit for the NAVLE a sixth time, having failed to obtain a passing score on five earlier attempts under circumstances of improving performance on those tests. No application for licensure had been filed with the Board. He was advised of the method of filing a formal petition with the board the appeal process for an adverse

board decision but was cited the Rule the board is obliged to follow preventing a sixth examination: The specific Rule (Louisiana Administrative Code, 46:LXXXV) provides: “7. An applicant for licensure may only sit for the national examination a maximum of five times. Thereafter, the applicant will no longer be eligible for licensure in Louisiana and any applications submitted will be rejected.” Rule 303.B.7

- 6. Are CAETs mandated to lock up and log xylazine and assume class II drug**
A licensee asked whether the Board mandated the storage of Xylazine as is required for Schedule II drugs, citing a statute (La. R.S. 40: 989.4) prohibiting the possession and use of that drug outside of veterinary use. The board’s regulations do not mandate such storage requirement but address only the storage of sodium pentobarbital which is not a controlled substance under federal and state laws. Irrespective of the wisdom of adopting such storage standards as per Schedule II drugs, the answer to the query posed is that there is no such board issued mandate. The licensee was directed to the DEA and/or Board of Pharmacy which may have primary jurisdiction over storage of Xylazine since the passage of the statute referenced above.

7. Is licensure required for all owners of a clinic

The board was asked by an out of state attorney representing corporate interests whether Louisiana proscribed the ownership of facilities where veterinary services are provided by anyone or entity not licensed as a veterinarian in Louisiana. She was advised Section 1015 of the Board Rules, Louisiana Administrative Code 46:LXXXV, provides:

“ . . . The owner, member, officer, or director of a business entity, such as a partnership, corporation, of limited liability company, with a function that includes the provision of veterinary medicine does not have to possess a license issued by the Board; however, the actual practitioner of veterinary medicine involved in patient care must be licensed by the Board.”

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, and seconded, to ratify all declaratory statements and opinions above as reported by Mr. Vogt. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued

Mr. Granier reported all new licenses and certificates issued - 24 total listed below - from 05/14/25 to 07/23/25. 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 from all members in attendance. *{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, and continuing education review requests from 05/14/25 to 07/23/25. The Board was also given the up-to-date statistics from the current '25-'26 renewal cycle. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter. *{All statistics on office updates reported can be found at the end of this document.}*

C. Presentation from Dr. Jon Zeagler, representing the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association

By invitation the Board entertained a presentation by Jon Zeagler, DC, former president and office holder with the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners and prior president of the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association (AVCA), among other credentials. The purpose of the presentation was to inform the Board of the existence of a certification in Animal Chiropractic by the Animal Chiropractic Certification Commission (ACCC) of the AVCA. In general terms, the presentation was to suggest competence in animal chiropractic by those certified, both chiropractors and licensed veterinarians, to fulfil the Board's statutory obligations to protect the public from incompetence in the practice of veterinary medicine so that non-veterinarian certificate holders could provide veterinary chiropractic services to patients of licensed veterinarians who had established the VCPR without the "on premises" supervision of the referring licensed veterinarian under Board Rule 712. The matter was discussed in executive session to obtain the advice of counsel. No motion was made and no vote was taken upon return to the public portion of the meeting.

D. Report of 2025 AAVSB Annual Conference, Sept. 17-20, 2025 in Cincinnati, OH

Mr. Granier reminded the Board of the AAVSB's 2025 Annual conference being held in Cincinnati, OH on September 17th to 20th, 2025. Mr. Granier's attendance is funded by the AAVSB as he is a committee member on the AAVSB Student Outreach Task Force. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter.

E. Possible Date Change for December '25 Board Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Granier requested that the Board meeting in December be moved from December 4th to December 5th. Motion was made, and seconded, to move the Board meeting to December 5th, 2025. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. None at this time

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 in accordance with Louisiana open meetings law. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote from all members in attendance. All votes noted for the following agenda items in executive session were made at the end of discussions and out of executive session.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Case #24-0416 – Proposed Consent Order

A complaint was filed against a veterinarian alleging the patient was seen by a lay person employee of the veterinarian who had established the VCPR under circumstances where the lay assistant made the physical examination of the patient,

recommended diagnostics, made a diagnosis and administered an injection at a time when the veterinarian was not on premises. Conflicting evidence was presented during the investigation phase as to whether the veterinarian was on premises and the lay assistant was simply voicing the instructions of the veterinarian, who had examined the patient records and was informed of the patient's vitals and the clients' declining diagnostics, and whether a diagnosis was in fact made. Conflicting evidence was also presented as to the whereabouts of the licensee at the time the patient was seen. A consent order was agreed to and a reprimand issued due to findings that the attending veterinarian should physically examine the patient irrespective of the declining of diagnostics by the owners. The Consent Order was approved by the Board, with the investigating member recused from deliberations.

IX. LICENSING ISSUES

- A. None at this time**

X. APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Gerald Flottmann, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Flottmann. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

B. Eric Heskett, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Heskett. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

C. Mark Turbeville, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Turbeville. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

D. David Mahoney, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Mahoney. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

E. Jordan Commander, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Commander. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

F. Jordan Hansel, RVT – Waiver Request of VTNE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Hansel. Motion 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 from all members in attendance.

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 on Potential Litigation Against Practice Act Violations

The Board received information via anonymous complaint of a lay person practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Social media posts were copied and attached to the anonymous complaint. Although the Board does not generally accept anonymous complaints, where the information is available from sources independent of the putative complainant, the Board may file its own complaint. Counsel was instructed to pursue all options.

Counsel was also requested to pursue all available administrative or legal options in the investigation of a practice offering veterinary services to clients by RVTs and lay assistants without on premises supervision by the licensed, delegating veterinarian with the VCPR.

All votes and action taken related to administrative hearings (VIII.), licensing issues (IX.), and applicant issues (X.) as noted above for each item were made out of executive session. Decisions on all NAVLE and VTNE retake waiver requests were made in globo.

Upon conclusion of all administrative, licensing, and applicant discussions in executive session as well as discussions related to current and potential civil litigations, motion made and seconded to return to regular session. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote from all members in attendance.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm.

Minutes reviewed and approved by the full board on October 2, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Morris, DVM". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christopher Morris, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer