

**LOUISIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2020**

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Dr. Keri Cataldo, called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL –

Roll call was taken by Board Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Alfred Stevens, with the following results:

Those present:

Keri A. Cataldo, DVM	Board President
Joseph Bondurant, Jr., DVM	Board Vice President
Alfred G. Stevens, DVM	Board Secretary-Treasurer
Dr. Trisha C. Marullo, DVM	Board Member
James R. Corley, 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
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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Board Minutes August 6, 2020

The Board reviewed the minutes from August 6, 2020. Motion was made to accept the minutes as presented by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. FINANCIAL MATTERS AND CONTRACTS

A. Financial Reports - Mr. Granier presented the financial reports for the months of June and July '20 for review, as well as FY2021 CD & Investments. Motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Corley, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. Fiscal Report FY2020

Mr. Granier presented the Board's Annual Fiscal Report for review. No action was taken on this item.

C. Maximum Employee Wage Increase for FY2022 Budget – Mr. Granier presented the Board with the historical data of increases. Following discussion, motion to keep maximum increase at 7% for FY2022 made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

- D. FY2020 Audit Update** – Mr. Granier informed the Board of the auditor’s request to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s office for an extension to the September 30th deadline to conduct his fieldwork. Mr. Mercer’s request to LLA was granted and the audit deadline was pushed back to October 14, 2020. No further action taken on this agenda item at this time.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS

No administration proceedings to review

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

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

VI. DVM, RVT, AND CAET ISSUES

- A. Kenneth M. Allan, DVM - Request to Change Status – Inactive Disabled** - Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Allan, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** status change to Inactive Disabled; however, the 20 CE hours are still required for Renewal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Bethany M. Allen, RVT - Request for CE Exemption (Military Spouse)** - Following review of the documentation provided by Ms. Allen, motion was made by Dr. Corley, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, motion was made to **deny CE exemption** for Renewal Year 2020-2021 due to current emergency rule which allows for all CE hours to be completed virtually/online. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Patrick Boyd, CAET - Request to Sit for CAET Exam** - Following discussion of from Mr. Vogt, it was determined Mr. Boyd is eligible for the CAET training and exam. No motion required on the matter.
- D. Frederick M. Enright, DVM - Request for Change Status – Inactive Retired** - Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Enright, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and waiver of 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Ted Hoerner, DVM - Request for Change Status – Inactive Retired** - Following review of the documentation provided by Dr. Hoerner, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Stevens, to approve status change to Inactive Retired and waiver of 20 CE requirements for Renewal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VII. DVM APPLICANT ISSUES

- A. Kelly F. Broussard, DVM, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 2010 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Broussard, 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.

- B. Talesha Brown, DVM - Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2018 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Brown, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, 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.
- C. Christine L. Gerrity, DVM – Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2019 graduate of St. George’s CVM, licensed in FL. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Gerrity, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, 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.
- D. Jennifer L. Godfrey, DVM – Re-Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake Requirement** – 2011 graduate of Washington State University CVM, licensed in CA & TX. Following review of the supplemental documentation submitted by Dr. Godfrey after the August 6th board meeting, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **approve** waiver of retake of the national examination based on supplemental documentation provided by Dr. Godfrey. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Lindsey J. Harvey, DVM – Request Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – 2017 graduate of LSU SVM, licensed in TX. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Harvey, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, 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.
- F. Erin L. Katribe, DVM - Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** - 2009 graduate of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in CA, TX, and UT. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Katribe, motion was made by Dr. Corley, 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 90-day period of time immediately prior to application, and licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Secondly, the request for waiver of retake of the national examination was **denied** based on documentation indicating two gaps in full-time employment within the five years immediately preceding application and thus not meeting the waiver requirements. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Thomas B. Little, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1993 graduate of Illinois University School of Veterinary Medicine, licensed in IL and NV. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Thomas, motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to **defer decision** on waiver of the preceptorship and NAVLE requirements as additional, required employment

