

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, October 8, 2015**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. William K. Dean, Dwight E. Cochran, Susan K. Bull, Jane A. Barber and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. and Mrs. Katie O. Morgan. Also present were Board Attorneys, Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the minutes for the July 23 and August 26, 2015, Board meetings were approved after corrections were made.

At 8:10 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Executive Director of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP), joined the meeting by telephone. Dr.

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Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. The call with Dr. Jordan ended at 8:25 a.m.

The Board Investigator reported on his activities since the last meeting.

On behalf of the Committee on Investigations No. 8, Dr. Cochran reported on his visit to Eastern Randolph Veterinary Clinic, owned by Phillip Scotton, DVM. He reported that Dr. Scotton has his x-ray equipment operational and is complying with the terms of the Consent Agreement he entered into with the Board on January 22, 2015. No further action was taken.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported that Mr. Jonathan Loftis was selected to fill the new position of Deputy Director on the Board staff. Mr. Loftis will be resigning from the Board effective October 14. He will begin his duties on October 15.

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Dr. Gemeinhardt appointed Dr. Cochran to the position of Secretary-Treasurer. He will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Loftis.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported that the Executive Committee has hired David T. Marshall, DVM as the Veterinary Practice Facility Inspector for the Eastern portion of North Carolina. He will be replacing Benjamin S. Turner, DVM, who is retiring.

The Executive Director reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the July 23 Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed.

With the pending resignation of Mr. Loftis, Dr. Gemeinhardt created a new Committee on Investigations consisting of Dr. Cochran, Chair, Dr. Meckes and herself. This will be Committee No. 5, and Committee No. 3 will not be assigned any additional cases. Committee No. 3 will be disbanded with the completion of its pending cases.

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At 9:30 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

The Executive Director reported that House Bill 765 has been enacted by the General Assembly and forwarded to Governor McCrory. Should the bill become law, Joseph W. Wright, DVM will no longer be able to be employed as a Veterinary Practice Facility Inspector. As a severance payment the Board will pay Dr. Wright for 64 hours of employment. If the Bill becomes law the Executive Director will post a job opening for a Veterinary Practice Facility Inspector for the western part of North Carolina.

At 10:05 a.m. Thomas B. Kuhn, DVM, President-Elect for the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association, joined the meeting. He discussed with the Board issues of concern for the organization he represents as well as issues facing the Board. Dr. Kuhn left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

At 10:55 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

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The Executive Director reported that the technical change to 21 NCAC 66.0209 has been approved by the North Carolina Rules Review Commission. The Rule now correctly refers to the General Statute Section number that was changed by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Dr. Dean made a motion that the Board undertake rulemaking to amend 21 NCAC 66.0105 to remove the requirement that the Board mail copies of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act to applicants applying for licensure; and to remove the section about additional copies being available from the Board office. Given that the Practice Act and Board Rules are posted on-line, this requirement is no longer necessary. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Bull reported on her attendance at the American Association of Veterinary State Boards annual meeting held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from September 17 to September 19. She found the meeting very informative and requested that she be allowed to attend the 2016 meeting, which will be held from September 22-24 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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At 12:05 p.m. the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Dr. Bull made a motion that the Board review the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE) program and consider accepting the programs approved by RACE. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on her attendance of the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Regulatory Law Seminar held from October 1 to October 4 in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Cochran discussed the Board having a visible presence at the North Carolina Veterinary Conference meeting being held in Raleigh in November. He would also like the Board to repeat today's presentation at that conference. Following discussion the matter was tabled.

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The Board set the 2016 Board meeting dates to be February 11, March 24, May 12, July 21, October 6 and December 8.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 1

- 2015016-1 **James Edward Williams, DVM** (Eastern Carolina Veterinary Referral Hospital) – Mr. Bill McCuskey – Continued
- 2015022-1 **Mark Garrett Hauser, DVM** (Surry Animal Hospital) – Ms. Karen Sullivan – Letter of Caution
- 2015009-1 **Kelley Ann Gebhardt, DVM** (Happy Tails Veterinary Emergency Clinic) – Mr. Richard Edwards – No Probable Cause
- 2015021-1 **Katrine Ann Bremser Wentz, DVM** (Quail Roost Animal Hospital) – Ms. April Ketner – Letter of Reprimand
- 2015023-1 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** (CVS-South Charlotte) – Dr. James Armstrong – Continued
- 2015024-1 **Gregory Arthur Arnold, DVM** (CVS-South Charlotte) – Ms. Johnine Ayrons – Continued

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Dr. Cochran made a motion to accept the report of the Committee on Investigations No. 1. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barber. The motion passed with Mr. Loftis recusing himself from complaint no. 2015021-1, Dr. Wentz.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014037-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** – (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Mr. Blake Barrington – Continued

2014026-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Shelley Parisi Reaves –
Continued

2014053-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care
Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Elizabeth Hathaway –
Continued

2014054-2 **Poppy Masterson, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay
Neuter Clinic) – Mr. & Mrs. Randy Nevils – Continued

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Mr. Loftis made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 2. Dr. Cochran seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

2015005-3 **Dana Lehr, DVM; Jennifer A. Seals, DVM** (Academy Pet Hospital) – Ms. Kyra D. Snook – No Probable Cause

2015025-3 **Stephan Neuenschwander, DVM** (Brentwood Animal Hospital) – Ms. Michele L. Sawyer – Letter of Caution

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 3. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Dr. Dean recused himself from the vote on complaint 2015005-3.

Mr. Loftis made a motion to approve the expenses for the Board Meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Cochran. The motion was unanimously approved.

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The Board having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis,
seconded by Dr. Barber, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director