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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Time: 10:03 a.m.

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

Present: Jenee Odani, D.V.M., Chairperson
         Wendy L. Mah, Vice-Chairperson
         Alan Kaufman, D.V.M., Member
         Leianne K. Lee Loy, D.V.M., Member
         Alicia C. Maluafiti, Member
         Michael O. Woltmon, D.V.M., Member
         Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
         Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer
         Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Guest: Dr. John Lawrence, American Association of Veterinary State Boards (“AAVSB”)

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 10:03 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Odani.

Additions/ Revisions to Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Board Meeting: After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Maluafiti, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2016 Board meeting.
The Board welcomed Dr. John Lawrence, President of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (“AAVSB”). He noted that he was not with the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (as noted on the meeting agenda). The Board was provided with a packet containing information about the AAVSB.

Vice-Chairperson Mah arrived to the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Dr. Lawrence provided a brief summary of AAVSB, a non-profit organization whose mission is to support and advance the regulatory process for veterinary medicine; “here to help the Board”. Their key programs and services include:

- VIVA (Veterinary Information Verifying Agency)
- VCET (Veterinary Continuing Education Tracking)
- RACE (Registry of Approved Continuing Education)
- VTNE (Veterinary Technician National Examination)
- PAVE (Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence)
- SPA (State and Provincial Assessments)

Dr. Lawrence stated that the 2017 AAVSB Annual Meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas in September 2017. He also stated that each member board is allowed two (2) participants to attend through delegate funding; thus, he strongly encouraged attendance and especially for new Board members to apprise them of the organization, receive new board member training, and to network with other state members.

Executive Officer Bhanot inquired about the RACE processing time for program applications and if approvals may take up to a year. Dr. Lawrence commented that extended processing time may be due to a deficiency on the provider’s part. He further commented that the RACE committee meets, sometimes via telecommunications.

Dr. Lawrence provide a brief summary of SPA – introduced in 2016, online delivery of jurisprudence exams, reduces administrative burden of exam delivery, can reduce cost for licensees, and available 24/7/365. He stated that the AAVSB works with the respective State on the test questions, they have a test bank, and “all within the realms of possibility”.

Dr. Lee Loy inquired as AAVSB is an organization for state boards/jurisdictions, how may this organization “jive” with the American Veterinary Medical Association (“AVMA”). Dr. Lawrence commented that AAVSB supports the regulatory body whereas the AVMA supports the professionals; thus “can’t really collaborate but can communicate”.

Dr. Lawrence was thanked for his attendance at today’s meeting. At 11:00 a.m., the Board recessed the meeting to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter pursuant to HRS Chapter 91.

Chapter 91, HRS, Adjudicatory Matters:

A. In the Matter of the License to Practice Veterinary Medicine of Barbara Starr, D.V.M.; VET 2015-11-L

DAG Wong provided a summary of the Settlement Agreement After Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board’s Final Order; Exhibit “1” regarding Barbara Starr, D.V.M., Respondent. She stated that RICO alleges that the Respondent, who holds a veterinary’s license, violated, in part, several statute(s) and/or rule(s):

→ On or about July 24, 2012, the Veterinary Medical Board for the State of California issued a Proposed Decision After Remand against Respondent’s California veterinary license;
→ The California Decision included numerous findings that Respondent’s care of a canine patient was “negligent” and/or violated the licensing laws of the State of California, resulting in the death of the patient; and
→ Respondent failed to notify the Board within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the California Decision.

To settle this matter, the Respondent agrees to the following terms of the Settlement Agreement:

- Respondent’s license shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years;
- Administrative fine in the amount of one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars; and
- Failure to fully and timely comply with terms of the Settlement Agreement shall result in the automatic revocation of Respondent’s license.
After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Lee Loy, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried (Vice-Chairperson Mah abstained from the vote) to approve the Settlement Agreement relating to the Matter of the License to Practice Veterinary Medicine of Barbara Starr, D.V.M.; VET 2015-11-L.

At 11:24 a.m., the Board reconvened its scheduled meeting. Immediately thereafter, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, 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).

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At 11:47 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Mah, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

**Applications:**

A. **Approval for State Board Examination**

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications for State Board examination:

(1) AULT, Shauna C.
(2) BROWN, Richard J.

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried to approve the following application for State Board examination, pending notification/proof of SSN assignment:

(1) MUDELIAR, Nandini

B. **Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit**

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Lee Loy, and unanimously carried to ratify the following issued temporary permits:
After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Lee Loy, and unanimously carried (Mr. Woltmon recused himself from the vote) to ratify the following issued temporary permit:

(1) BUSHE, Bethany T.

C. Ratification of Issued License

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

(1) CUNNINGHAM, Krystina K.
(2) DUCUMMON, Clarence C., III
(3) GRAY, Jason T.
(4) HIGASHIMURA, Kayo
(5) JAYNE, Eric M.
(6) LAU, Rachael K.
(7) LEY, Elizabeth C.
(8) MASSENGALE, Jessica C.
(9) NGUYEN, Katrina M.
(10) PEARSON, Melanie B.
(11) TURNA, Rajdeep S.
(12) YOSHIOKA, Ednee R. C.

D. Restoration

After discussion, it was moved by Ms. Maluafiti, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to restore the following forfeited license:

(1) STARR, Barbara

At 11:52 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, 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).

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At 12:02 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Maluafiti, seconded by Dr. Woltman, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

It was noted that during this Executive Session, DAG Wong left the meeting.

New Business: A. Exam Questions

The Board reviewed State Board exam questions at the request of the PVL Examination Branch whose multiple choice answers to test questions marked by an examinee as incorrect were challenged. The Board was provided with the unanswered challenged test questions, each respective multiple choices and answer. After a thorough discussion that included reviews and reference checks of the exam questions, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Lee Loy, and unanimously carried to re-affirm that the exam questions and the multiple choice answers did not change/were correct.

Correspondence: A. September 12, 2016 Email Inquiry From Sydney Singer, Regarding Feline and Canine Keratopathy Epidemic

Executive Officer Bhanot stated that an email inquiry was received from Sydney Singer who inquired “what authority would be responsible” to recognize an epidemic (Mr. Singer specifically mentioned an epidemic “that is affecting more than 50% of the pets in the Puna District” - feline and canine keratopathy) and make a public statement “so that people can be warned before taking animals into these areas of East Hawaii”. After discussion, the Board by consensus, stated that they were not aware of an authority to address Mr. Singer’s matter and that his inquiry was not under the jurisdiction of the Board.
Executive Officer’s Report:

A. 2017 Board Meeting Schedule

Executive Officer Bhanot provided the 2017 Board Meeting schedule as follows:

- Wednesday, February 1, 2017
- Wednesday, April 19, 2017
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017
- Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Examinations:

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on July 15, 2016

- Candidates Eligible: 5
- Exams Administered: 2
- Successful: 2
- Failed: 0
- No Shows: 3

B. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on August 18, 2016

- Candidates Eligible: 8
- Exams Administered: 7
- Successful: 6
- Failed: 1
- No Shows: 1

C. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on September 16, 2016

- Candidates Eligible: 7
- Exams Administered: 5
- Successful: 5
- Failed: 0
- No Shows: 2

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2017

King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Lori Nishimura

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lynn Bhanot

Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer

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[ ] Minutes approved as is.
[X ] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of February 1, 2017.