LA Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board Agenda, June 4, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Christine McHughes Barr, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Dr. McHughes Barr in the absence of Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Morris, as follows.

Those present:

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

Those absent:

Christopher B. Morris, DVM - Board Secretary-Treasurer

The Board's Statement of Obligations (below) was read aloud by Dr. Barr to all present.

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.

A. Invitations to Address the Board

Attendees were given the opportunity to introduce themselves (if desired) and to make general public comments to the Board. No written comments related to any agenda items were received prior to June 4, 2026.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes for April 2, 2026

The Board reviewed minutes from April 2, 2026. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes as presented. 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 – March & April '26

Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of March and April '26 for review by the Board. Mr. Granier informed the Board that all financial matters are in order 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. FY 2026 Year-End Budget Review and Amendments

This item was deferred to the August 6th Board meeting. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

C. Investments, CDs – FY 2026; Request to Purchase Additional CD

Mr. Granier reviewed the 2026 FY-End figures for accrued interest amounts and total investments for current CDs. CDs will continue to roll over as they mature unless withdrawal is requested from the Board by Mr. Granier. It was reported that the capitalized interest earned continue to be reinvested into new CDs. CPA will account for total capitalized interest in the final report at the end of FY2026. Mr. Granier also requested approval to purchase an additional CD in the amount of $35,000 - $40,000. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the financial reports as presented and to approve the purchase of the CD in the amount of $35,000 - $40,000. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

D. Update on Elavon as New Payment Processor

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the transition has been made to Elavon as the new payment processor for the Board's license management software. The transition to Elavon will reduce service fees charged to applicants/licensees from 2.8% + $0.25 per transaction to a flat 2.5% service fee. This transition is also projected to reduce the Board's annual banking expenses by more than $7,500. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

E. OTS Discontinuing Telecommunication Services –New VOIP Phone System Request

Mr. Granier informed the Board that a transition is being made from the Board's current land-line phone system to a new VOIP Phone system through NetPhone.com. More details will be provided as they are available to Mr. Granier; however, this transition is expected prior to the July 1st renewal cycle opening date. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

F. Election of Officers (Effective 8/1/2026) – Review of Board Member Positions

Motion was made by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. Marullo to nominate Dr. Jesse Brandon as President, Dr. Christopher Morris, as Vice-President, and Dr. McHughes Barr as Secretary-Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Election for the nominations was held, with unanimous roll call votes all in favor of the given nominations. Motion was made, and seconded, to install, by acclamation, Dr. Brandon as Board President, Dr. Morris as Board Vice-President, and Dr. McHughes Barr as Board Secretary-Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2027. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote, effective August 1, 2026.

G. Contract, Check & CD Authority (President, Secretary-Treasurer, Director)

Authorization to sign checks drawn on the Board's account was given to Dr. Jesse Brandon, Board President-elect, Dr. Christine McHughes Barr, Board Secretary-Treasurer-elect, and Mr. Jared Granier, Executive Director, effective August 1, 2026. Motion was made by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. Brandon and passed unanimously by voice vote.

H. Status of New Board Member Appointments

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the LVMA submitted its nominations to the Governor's Office for last year's seat vacancy, which is currently still being filled by Dr. Marullo until such time as a new appointment is made, as well as for this current year's upcoming vacancy as the term of Dr. Findley, Sr. ends July 30, 2026. No motion made or action taken on this matter.

I. Contract Review – Thibaut, Thibaut, & Vogt (Legal Counsel)

Mr. Granier presented a renewed contract with Thibaut, Thibaut, & Vogt, LLC for legal services for FY2027 as annual review and approval by the Board from the Louisiana Office of State Procurement. Discussion was held in executive session at the request of Mr. Vogt. After discussion in executive session, motion was made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the FY2027 contract for Thibaut, Thibaut, & Vogt. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

J. Contract Review – Pinell & Martinez, LLC (Accounting)

Mr. Granier presented a renewed three-year contract with Pinell & Martinez, LLC for accounting services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the renewed contract as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

K. Contract Review – Client Technology Services (IT Services)

Mr. Granier presented a renewed contract with Client Technology Services, LLC for general IT services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029. There were no changes to the contract maximum amount. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the renewed contract as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

L. Contract Review – Thentia Global USA (License Management SaaS)

Mr. Granier presented a renewed contract with Thentia Global Systems USA, Inc for general IT services from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029 with a 11% increase in the overall contract maximum amount. Motion was made, and seconded, to accept the renewed contract as presented. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

