

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Time: 10:10 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  
Wendy L. Mah, Vice-Chairperson  
Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., Member  
Jenee Odani, D.V.M., Member  
Michael O. Woltmon, D.V.M., Member  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer  
Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Guests: Eric Ako, D.V.M., Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association

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 10:10 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Kaya.

Additions/  
Revisions  
to Agenda: None.

Approval of  
Minutes of the  
July 15, 2015  
Board Meeting: After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Ms. Mah, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 Board meeting.

The Board's consensus was to change the order of the meeting and take up Agenda #6, Legislation, at this time.

Legislation:           A.     Proposed Draft Relating to Veterinary Technicians

Dr. Ako extended an open invitation to the Board to the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association ("HVMA") 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on November 12 – 14, 2015, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel.

Dr. Ako commented that the bills relating to Veterinary Technicians ("VTs") were deferred indefinitely by the Senate and the House, (Senate Bill No. 751 and its companion bill, House Bill No. 733), at the 2015 legislative session. It was noted that the Board were in support of the concept to register veterinary technicians, but were not able to support the deferred bills as written, presenters of the bills were suggested to collaborate on agreeable language with all parties involved. Dr. Ako stated that he did meet with the Executive Officer and Windward Community College Veterinary Technology instructor, Sam Craddock, and has also reached out to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office. Dr. Ako commented that a new (revised) bill will not be introduced in the 2016 legislative session, as they are in the sharing/fact finding stage.

Discussion ensued on whether VTs will be for certification, registration, or licensure; as factors such as testing may deem it to be considered a license. Executive Officer Bhanot suggested revising the language on the continuing education approval process, remove the Board and replace with the Hawaii Veterinary Technician Association; due to the Board's limited quarter meetings, the Board may not be able to accommodate continuing education approval requests timely.

Dr. Odani arrived to the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Discussion ensued on the Sunrise Analysis of VTs; the State Auditor concluded that VTs are not necessary.

Further discussion ensued on language used to address violations. DAG Wong suggested clarification on forfeitures.

Dr. Ako was thanked for his attendance at today's meeting.

Applications:           A.     Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

- (1)    BOX, Sarah L.
- (2)    GRAY, Jason T.
- (3)    GREEN, Natalie S.
- (4)    OKANO, Janel A.
- (5)    OWEN, Berit C.
- (6)    PEARMAN, Emily C.
- (7)    TRAUTWEIN, Jasen M.

B.     Ratification of Issued License

Executive Officer Bhanot noted that at the Board's previous meeting, ratification of the following issued license was completed:

- (1)    GODDARD, Nathan S.

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

- (1)    ABRAMO, Nicole M.
- (2)    GOTTFRIED, Sharon D.
- (3)    GREEN, Natalie S.
- (4)    HESKETT, Travis W.
- (5)    HILL, Megan E.
- (6)    KORTH, Kelly M.
- (7)    MULLINS, Tracey L.
- (8)    OWEN, Berit C.
- (9)    PEARMAN, Emily C.
- (10)   WALLACE, Jenna M.

New Business:        A.     Approval of RICO Veterinary Examiners Advisory Committee

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the RICO Veterinary Examiners Advisory Committee list and the Addendum language – Effective January 1, 2016.

B. 2016 Board Meeting Schedule

The Board was provided with the 2016 Board Meeting schedule as follows:

- Wednesday, February 3, 2016
- Wednesday, April 20, 2016
- Wednesday, July 20, 2016
- Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Legislation:

A. Proposed Draft Relating to Veterinary Technicians

This agenda item had been previously discussed.

Chairperson's Report:

A. 2015 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference: September 17 – 19, 2015 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated that he attended the 2015 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference as a member of the Veterinary Technician National Examination ("VTNE") Committee. He provided a brief summary of the committee's accomplishment which included validating questions on their relevancy to licensure, statistics, references, and as well as confirming abbreviations utilized in the VTNE exam to ensure that it was applicable to both the US and Canada standards.

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated he was able to attend about 25% of the presentations and act as the Board's voting delegate while participating on the VTNE committee. Discussion ensued on the Board's immunity after Chairperson Dr. Kaya briefly summarized one of the presentations which covered the Supreme Court ruling against the North Carolina Dental Examiners ("NC Board") for violating the Federal Trade Commission Act. "North Carolina constituted an anticompetitive and unfair method of competition", when they issued official cease-and-desist letters to nondentist teeth whitening service providers and product manufacturers. State-action immunity was not granted because the NC Board was not actively supervised by the State to claim immunity. This Board's composition, being appointed by the Governor's office, and as well as the role of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office was discussed.

Executive  
Officer's Report:

A. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("NBVME")

(1) August 2015 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME

The August 2015 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME was circulated to the Board.

(2) NAVLE Score Reporting

Executive Officer Bhanot reported the NBVME is moving to all-electronic reporting of NAVLE scores to both candidates and to licensing boards, beginning with the November – December 2015 NAVLE scores in January 2016.

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

(1) July 2015 – Veterinary Regulation News

The July 2015 Veterinary Regulation News was circulated to the Board.

Examinations:

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on July 17, 2015

Candidates Eligible:	4
Exams Administered:	4
Successful:	4
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on August 20, 2015

Candidates Eligible:	4
Exams Administered:	4
Successful:	4
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on September 18, 2015

Candidates Eligible:	5
Exams Administered:	4

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Successful:	4
Failed:	0
No Shows:	1

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Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.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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[ ] Minutes approved as is.

[ X] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of February 3, 2016.