

**BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Time: 10:06 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: John K. Kaya, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Elwood I. Kita, Vice-Chairperson  
Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., Member  
Wendy L. Mah, Member  
Jenee Odani, D.V.M., Member  
Michael O. Woltmon, D.V.M., Member  
Mellissa Yuen, D.V.M., Member  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer  
Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Guests: Eric Ako, D.V.M.  
Aleisha Swartz, D.V.M.  
Dawn Kubota, DCCA Exam Branch Chief

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") section 92-7(b).

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Kaya.

Additions/  
Revisions  
to Agenda: None.

Approval of  
Minutes of the  
July 16, 2014  
Board Meeting: After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Odani, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014 Board meeting.

Guests to the meeting, Dr. Eric Ako and Dr. Aleisha Swartz was welcomed by the Board.

Executive Session:

At 10:08 a.m., it was moved by Chairperson Dr. Kaya, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:15 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Applications:

A. Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued temporary permits:

- (1) ATHERTON, Herbert J.
- (2) BARRETT-NARITO, Chelsie C.N.
- (3) JAY, Sarah E.
- (4) LEVINS, Kristin R.
- (5) RUDOSKY, Joanna C.
- (6) ZIMMERMAN, Dawn M.

The Board's consensus was to move the ratification of issued temporary permit issued to Noele T.K. Tom, to the end of the meeting.

B. Ratification of License

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kita, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued license:

- (1) YUSHCHENKO, Ganna

C. Ratification of Issued License

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued temporary permits:

- (1) ATHERTON, Herbert J.
- (2) BADER, Jordan J.
- (3) BROWN, Jacob M.
- (4) HADAR, Barr N.
- (5) HEERKENS, Tammy M.J.
- (6) JANOWITZ, Linda K.
- (7) JAY, Sarah E.
- (8) MOSCONY, John P.
- (9) SAKUGAWA, Jolynn K.
- (10) WALKER, Tommy L.
- (11) WATKINS, Courtney S.
- (12) YAMASAKI, Leicie T.H.

Old Business: A. Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association ("HVMA")

Executive Officer Bhanot announced that the first Board meeting in 2015 is a couple of weeks after the opening of the 2015 Legislative Session; thus, the Board should be able to discuss all bills related to the Board at that time. In the meantime, the Board may be able to form an opinion and/or address any concerns with existing carryover bills.

Dr. Ako of HVMA, informed the Board that the sunrise review is currently being conducted by the Auditor's office as requested in SCR 46. He also reiterated the six (6) discussion points regarding the lack of veterinarian technician ("VT") language in the statute, as reflected in the Board's last meeting minutes. He noted that point number six (6) – "No reciprocity", will be replaced with Grandfathering to out of state licensed/registered VTs, who passed the VTNE and who are in good standing for at least the last ten (10) years.

Discussion ensued on the question of how the regulation of VTs is going to benefit the people. VTs may get paid more, they are still under the supervision of a veterinarian, and the added cost to hire VTs may be handed down to the pet owner. The consensus of the

Board was that service and efficiency will improve, and the practice of veterinary medicine (the quality of the whole service to the pet) will advance with the regulation of VTs.

Dr. Woltmon asked about the scope of practice of VTs. Dr. Ako replied that he wants to leave that part to the Administrative Rules. Discussion ensued on the differences between registration, certification, and licensure, and the qualification(s) that may be applicable to each type. Executive Officer Bhanot commented the bill needs to be revised, to address areas such as enforcement. Chairperson Dr. Kaya commented that the bill implied that it may be a VT certification based on the requirements written.

Further discussion ensued concerning the hiring of VTs, which the Board stressed is at the discretion of the veterinarian.

Executive Officer Bhanot suggested revising the bill sooner than later, DAG Wong was in agreement. A suggestion to review Idaho, Utah, and Nevada's statute was made.

New Business:

A. Exam Questions

The Board's consensus was to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

B. Approval of Addition to RICO's Veterinary Examiners Advisory Committee: Bertram H.S. Lau, D.V.M.

After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chairperson Kita, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried to approve the member addition to RICO's Veterinary Examiners Advisory Committee: Bertram H.S. Lau, D.V.M.

C. Dr. Mellissa Yuen report of the 2014 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference – September 11-13, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Florida

Dr. Yuen provided a brief summary of her delegate funded trip to the 2014 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida on September 11-

13, 2014. She briefly mentioned of the AAVSB Veterinary Information Verifying Agency ("VIVA"), whereby veterinarians are able to log and track their continuing education on-line which may be accessed by State Boards.

