

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board  
Raleigh, North Carolina, January 23, 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, R. Douglas Meckes and Jane A. Barber; and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. 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 Dr. Dean, the minutes for the November 13, 2014, Board meeting were approved after corrections were made.

At 8:04 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP), joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan

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presented an update of the status of the NCVHP since the last Board meeting. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Mrs. Katie O. Morgan joined the meeting.

Dr. Meckes made a motion to continue the contract with the North Carolina Veterinary Health Program until a new contract for the 2015 calendar year is presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dean. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:07 a.m., the Board recessed for a break and reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on the accomplishments of the Board, its members and staff since the beginning of the fiscal year.

Pursuant to G.S. § 90-143-318.11(a)(3) a motion was made to go into closed session by Mr. Loftis and seconded by Dr. Cochran at 9:50 a.m.

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10:25 a.m. Mr. Loftis motioned to reconvene from closed session, seconded by Dr. Barber.

At 10:30 a.m. the Board Investigator gave a report of the activities since the last meeting.

At 10:40 a.m. the Executive Director reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the last Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Gemeinhardt restructured the committees on investigations. Committee on Investigations No. 1 – Dr. Dean is the Chairman, Dr. Barber, & Dr. Bull. Committee on Investigations No. 3 – Dr. Cochran is the Chairman, Mr. Loftis, & Dr. Meckes.

At 11:44 a.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and resumed the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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Mr. Hearn spoke on the Program Evaluation Division report and discussion with the Board some of the report recommendations.

Dr. Cochran called the question concerning the listing of complaints on the Board's website.

Dr. Bull requested to be nominated for the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education & Activities. Dr. Cochran made a motion for Dr. Bull to be nominated to the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education & Activities. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loftis. The motion passed unanimously.

At 1:11 p.m. Dr. Patricia Norris, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Animal Welfare Director, was introduced to the Board. Dr. Norris presented an issue concerning the possibility of surgeries being performed at animal shelters. Dr. Cochran, Dr. Meckes and Dr. Norris will work on the issue and report to the Board at its next meeting. Dr. Norris left the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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At 1:58 p.m. the Board took a break and reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014002-3 **Courtney Lynn Barnes (Gray), RVT** – (Healthy Paws Animal Hospital of Brier Creek & Wake Forest) – Dr. Dawn Lanza – Continued.

2014014-2 **Rebecca A. Tudor, DVM & Maria Elisa Serrano, DVM** (Banfield Pet Hospital) – Mr. Mark VanHouten – Letter of caution.

2014011-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Dr. Justin Church – Continued.

2014016-2 **Jordan Quinn Jaeger, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Mr. Glenn Voisine – Continued.

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

2014021-2 **Scott Markston Wells, DVM; Brian Trumpatori, DVM; Kari Miller, DVM** (VSH of the Carolinas, Cary) – Ms. Natalie Savieo – No probable cause.

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- 2014040-2 **Jonathan Mark Castro, DVM** (Paws at Your Doorstep Mobile Veterinary) – Ms. Joyce Jennings – No probable cause.
- 2014049-2 **Robert W. Ridgeway, DVM** (The Pet Hospital of New Bern) – NCVMB – Continued.
- 2014026-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Shelley Parisi Reaves – Continued.
- 2014041-2 **Amanda Lee Buchanan-Gambill, DVM** (Andrews Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. Ronald Long – No probable cause.
- 2014046-2 **Jennifer Elder Parker, DVM** (Gentle Care Animal Hospital) – Dr. Jennifer Eachus – No probable cause.
- 2014048-2 **Robert S. Freeman, DVM** (Skyland Animal Hospital of Asheville) – Ms. Barbara Warren – No probable cause.

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

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Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

2014008-8 **Phillip Scotton, DVM** (Eastern Randolph Veterinary  
Clinic) – Mr. Rickey E. Williamson, Jr. – Consent Order.

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the Consent Order on Dr. Phillip  
Scotton. Dr. Meckes seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 9

2014032-9 **David Vafek, DVM** – (Vet Ref. Hospital of Hickory)  
and **Alison Marie Reed, DVM** – (Lake Hickory  
Veterinary Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Jay Curtis – No  
probable cause issued to Dr. Vafek and a Letter of  
Reprimand issued to Dr. Alison Reed.

2014036-9 **Karen Gwynn Plasket, DVM; Rebecca L. Jackson,**  
**DVM** (Banfield the Pet Hospital - Winston Salem) –  
Mrs. Erin Brown – Letter of caution.

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- 2014034-9 **Gregory Arthur Arnold, DVM; Lisa Morgan Dixon, DVM; Kristi Lynn Sluiter, DVM** (CVS-Huntersville) – Mrs. Julie & Mr. Horst Fleck – Continue.
- 2014039-9 **Bradley Rutledge, DVM; Brittany N. Novosad, DVM; Jacqueline M. Wright, DVM** (Troutman Animal Hospital) – Ms. Glenda Green – No probable cause.
- 2014045-9 **Rita Mary McGinnis, DVM** (Triad Animal Hospital) – Ms. Michelle Joy Laws – No probable cause.
- 2014042-9 **Joel K. Garrett, DVM** (Animal Hospital of Fayetteville) – Ms. Nataliya Rice – No probable cause.
- 2014044-9 **Michael William Miller, IV, DVM** (West Innes Animal Hospital) – Dr. Frank Labagnara & Mr. David Garling – Letter of reprimand.

Dr. Dean recused himself from voting on complaint 2014042-9. Dr. Meckes made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 9. Dr. Barber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 3:40 p.m. the Board took a break returning at 3:48 p.m.



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Mrs. Morgan left the meeting.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

2014013-7 **Todd A. Steinman, RVT** – (Salisbury Animal Hospital)

– Ms. Yvonne Welton – Consent Order.

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the Consent Order for Todd A. Steinman, RVT and was seconded by Dr. Meckes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Dr. Bull motioned to approve the financial report, seconded by Dr. Cochran. The motion was approved unanimously.

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The Board, having no further business, upon motion of Mr. Loftis, seconded by Dr. Cochran, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey  
Executive Director