

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Place: PVL Examination Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
335 Merchant Street, Room 330  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

Excused: Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., Member  
Jenee Odani, D.V.M., Member

Guests: Eric Ako, D.V.M.

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 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Kaya.

Additions/  
Revisions  
to Agenda: None.

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

Applications:           A.     Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

- (1)    BROWN, Jacob M.
- (2)    DEVEAU, Erin E. G.
- (3)    MCCURDY, Paul J.
- (4)    TREJO-GARCIA, Rebecca
- (5)    YAMASAKI, Leicie T. H.

B.     Ratification of Issued License

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

- (1)    FINE-FERREIRA, Deborah M.

Ms. Mah joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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

Dr. Eric Ako represented the HVMA. Executive Officer Bhanot stated that Dr. Ako contacted her in preparation for the next legislative session regarding the Veterinarian Technician ("VT") bill. The Auditor's office had an entrance meeting with the Executive Officer to prep for the sunrise analysis as requested in SCR46. Dr. Ako informed the Board that Senator Baker is excited about SB2502/HB2105 and regardless of the auditor's decision, she will push through the bill because registration of VTs will benefit the community. The analyst assigned to complete the sunrise evaluation expects to start the review in August.

Catherine Chun-Hoon and Daria Loy-Goto from the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") and the Hawaii Veterinary Technician Association ("HVTA") have been contacted regarding the lack of VT language in the statute. Dr. Ako shared the following six (6) discussion points:

1.     No new chapter. Keep VTs under HRS Chapter 471.

2. Reorganize the Board to five (5) veterinarians, one VT, and one public member.
3. Clarify the exemptions to include farmers and farm workers under the farmer supervision, all students not just VT students.
4. Continuing education ("CE") required to re-register, same as veterinarians; 20 CEs every two (2) years.
5. Grandfathering to be termed Alternative path to the Veterinary Technician National Examination ("VTNE"): notarized document from employer (a veterinarian), certifying that the candidate has five (5) or more years of experience.
6. No reciprocity.

Executive Officer Bhanot added that the legislature preferred registration instead of licensing of VTs.

DAG Wong stated that if there is no scope language, then the difference between a vet assistant and VT is their title. Dr. Ako responded that the Board could change the language later. Chairperson Dr. Kaya added that wording will include the veterinary assistant. Dr. Ako stated that California's statute for veterinary assistant requires the same or greater degree of supervision than the VT.

Chairperson Dr. Kaya stated that the Windward Veterinary Technician program is now fully accredited and is a two (2) year program. Students who do not qualify for the second year may try again. The first year of study includes anatomy, introduction to the field, and nursing. The second year covers anesthesiology, dental cleaning, and surgery. Dr. Woltman asked if extractions are covered. Chairperson Dr. Kaya responded that the veterinarian does the extractions and the VT observes.

Executive Officer Bhanot asked if there is a national body that approves CE curricula. Dr. Ako responded that the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America ("NAVTA") approves CEs.

B. Approval of RICO Advisory Committee Member:  
Julie Adrian, D.V.M.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the RICO Advisory Committee Member: Julie Adrian, D.V.M.

C. May 2, 2014 AAVSB Recommendations on Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Executive Officer Bhanot provided copies of the Proposed Bylaws Amendments which reflected the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners proposal. These amendments will be voted on at the 2014 AAVSB Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg on September 13, 2014.

Continuing  
Education:

A. Application Form for Approval of Continuing Education

Executive Officer Bhanot provided copies of the draft application form for approval of continuing education. After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Kita and unanimously carried to approve the draft application form for approval of continuing education.

B. American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2014 Annual Conference CE Approval

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Yuen, and unanimously carried to have Executive Officer Bhanot inform the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2014 Annual Conference that the Board will only approve CEs approved by the following:

- American Animal Hospital Association
- American Association of Veterinary State Boards (i.e. Registry of Approved Continuing Education)
- American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA") or any of the specialty boards recognized by the AVMA
- Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association

C. CVC Kansas City and San Diego 2014 CE Approval

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the CVC

Kansas City and San Diego 2014 CEs because Hawaii accepts AAVSB's RACE approved programs.

Chairperson's Report:

A. Veterinary Technician National Examination ("VTNE")

Chairperson Dr. Kaya gave a brief summary of his visit as a VTNE Committee Member.

Executive Officer's Report:

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

(1) May 2014 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME

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

(2) June 3, 2014 – NAVLE Bulletin of Information for Candidates

The NAVLE Bulletin of Information for Candidates was circulated to the Board.

(3) June 30, 2014 – New NBVME Executive Director

Dr. Heather Case is the new NBVME Executive Director effective August 1, 2014 due to the retirement of Dr. John Boyce.

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

(1) April 28, 2014 Association Activities and Updates for 2014

The April 28, 2014 Association Activities and Updates for 2014 was circulated to the Board. Chairperson Dr. Kaya's name is listed in the bulletin.

C. American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA")

(1) March 2014 AVMA Council on Education ("COE") Report of Accreditation Actions

The March 2014 AVMA COE Report of Accreditation Actions was circulated to the Board.

(2) May 2014 AVMA COE Report of Accreditation Actions

The May 2014 AVMA COE Report of Accreditation Actions was circulated to the Board.

D. June 2014 Renewals as of July 2, 2014

Licenses Eligible for Renewals	518
Licenses Renewed	462
% Renewed	89.19%
Online Renewals	435
% of Licenses Renewed Online	94.16%

Examinations:

A. Results of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination ("NAVLE") Administered During the April 14 - April 26, 2014 Testing Window

Candidates Eligible:	1
Exams Administered:	1
Successful:	0
Failed:	1
No Shows:	0

B. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on April 17, 2014

Candidates Eligible:	3
Exams Administered:	2
Successful:	1
Failed:	1
No Shows:	1

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on June 20, 2014

Candidates Eligible:	6
Exams Administered:	5
Successful:	3
Failed:	2
No Shows:	1

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christine Hironaka

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Christine Hironaka, 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 \_\_\_\_\_