V. STATUTES, RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES

A. Rulemaking Projects, Proposals, & Discussions

1. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1303 & 1305 -- Reporting Requirements for Zoo Personnel

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Summary Report was submitted on May 14th to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for final review. Upon approval from the oversight committees, the Final Rule will be submitted for promulgation in the *2026 Louisiana Register*. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

2. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.303.B.7 -- Limit on NAVLE Attempts for Applicants

Mr. Granier informed the Board that the Notice of Intent was submitted on May 14th to the Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for review. Upon receipt of an anticipated favorable opinion from the OLRP, the Summary Report will be submitted to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for final review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

3. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.500, 501, 503, & 505 – Fees

Following the April 2nd approval of amendments to Rules 500, 501, 503, and 505 related to the fee exemption for active military licensees and fee reductions for those who qualify for inactive retired or disabled statuses, the Notice of Intent and Fiscal & Economic Impact Statements was submitted for review and subsequently received approval from Legislative Fiscal Office on May 4th. The Notice of Intent was then published in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, May edition and was sent to the Governor's Office. The First Report was also submitted to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

4. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1015 -- Personal Responsibility of Licensee

Following the April 2nd approval of amendments to Rule 1015 related to the personal responsibility of licensee, the Notice of Intent and Fiscal & Economic Impact Statements was submitted for review and subsequently received approval from Legislative Fiscal Office on May 4th. The Notice of Intent was then published in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, May edition and was sent to the Governor's Office. The First Report was also submitted to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

5. Update: LAC 46LXXXV.1211 -- Fees for CAETs

Following the April 2nd approval of amendments to Rule 1211 related to the violations for practicing euthanasia without a valid certificate, the Notice of Intent and Fiscal & Economic Impact Statements was submitted for review and subsequently received approval from Legislative Fiscal Office on May 4th. The Notice of Intent was then published in the *2026 Louisiana Register*, Volume 52, May edition and was sent to the Governor's Office. The First Report was also submitted to the Senate and House Legislative Oversight Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development for review. No motion made, and no further action was taken or needed on this matter.

6. Discussion: LAC 46LXXXV.309 & 807 -- Temporary Registration during a Declared Public Health Emergency

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed Notice of Intent to amend Rule 309 to establish a clearer and more streamlined process for out of state veterinarians and veterinary technicians to register with the Board and practice veterinary medicine in the state of Louisiana during a Governor-declared emergency, while strengthening the Board's ability to efficiently and effectively ensure practitioner competency. After discussion of this proposal, motion was made, and seconded, to approve this amendment. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will move forward with the rulemaking process for this agenda item.

7. Discussion: LAC 46LXXXV.1209, 1223, & 1225 -- Pre-Euthanasia Restraint, Maintenance & Security of Sodium Pentobarbital, & Responsibilities of a Lead CAET

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed Notice of Intent to amend Rules 1209, 1223, and 1225. These amendments are intended to update and clarify existing regulations governing Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians (CAETs) and Lead Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians. The amendments include technical revisions to agency names, statutory citations, and references to federal and state regulatory authorities to reflect current organizational structures and terminology. The amendments also make minor editorial and clarifying changes to improve readability and consistency throughout the rules. No substantive changes are being made to the existing standards governing pre-euthanasia restraint, the maintenance and security of sodium pentobarbital, or the responsibilities of a Lead CAET. After discussion of this proposal, motion was made, and seconded, to approve this Notice of Intent. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will move forward with the rulemaking process for this agenda item.

8. Discussion: LAC 46LXXXV.816, 1219, 1221, and 1401-1425 -- Disciplinary Proceedings

Mr. Granier presented to the Board numerous rules related to disciplinary proceedings of the Board. Amendments to rules 816, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1409, and 1423 include technical revisions to agency names, with no substantive changes are being made to these rules. The Board determined that rules 1219, 1221, 1407, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, and 1425 required no amendments and are to be repromulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:950 et seq.), the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, and the JML Executive Order No. 25-038. After discussion of this proposal, motion was made, and seconded, to approve the amendments. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Granier will move forward with the rulemaking process for this agenda item.

