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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

MEETING OF

December 15, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met on December 15, 2021, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Dwight McNally, DVM, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Dwight McNally, DVM, Chairperson
Nancy Frank, DVM
Tracy Nyberg, DVM
Caitlin O'Rourke, Public Member
Joanna Pennebaker, LVT
Kevin Stachowiak, DVM

Members Absent: Amy Hicswa, DVM, Vice Chairperson
Jordan Kennedy, Public Member
Peter Levine, Public Member
Nora Wineland, DVM, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Analyst, Compliance Section
Dena Marks, Analyst, Board and Committees Section
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section
Michele Wagner-Gutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by O'Rourke, seconded by Pennebaker, to approve the agenda, with the amendment to remove the Conferee Training from the agenda and add resolution to the agenda as item 8. D.

A voice vote followed

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Nyberg, seconded by O'Rourke, to approve the September 16, 2021, minutes as presented.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Discussion

Marks presented the Board with the draft rules that the rules committee has been working on.

MOTION by Frank, seconded by Stachowiak, to approve the draft rules, as presented.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Frank, Nyberg, O'Rourke, Pennebaker,
Stachowiak, McNally
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

2022 Public Notice

The Board was given the 2022 Public Notice.

Resolutions

McNally thanked Hudson and Levine for their service on the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Marks presented McNally with a resolution and thanked him for his hard work and commitment to the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Board of Veterinary Medicine Temporary Resolution

Marks presented the board with a temporary resolution that would allow the department to contact a professional member to perform chairperson duties, until the next meeting when elections will be held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Frank, Nyberg, O'Rourke, Pennebaker, Stachowiak,
McNally
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

McNally informed the Board that the Board Review Panel have reviewed 34 allegations since the last meeting. He thanked the committee for all their hard work.

McNally encouraged the committee to show respect and kindness when reviewing.

Department Update

Marks informed the Board that there will be a new member training session via Zoom on January 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Marks informed the Board that the Veterinary Technician rules are with JCAR.

Wagner-Gutkowski thanked McNally for all his hard work and commitment to the Board of Veterinary Medicine from the Attorney General's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kara Henry's from the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association addressed the Board to thank them for their hard work on the rules and to state the change to the telehealth rule was essential.

Larry Letsche, representing the MVMA, stated that as a small animal practitioner and a previous board member, that he commended the telehealth rule change. It will mean that Michigan veterinarians will be practicing using the highest standards of veterinary medicine.

Art Jalkanen thanked McNally for his professionalism and understanding of the disciplinary process.

Art Jalkanen made comments to the Board stating he felt there was a lack of understanding of the standard of care and the burden of proof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by O'Rourke, seconded by Nyberg, to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on: March 17, 2022

Prepared by:
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Bureau of Professional Licensing

December 17, 2021