

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
BOARD MEETING  
June 4, 2020**

**Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President, Dr. James R. Corley, called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL –**

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

Those present:

James R. Corley, DVM	Board President
Keri A. Cataldo, DVM	Board Vice President
Joseph Bondurant, Jr., DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Alfred G. Stevens, DVM	Board Member
William H. Green, DVM	Board Member
Jared B. Granier	Board Executive Director
Stephen H. Vogt	Board General Counsel

Absent:

None.

Guests:

John Walther	Assistant Commissioner, Animal Health & Food Safety
Bland O’Conner	LVMA
Amanda Perkins	LVMA

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Board Minutes April 2, 2020**

The Board reviewed the minutes from April 2, 2020. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS**

**A. Financial Reports -** Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the month of March '20 for review. No motion made on the matter.

**B. CD Investments – Authority to Purchase in FY2021 –** Mr. Granier reviewed rates and accrued interest amounts for certificates of deposit (CDs) for FY2020. Discussion and request from Board for Mr. Granier to research additional opportunities for increased interest rates, including online vs. traditional CD/investments. Motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to authorize Mr. Granier, Executive Director, in association with the Board Secretary-Treasurer elect, Dr. Stevens, to make internal fund transfers for the purchase of CDs during FY2021, and to query current and additional local state-approved

financial institutions for additional CD rates. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. **NAVLE & VTNE Adoption** - Motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Cataldo to adopt amendments and statement of work for NAVLE and VTNE. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

*No administration proceedings to review*

*Motion was made by Dr. Corley 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. Stevens, and passed unanimously by voice vote.*

*Upon conclusion of executive session, motion was made to return to regular session by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and approved unanimously by voice vote.*

## VI. DVM, RVT, AND CAET ISSUES

- A. **Case 17-0908** - Mr. Vogt presented supplemental information related to case and Board agreement. No motion made on matter.
- B. **CAET Candidate** - Mr. Vogt presented supplemental information related to an application. No motion made on matter.

## VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. **Abby N. Berzas, DVM - Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of St. George’s University, licensed in FL. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Berzas, motion was made by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice 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. **Courtney Boysen, DVM – Re-visit of Waiver of NAVLE Requirement** – 2011 graduate of Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in KS. Following re-review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Boysen, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to approve a temporary license based on condition that a passing NAVLE score is received. Temporary license expires on receipt date of NAVLE score, after which time active license is granted (assuming passing score is received). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Dr. Corley recused himself from vote.
- C. **Anne M. Connella Tassin, DVM - Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** - 1996 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in CA. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Tassin, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the

required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- D. Emily C. Courville, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in VA. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Courville, motion was made by Dr. Cataldo, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. William E. Farmer, DVM - Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2006 graduate of Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in IN, KY, CA, and FL. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Farmer, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Green, to **defer** request for waiver until all proof of employment is received. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Amber L. Fontenot, DVM - Request Waiver of Retake of National Examination and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2011 graduate of University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in MD, PA, and TN. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Fontenot, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Kathleen E. Gerdes, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2016 graduate of Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Gerdes, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Tifaney A. Jones, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Jones, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of preceptorship requirement as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Jaime K. Pickett, DVM – Reconsider Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2003 graduate of University of Florida School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in FL, NC, SC, GA, and VA. Following review of the

documentation submitted by Dr. Pickett, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- G. Diane Wilson, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2001 graduate of LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in KY and OH. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Wilson, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Cataldo, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination and preceptorship requirements as the documents provided meet the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES**

### **A. General Update**

1. No action taken

### **B. Policy and Procedure**

1. No action taken

### **C. Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements**

1. COVID-19 Virus & Continuing Education & Preceptorships

The Board discussed several options for addressing outstanding CE hours due to the large number of cancelled and postponed educational opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the April, 2020 meeting, the Board voted to promulgate the following Emergency Rules applicable to Continuing Education and Preceptorship requirements. The Board, by emergency rule, will extend the time period for obtaining actual hours of continuing education for this fiscal year (2020) until the end of fiscal year 2021 (ending June 30, 2021). There will be no late fee assessments for not having completed the hour requirements (with maximum hours of which can be online seen below) by June 30, 2020. In this June 2020 meeting, the Board decided on amending the previous emergency rule by removing the online CE maximums and allowing for all Continuing Education hours to be completed online for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 (ending June 30, 2021). This emergency rule will expire on June 30, 2021. Dr. Stevens motioned to adopt emergency rules as given above; seconded by Dr. Bondurant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES**

- A. Licensee Concerns over COVID-19's Effect on CE** – The Board discussed several communications from licensees regarding the effect of the worldwide pandemic. After this discussion, the Board decided to promulgate the emergency rule amendments above.

- B. LSU SVM Shelter Medicine CAET CE Request** – The Board discussed Dr. Wolfson’s request for CAET continuing education opportunity at which time motion to approve was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Cataldo, pending a satisfactory review of more details in the presentation by Dr. Wolfson to ensure the CE opportunity meets the standard CE requirements and is in line with the CAET training given by the Board. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Preceptorship Request** – The Board discussed a preceptorship request, resulting in a denial based on deficient radiograph equipment. Motion to deny made by Bondurant, seconded by Stevens. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

- A. Facebook Posts Critical of Clinic** – Board discussed concern raised by local veterinarian related to a veterinary clinic and Facebook posts regarding the clinic. With the limited information given, the Board felt no action to be taken regarding this matter.
- B. New Software for License Management – Mr. Granier updated the Board of the top** two vendor options for the new management software: Thentia and Certemy. Mr. Granier informed the Board that the software offered from Thentia was his preferred. Motion to accept Thentia and the Board’s new software vendor made by Stevens, seconded by Cataldo. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Election of Officers** – Nominations were taken as follows: Keri Cataldo, DVM, Board President; Joseph Bondurant, Jr., DVM, Board Vice-President; Alfred Stevens, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer. Motion was made by Dr. Stevens to close nominations, seconded by Dr. Bondurant and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Motion was made by Dr. Stevens to install, by acclamation, Dr. Keri Cataldo, as Board President, Dr. Joseph Bondurant as Board Vice-President, and Dr. Alfred Stevens, as Board Secretary-Treasurer for fiscal year 2021, seconded by Dr. Bondurant and passed unanimously by voice vote, effective August 1, 2020.

- D. New Licenses and Certificates Issued** – - Wall certificates were presented for signature for the following licenses/certificates issued since the previous Board meeting (license issue dates from 03/24/20 to 05/15/20):

**DVM**

3727	Buffy Renee	Ackman
3728	Kimberly Lynne	Boykin
3729	Emily Lydia	Clarke
3729	Emily Lydia	Clarke
3730	Courtney Elizabeth	Martin
3731	Casey Leann	Richbourg

**Faculty DVM**

Faculty 187	Laura Ann	Adams
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Corinne Campbell  
Maria Laura  
  
Danielle Nicole  
Yeji  
Alasdair Charles Graham  
Carolina Silva  
Mary Katherine

Mayer  
Vega  
Suarez  
Cucuzella  
Chun  
Botting  
Ramos  
Bollman

**RVT**

8490                      Frances Jordan                      Mathies

**CAET**

*none*

No motion made pertaining to the licenses and certifications issued.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. No Action Taken**

**XI. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Board, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Corley, and passed unanimously by voice vote to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.



~~Joseph Bondurant, Jr., DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer~~

Alfred Stevens, DVM