9. Discussion: LAC 46LXXXV.301 -- Reporting of Non-LA Licensure & Disciplinary Action

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a proposed Notice of Intent to amend Rule 301 to require applicants to not only list all licenses previously or currently held in a state, territory, or district of the United States but also in Canada. Additionally, the applicants will also be required to certify that he has never had his or her license to practice veterinary medicine revoked, suspended or denied in any state, territory, or district of the United States or Canada. After discussion of this proposal, the item was deferred to be discussed again at a later Board meeting once more details are collected by Mr. Granier with respect to what other jurisdictions' requirements are. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter.

B. Policies and Procedures

1. None at this time

C. Declaratory Statements

1. None at this time

D. General Agenda

1. Can I prescribe medications via video calls from Louisiana to a pet in another state where telemedicine is legal if I am licensed in both states?

A Louisiana licensed veterinarian posed an informal practice query to the Board, seeking an opinion on the propriety of prescribing medications to an out of state patient pursuant to a virtual examination, provided the prescribing veterinarian is licensed in the state of the patient/client and prescribing without an in person examination to establish the VCPR is proper in that state. The Board adopted the principle that the situs of the examination, irrespective of the physical location of the veterinarian, is the state where the patient and client are physically present. Accordingly, under these circumstances the veterinarian would be acting solely under the license of the state where the patient/client were present, and not under his Louisiana license. Assuming the prescribing was proper in that state, Louisiana would have no connection to the issue.

2. How to start a mobile veterinary euthanasia practice?

A veterinarian seeking to start a mobile euthanasia service sought several opinions from the Board concerning the naming and operation of the mobile service, one in which the patient would not be brought inside the practice vehicle for the euthanasia. Concerning the naming of the practice, the veterinarian was advised that the Board does not "register" business names and that if trademark protection were required, that is a matter of civil jurisdiction. The choice of the name where the practice vehicle is described in the Board Rules as a "mobile practice vehicle" (Rule 711.F) must comply with Rule 1053.A so that it provides the general public and other practitioners with a clear understanding of the kind and extent of veterinary services being offered (see also Rule 1053.A.3). As the practitioner asked about the ordering and storage of controlled substances where the practice would not be an extension of any brick and mortar practice, the practitioner was referred to the DEA and regulatory provisions concerning same, as the DEA is the primary regulator of such matters, the Board being a secondary regulatory requiring compliance with DEA regulations. The licensee was advised that the possession of a DEA registration is not required to practice veterinary medicine in the state. Although the licensee voluntarily wished to limit the practice to euthanasia, the Board required compliance with all provisions of Rule 711.F as applies to all "mobile practice vehicles". Finally, as to the operation of the practice, the licensee was advised that euthanasia is an ethical medical procedure which requires the establishment of the VCPR and all obligations flowing therefrom, including but not limited to record keeping, the use of mandatory forms and an examination appropriate for the procedure. Further the AVMA Rules concerning consultation and referral apply.

E. Consent Agenda Opinions – Answered

1. Guidance requested regarding a proposed veterinary emergency response service being developed.

Another proposed business owner requested guidance from the Board. The proposed business would have two models, a "night" model and a "day" model. Using a refurbished ambulance for both, the "night" model would be manned by an RVT and ambulance driver, providing emergency transportation to veterinary facilities and triage/emergency aid services. The "day" model would be manned by a licensed veterinarian. The query involved the scope of permissible veterinary services that could be provided while the patient was being transported to a veterinary facility. The inquirer was reminded of several prior board decisions involving similar issues posed by EMTs caring for service animals.

When there is no licensed veterinarian on premises an RVT cannot perform an act that constitutes “the practice of veterinary medicine”. Under prior board decisions limited “emergency services” are permissible, as would ordinarily be understood as constituting same. Oxygen may be administered to stabilize a patient. Intubation and advanced airway measures may not outside the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian who has established the VCPR. The “day” model where additional veterinary services outside of transportation were contemplated, the rules regarding a “mobile practice vehicle” apply unless the vehicle is equipped as a mobile clinic (See Rule 711). The transportation of animals to veterinary facilities does not constitute, alone, “the practice of veterinary medicine”.

2. **Does each individual radiograph need a separate line in the log or is the log filled out with one patient per line? Also, does each dental radiograph get its own line or is it one line per series/patient?**

   A licensed veterinarian inquired of the board those markings mandated for a facility “log” of all radiographs taken there. The licensee was advised that the Board Rules do not address the markings of the log but those radiographs that are included in the patient’s individual file. Rule 701.A requires the name of the hospital and/or clinician, the identification of the animal (number and owner name), the date of the radiograph, designations of L and R for left and right, respectively, and must be retained for 5 years.