documentation was not received to determine if the criteria of full-time clinical veterinary practice for the required period of time immediately prior to application has been met along with licensure in good standing in another jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- G. Dale L. Paccamonti, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1981 graduate of MSU SVM, licensed in MD and DE. Following review of the documentation submitted Dr. Paccamonti, motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Marullo, to **defer decision** on waiver of the preceptorship and NAVLE requirements as additional, required employment documentation is requested by the Board. Specifically, the Board is requesting Dr. Paccamonti submits proof of clinical hours vs. teaching hours vs. research hours during tenure of employment as the Board is unclear of the number of actual hands-on hours of clinical work. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- G. Jeffrey L. Rothstein, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1994 graduate of CSU CVM, licensed in IA, IL, MI, and MN. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Rothstein, 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.
- H. Kayla M. Smith, DVM – Request for Waiver of Preceptorship Requirement** – Dr. Smith’s request was not brought before the Board for review as she was ineligible for the preceptorship waiver based on her submitted documentation.
- I. Scott C. Vaughn, DVM – Request Waiver of NAVLE Retake and Preceptorship Requirement** – 1994 graduate of CSU CVM, licensed in IA, IL, MI, and MN. Following review of the documentation submitted by Dr. Vaughn, 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.

VIII. POLICY, PROCEDURE, AND RULES

A. General Update

1. No action taken

B. Policy and Procedure

1. Legal Interpretation of Consultation

The Board inquired of legal counsel whether it would be appropriate and authorized by law to require licensees who request interpretations of Practice Act and/or Board Rules, and legal advice on practice matters, to seek some form of reimbursement for legal counsel’s efforts and charges to the Board. Legal counsel advised that such practice would be in violation of legal ethics and would present a conflict of interest. No action was taken.

2. Declaratory Statement Protocol Request

Legal counsel in an effort to come to a clear understanding with the Board concerning the scope of work and procedures involved regarding the answering of practice act queries and board ratification that do not meet the criteria of formal declaratory statements presented a proposed policy. The policy is intended to be an informal guide and need not be formally adopted nor rigidly followed. A discussion was held and suggested changes made. No action was taken.

3. CAET Rules Review

brief discussion was held regarding problematic and unclear provisions of the Practice Act and Rules governing the employment of CAETs, where those duties can be performed and whether supervision is required by a licensed veterinarian. Legal counsel was instructed to follow up with research, including how other jurisdictions handle those issues by statute or rule, and to advise whether a formal rule change is needed to address Board concerns. No action was taken.

4. Late Renewal Charges for Victims of Hurricane Laura

The Board discussed waiving the late renewal fees for licensee that were within the affected areas of Hurricane Laura. Counsel was instructed to draft an emergency rule, if necessary, to afford waivers of those license renewals late charges through January 1, 2021.

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

1. NAVLE Waiver Discussion

Board discussed rulemaking options for amending Rule §303.B.4. related to national examination (NAVLE) waivers, specifically §303.B.4.b. More details were requested from Mr. Granier for the December board meeting as to what are other states' waiver policies with respect to the NAVLE.

2. RVTs Status at LSU School of Veterinary Medicine

Mr. Granier presented to the Board a list of veterinary technicians employed at the LSU SVM. General discussion regarding how the LSU SVM classifies veterinary technicians employed in the clinic. While not all hold RVT licenses with the LBVM, all veterinary technicians at the LSU SVM are except from the license requirement under Rule §1514.(1) as they are employees of the state government performing official duties. No motion or vote was made on the matter.