Discussion ensued on the impending continuing education requirement for renewal of license. It was noted that the responsibility to provide their completion of continuing education will be on the licensees.

Legislation: A. H.C.R. No. 66, Requesting the State Auditor to Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Regulation of Veterinary Technicians and the Practice of Veterinary Technology

Executive Officer Bhanot noted that Dr. Ako addressed this agenda item in his discussion under "Old Business".

B. S.B. No. 2502, S.D. 1(2014), Relating to Veterinary Technicians

Dr. Ako commented that he is seeking the guidance from Executive Officers: Lee Ann Teshima and Ms. Bhanot, the Regulated Industries Complaints Office, Consumer Projects Attorney: Catherine Chun-Hoon, and Representative Mark J. Hashem – for Senate Bill No. 2502, S.D. 1, Relating to Veterinary Technicians - which establishes requirements for the practice and registration of veterinary technicians.

Continuing Education: A. September 3, 2014 and September 16, 2014 Letters From Mark L. Cushing, Re: Request Regarding Continuing Education Rule

Discussion ensued on letters received September 3, 2014 and September 16, 2014 from Mr. Cushing who requested for the Board's interpretation of automatically approved providers of continuing education.

The Board's consensus was that pursuant to HRS section 471-1 Definitions: courses approved by the AAVSBs' Registry (a.k.a. RACE) would automatically qualify for continuing education.

Dr. Ako commented that HVMA processes request for continuing education approvals at no charge; that they have a procedure in place which includes the review of the curriculum vitae of the speaker and the presentation.

Chairperson's  
Report:

A. September 2014 Visit to Kansas City for the Veterinary Technician National Examination ("VTNE")

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated his visit for the VTNE committee meeting was held in Tampa, Florida, and not Kansas City. He provided a brief summary of his duties as a member of that committee, stating that he worked on writing test questions for the next test window. He suggested that this Board may be able to incorporate the techniques and evaluations into the future writing of the Board's exam.

Executive  
("NBVME")  
Officer's  
Report:

A. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

(1) August 2014 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME

The August 2014 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME was circulated to the Board.

(2) 2013-2014 NAVLE Technical Report

The 2013-2014 NAVLE Technical Report was circulated to the Board.

B. American Association of Veterinary State Boards ("AAVSB")

(1) July 2014 Veterinary Regulation News

The July 2014 Veterinary Regulation News was circulated to the Board.

(2) July 16, 2014 2014-2016 AAVXB Strategy Map

The July 16, 2014 2014-2016 AAVXB Strategy Map was circulated to the Board.

C. 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board was provided with the 2015 Board Meeting schedule as follows:

- Wednesday, January 28, 2015
- Wednesday, April 15, 2015
- Wednesday, July 15, 2015
- Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Examinations:

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on July 18, 2014

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| Candidates Eligible: | 7 |
| Exams Administered:  | 7 |
| Successful:          | 7 |
| Failed:              | 0 |
| No Shows:            | 0 |

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on August 14, 2014

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| Candidates Eligible: | 9 |
| Exams Administered:  | 7 |
| Successful:          | 5 |
| Failed:              | 2 |
| No Shows:            | 2 |

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on September 19, 2014

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| Candidates Eligible: | 5 |
| Exams Administered:  | 5 |
| Successful:          | 4 |
| Failed:              | 1 |
| No Shows:            | 0 |

Drs. Woltmon and Kaufman inquired if other State Board's exam results were known.

Executive Session:

At 11:29 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for licensure in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the

Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4).

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:55 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

The agenda was taken out of order to discuss the following items that had been moved to the end of the meeting.

New Business:      A.      Exam Questions

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kita, and unanimously carried to place the following agenda items to future meetings for discussion:

- Exam questions and reference material utilized;
- Exam retake duration; and
- Maximum number of re-takes.

Applications:      A.      Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kita, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued temporary permits:

- (1)      TOM, Noele T.K.

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dr. Yuen announced that she is resigning from the Board as she is relocating to another State; she expressed her gratitude serving this Board stating that it was a great learning experience for her; the Board expressed their appreciation and wished her success in her new endeavor.



Adjournment:        There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at  
12:05 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Lori Nishimura

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Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lynn Bhanot

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Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer

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[ X] Minutes approved as is.

[ ] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of \_\_\_\_\_