3. **Are DVMs required to provide records when requested from the owner (authorized person)?**

   This oft-posed question was answered in the affirmative except that the Rules offer the alternative of a synopsis of the record, with mandatory content. The reasonable cost of reproduction may be charged the client and it is unethical to refuse the client a copy of the records or synopsis when written demand has been made.

4. **Can an unlicensed individual do brood mare pregnancy ultrasounds in mares or pregnancy ultrasounds in cattle?**

   A lay person (individual not licensed by the board) contemplating a business venture asked the board if a lay person could perform ultrasound on mares and on cattle. The question assumed that the lay person was not an employee of a veterinarian performing the ultrasound under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian who had established the VCPR. The individual was advised that both the taking and the interpretation of an ultrasound comes within the definition in the Practice Act of “the practice of veterinary medicine” and is forbidden. While there are specific exceptions applicable to “livestock”, none came under the scope of the query. Additionally, by prior board rule the generation of ultrasound images in mares cannot be delegated to any non-veterinarian as it is considered surgery.

F. Consent Agenda Opinions – Proposed

1. **None at this time**

G. Consent Agenda Opinions – Expedited / Emergency Opinions

1. **None at this time**

VI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. New Licenses and Certificates Issued

Mr. Granier reported all new licenses and certificates issued - 56 total listed below - from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26. 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. Addendum #1 at the end of the minutes includes the list of all 56 licenses and certificates issued.

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

Mr. Granier reported to the Board statistics on applications, complaints, and continuing education review requests from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter. Addendum #2 at the end of the minutes includes all statistics.

C. ADA Compliance Requirement Extended to April 26, 2028

Mr. Granier reported that the Department of Justice issued an Interim Final Rule extending compliance deadlines for the 2024 Title II web accessibility rule by one year. State and local government entities serving populations of 50,000 or more now have until April 26, 2027 to comply. Smaller public entities and special district governments have until April 26, 2028. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter.

D. Mid-Year Report of HPFLA (Healthcare Professions Foundation of LA) Services

Mr. Vanderlick presented HPFLA's 2026 Annual Report to the Board. The report included statistics on referrals, monitoring, relapses, and work data for 2026. Board expressed their continued pleasure in the partnership between the Board and HPFLA, reiterating the importance of the revival of the Peer Assistance Program in 2021. No motion made and no further action was taken on this matter.

E. 2026 AAVSB Annual Conference, Sept. 23-26, 2026 in Providence, RI

Mr. Granier reminded the Board of the AAVSB's 2026 Annual conference being held in Providence, RI on September 23rd - 26th, 2026. Mr. Granier's attendance is funded by the AAVSB as he is a committee member on the AAVSB Student Outreach Task Force, and the AAVSB will fund at least one other attendee for the Board. Motion was made, and seconded, to approve Mr. Granier's conference attendance as well as the attendance of the two new Board members should the Governor's Office make the appointment in adequate time. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. None at this time

MEETING NOTES

Motion made by Dr. Findley, seconded by Dr. Marullo, 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 and 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 #26-1024.1 – Proposed Consent Order

A complaint was filed against a veterinarian who mistakenly transposed the dosages of an antibiotic and Lasix to a patient, resulting in a significant overdose of Lasix. The mistake came at the end of a long night shift and was immediately realized, reported to the practice owner and to the client. The patient died a few days later from CHF, not the insult to the patient's kidneys. All subsequent expenses for patient care, including the expense of a second opinion, through euthanasia due to pleural effusion and the inability of the patient to tolerate diuretics were paid by the practice owner, the employer of the licensee. A consent order was approved by the Board and the licensee was fined $500 and formally reprimanded, the sanctions being reportable to the national database of disciplinary matters. Motion was made outside of executive session and seconded, to approve the proposed consent order. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Case #26-1118 – Proposed Consent Order

The board pursued its own complaint against a CAET upon reasonable belief the CAET had been performing euthanasia at the shelter of employment with an expired certificate. The CAET admitted the violation but contended it was unintentional as she believed the renewal would be done by the shelter and that follow up reminders by the Board were general emails sent to all the practice. It was determined that the certificate of approval expired on September 30, 2025 and was not renewed until November 18, 2025. Records indicated the Respondent conducted the euthanasia of 16 animals during this period. The CAET was fined $250 in this non-confidential Consent Order. Motion was made outside of executive session and seconded, to approve the proposed consent order. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Case #26-1218 – Proposed Consent Order