IX. PRECEPTORSHIP ISSUES

A. None at this time

IX. CONTINUING EDUCATION ISSUES

A. UF Graduate Certificate – Veterinary Forensic Medicine – Mr. Granier presented a continuing education request for review and approval from a licensee. Board felt content of certificate program and the classes within were more than adequate and acceptable for continuing education hours. Motion to approval CE request for 20 hours made by Corley, seconded by Bondurant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. MSU Extension – Bovine Artificial Insemination School – Mr. Granier presented a continuing education approval request for 16 hours of continuing education from MSU

Extension. Board felt this program meets CE requirements. Motion to approval CE request for 16 hours made by Bondurant, seconded by Marullo. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

A. Licensure Issue – Reported Out-of-State Conviction

Board discussed submission to the Board of a possible LA licensed veterinarian allegedly convicted of killing neighbor's dogs; however, there was no official complaint filed with the LBVM against the veterinarian. Board made no motion and instructed Executive Director and Legal Counsel to obtain more information for a possible re-visit of this matter at the December '20 board meeting.

B. Licensure Issue – Requirement for Specific Duty

Board discussed inquiry from retired veterinarian as to whether licensure is required for reading pathology slides. Board made no motion and instructed Executive Director and Legal Counsel to obtain more information for a re-visit of this matter at the December '20 board meeting.

C. Possible Complaint Regarding Unlicensed Practice of Veterinary Medicine

No discussion; Agenda item moved to December meeting.

D. Possible Complaint and/or Renewal Review

Mr. Vogt presented to the Board an instance in which during the renewal process a licensee provided incorrect information concerning whether the licensee had been convicted of a misdemeanor not involving a minor traffic offense since the last renewal period. It was discovered that a guilty plea had, in fact, been entered into by the licensee and that the misdemeanor also provided the basis for a violation of the Practice Act and Rules. The Board approved pursuing the matter as the complainant under the Rules involving the discipline of licensees but allowed the renewal to take place.

E. Proposed 2021 Board Meeting Dates – Mr. Granier presented proposed Board meeting dates for 2021. Motion was made by Dr. Stevens, seconded by Dr. Bondurant, to accept the proposed dates as presented and to be printed in the Board's 2020 newsletter and to be published in the Louisiana Register and on the LBVM website. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

F. 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 07/20/20 to 09/17/20):

DVM

3779 (T)	Hammant	Tiffany Marie
3780	Ferro	Jack Michael
3781	Accardo	Chloe Elizabeth
3782 (T)	Paul	Hannah Nicole
3783	Berzas	Abby Nicole
3784	Berggreen	Carly Kristin
3785	Schexnayder	Matthew Monroe
3786 (T)	Bryant	Ashley Emmons
3787	Galjour	Abby Alyssa

3788 Larive Megan Elizabeth

Faculty DVM

Faculty 205	Laver	Travis
Faculty 206	Diaz Vergara	Sandra Fabiola
Faculty 207	Horridge	Mallory V.
Faculty 208	Clark	Mitzi Durel
Faculty 209	Blank	Carolyn N
Faculty 210	Hunley	David Wayne
Faculty 211	Lorch	Gwendolen
Faculty 213	Russell	Laken Shea
Faculty 214	Brekke	David Lars
Faculty 215	Waldrige	Bryan Meredith

RVT

8494	Whitaker	Heather McKenzie
8495	Humphrey	Elise Taylor
8496	Todd	Sammantha Marie
8497	Briody	Alan Daniel
8498	D'Antonio	Rachel Anne
8499	Fricke	Kristine Michelle
8500	Crawford	Shelbi Fay

CAET

9924	Mary Miller	Pierce
9925	Tyquaylon Kejuan	Smith
9926	Terrell A.	Craig

Mr. Granier presented to the Board the list above of all licenses and certificates issued since the previous Board meeting in August. No motion made pertaining to the licenses and certifications issued.

G. Update on Licensing Renewals and Licensure

Mr. Granier presented statistics on the recent renewal applications. No action was taken on this item.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None at this time.

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 1:10 p.m.

MINUTES REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY FULL BOARD on 12-10, 2020.



Alfred G. Stevens, DVM, Board Secretary-Treasurer