A complaint was filed against a non-veterinarian who had graduated from a school of veterinary medicine but had not passed the national examination. The graduate was engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, seeing patients unsupervised by the employing veterinarian and diagnosing illnesses and issuing prescriptions. At times the Respondent was the only veterinarian (a "lay person") under Board Rules on the premises, seeing walk in patients, making diagnoses, performing consultations and prescribing medication, all while unlicensed. The Respondent allowed her name to be listed on the roster of licensed veterinarians. A Consent Order (compromise with a lay person in a manner approved by the entire board) was effected. The Respondent was fined $2500 and reimbursed the Board investigative expenses of $250, having admitted to the violations without hesitation on notice of the filing of the complaint. Motion was made outside of executive session and seconded, to approve the proposed consent order. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. LICENSING ISSUES

A. None at this time

X. APPLICANT ISSUES

A. Jack Woodham, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

B. Max Gordon, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

C. Mary McDonald, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

D. Teresa Mannetti-Plagman, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Mannetti-Plagman. Motion was made outside of executive session and seconded, to defer the review of the requested waiver of the national exam retake requirement until such time as adequate documentation is received. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance. Dr. Mannetti-Plagman will be required to submit the required supporting documentation for possible review at the Board's August '26 meeting.

E. Gabrielle Carson, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

F. Christina Kittrell, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

G. Richard Jacks, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake & Disciplinary Action Review

An out of state veterinarian applied for licensure in Louisiana responding in the affirmative on the application questions concerning the existence, past or present, of disciplinary investigations/findings in the state of licensure. The applicant had received a sanction several years prior for failing to obtain all the CE required in the state of his license. Recently, he had been denied the right to be present to practice veterinary medicine on racetracks in his state of licensure, but his general license to practice veterinary medicine in that state was intact, the board of veterinary examiners having refused to accept the race track commission findings of impropriety, which itself was under appeal to the state district court and was not final. The Board, having examined the requirements of licensure under the Practice Act and subsequent legislation affecting the granting of occupational licenses, did not disqualify the applicant from being licensed in Louisiana based upon the non-final determination of the breach of racetrack rules in the state of licensure. The Board then reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Jacks. 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 from all members in attendance.

H. Brandon Maddox, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

I. Kelsey McClure, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

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

J. Jose Davila Delgado, DVM – Waiver Request of NAVLE Retake

The Board reviewed supplemental documentation submitted with the application for licensure from Dr. Davila Delgado. 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 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. Report of General Counsel

Miscellaneous matters concerning the policy relative to issuing informal practice act opinions, and the proposed amendments to that policy, and the protocol of examining applicants for licensure were discussed. Counsel was instructed to draft an amended policy in accordance with these discussions.

E. Annual Review – Board Office Staff

Administrative Assistant Annual Review – Mr. Granier presented to the Board his favorable performance review along with the merit increase proposed for Ms. Mackenzie Mayers. The merit increase will be awarded to Ms. Mayers effective July 1, 2026.

Executive Director Annual Review – Annual review was performed of Mr. Jared Granier, and a copy of the favorable evaluation was given to Mr. Granier. The merit increase will be awarded to Mr. Granier effective July 1, 2026.

Motion was made outside of executive session, and seconded, to approve the proposed merit increases for Ms. Mayers and Mr. Granier. With no further discussion and with no public comments, the motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance.

MEETING NOTES

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 and approved unanimously by roll call vote from all members in attendance.

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.

XII. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made, and seconded, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote from all members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29pm.

ADDENDUM #1

New Licenses Issued from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26; 56 total
** -- conditional license issued under La R.S. 37:53 of Act. No. 253 ("Welcome Home Act").*

License No.	Name	Type	Issued On
30175	Ammons, David	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30176	Beebe, Hayli	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30177	Hyman, Stacy	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30178	Martinez, Hannah	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30179	Hunter, Hollie	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30180	Mayer, Kelcyee	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30181	Martin, Glenn	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30182	Crawford, Whitney	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30183	Meaux, Morgan	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30184	Whitfield, Jennifer	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30185	Whitney, Jordyn	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30186	Meeks, Keiran	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30187	Michaud, Amanda	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30188	Kirkland, Alisha	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30189	Skipper, Devin	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30190	McCullar, Gibson	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30191	Ziesing, Scotty	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30192	Robinson, Roderick	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30193	Lagman, Shelby	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30194	Garcia, Lilly	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30195	Brewster, Beth	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30196	Beauvais, Cierra	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30197	Pitre, Ethan	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
30198	Smith, Brooklyn	CAET-Full	3/27/2026
30199	Primeaux, Wiley	CAET-Full	3/30/2026
30200	Graham, William	CAET-Full	4/2/2026
30201	Henry, Abigail	CAET-Full	4/2/2026
9292	Green, Lynn	CAET-Full	3/25/2026
10449	Woodham, Jack	DVM *	3/23/2026
10450	Lu, Michael	DVM	4/14/2026
10451	Douglas, Amy	DVM	4/6/2026
10452	Navarro, Faith	DVM	4/6/2026
10453	Bonnette, Stephanie	DVM	4/15/2026
10454	Smith, Garrett	DVM	5/5/2026
10455	Crayton, Lauren	DVM	5/7/2026
10456	Klunk, Kimberly	DVM	5/12/2026
10457	Zanca, Cassidy	DVM *	5/14/2026

License No.	Name	Type	Issued On
FAC-1232	Xue, Amanda	DVM-Faculty	5/1/2026
FAC-1233	Winger, Kathryn	DVM-Faculty	4/27/2026
FAC-1234	Ngan, Sum Yuet Lorraine	DVM-Faculty	5/1/2026
FAC-1236	Young, Lauren	DVM-Faculty	5/4/2026
FAC-1237	Composto, Kaelea	DVM-Faculty	5/4/2026
FAC-1238	Peterkin, Kendall	DVM-Faculty	5/4/2026
FAC-1239	Gatens, Braxton	DVM-Faculty	5/7/2026
FAC-1240	Hodgkiss, Guen	DVM-Faculty	5/7/2026
FAC-1241	Catunda, Antonio	DVM-Faculty	5/7/2026
FAC-1242	Tachibana, Yurika	DVM-Faculty	5/7/2026
FAC-1243	Raulinaitis, Vaiva	DVM-Faculty	5/7/2026
FAC-1244	Spaethe, Sienna	DVM-Faculty	5/8/2026
FAC-1245	Fidler-Jarzyniecki, Taylor	DVM-Faculty	5/11/2026
FAC-1246	Villa, Danielle	DVM-Faculty	5/11/2026
FAC-1247	Aduriz, Amélie	DVM-Faculty	5/12/2026
FAC-1248	Tomno, Brian	DVM-Faculty	5/12/2026
FAC-1249	Rustin, Ashlyn	DVM-Faculty	5/14/2026
FAC-1250	Vargas Castillo, Jose	DVM-Faculty	5/14/2026
20200	Spurlock, Abbie	RVT	4/20/2026

ADDENDUM #2

Applications Submitted and Approved from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26

Application Type	Number of Submitted	Number of Approved
CAET	1	28
DVM	38	7
DVM - Faculty	24	18
RVT	8	2
GRAND TOTAL	**71**	**55**

Current Count of Active Licensees as of 05/15/26

License Type	Number of Licenses
CAET – Active - Full	192
CAET – Active - Lead	18
Subtotal of CAETs	**210**
DVM – Active	1,820
DVM – Active - Conditional	3
DVM – Inactive - Disabled	1
DVM – Inactive - Retired	8
DVM – Military - Active Status	0
Subtotal of DVMs	**1,832**
DVM – Faculty - Active	124
Subtotal of DVM Faculty	**124**
RVT - Active	396
Subtotal of RVT	**396**
GRAND TOTAL	**2,562**

Complaint Statistics from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26

Action Taken	Number	Still On-Going / Active	**Number**
Complaints Received	7	Pending Cases (licensees)	22
Complaints Closed	8	Pending Cases (non-licensees)	3
Consent Orders Issued	2	Consent Orders	5
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. Pending Cases (non-licensees) includes civil action, cease & desist, monitoring or those currently under investigation.

Continuing Education Approval Requests from 03/21/26 to 05/15/26

Between 03/21/26 to 05/15/26, 39 CE requests were approved for the ’25-’26 and ’26-’27 CE periods.