

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: 10:02 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

Guests: Sam Geiling, Windward Community College, Vet Tech Program
Ann Marie L. Dehnz, Guest

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 10:02 a.m. by Chairperson Dr. Odani.

Approval of Minutes of the February 1, 2017 Board Meeting: After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Mah, and unanimously carried to approve the February 1, 2017 meeting minutes as circulated.

At 10:03 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).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:39 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

It was noted that Ms. Maluafiti arrived to the meeting during Executive Session.

Applications:

A. Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

- (1) INTONGKUM, Piyalak
- (2) PERRY, Scott M.

B. Ratification of Issued License

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

- (1) AULT, Shauna C.
- (2) BRUCE, Amanda C.
- (3) BUSHE, Bethany T.
- (4) CASEY, Douglas S.
- (5) CONRATH, Claire N.
- (6) GABRIELE, Jennifer A.
- (7) GOODELL, Jon R.
- (8) JANG, Hye-Yeon
- (9) KRAFT, Darrell K.
- (10) KRESSER, Christina R.
- (11) LOVE, Kelly
- (12) MARTIN, Danielle D.
- (13) MUDELIAR, Nandini
- (14) NAKAGAWA, Lauren Y.
- (15) ROYBAL, Nicole M.
- (16) SIMPSON, Elizabeth V.
- (17) ZEOLI, Christina M.

New Business: A. Sam Geiling – Re: Implementation of the Vet Tech Bill

Ms. Sam Geiling, President of the Hawaii Veterinary Technician Association (“HVTA”), was welcomed by the Board. Ms. Geiling provided her handout (*RVT IN HAWAII; IMPLEMENTATION OF: SB 2671*) which included a summary of Act 147 (2016) that establishes requirements for the regulation of veterinary technicians and the practice of veterinary technology beginning July 1, 2018.

Ms. Geiling expressed her desire for the Board to start the process such as creating a registration/application form, determining what may be required of applicants applying via the alternate route, as “a year comes around really fast”.

Ms. Geiling stated that three (3) states (California, Wisconsin, and Alaska) offer RVT registration/licensure/certification via an alternate route. She provided their respective application forms for the Board’s perusal, as samples to aid in creating Hawaii’s RVT application form. Chairperson Dr. Odani volunteered to assist the Executive Officer in creating the RVT application form.

Discussion ensued on the cost of the registration. Executive Officer Bhanot commented that the registration fees may be similar to fees required for the Veterinary license. Discussion also ensued on the surcharge of \$50.00 assessed to RVTs “to implement the registration of veterinary technicians as required by this Act”.

Ms. Geiling was thanked for attending today’s meeting.

With the Board’s consensus, the following agenda item was taken out of order.

D. State Exam Questions

Executive Officer Bhanot commented that all current jurisprudence exams administered by the Professional and Vocational Licensing Examination Branch may be outsourced, and that the division may be exploring that idea after the Legislative Session. Discussion ensued with comments that outsourcing the administration of the test

may reduce the Board's liability and test question challenges; that the Board are not test experts. Dr. Woltmon commented that former Board Chairperson Dr. Kaya had previously mentioned that AAVSB may be able to write tests that are not challengeable.

At 11:04 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session 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 11:35 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

B. The Association of Shelter Veterinarians' 2016 Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs

The Board was provided with a handout titled: *The Association of Shelter Veterinarians' 2016 Veterinary Medical Care Guidelines for Spay-Neuter Programs*. Ms. Maluafiti had requested for the Board to discuss whether the guidelines fell under the purview of the Board. Executive Officer Bhanot commented that HRS 471 and HAR 101 governs the licensure of veterinarians; the Board may not have jurisdiction of "mass clinics" – Spay-Neuter Programs.

Discussion ensued on the "standards of care". Dr. Woltmon commented that the American Veterinary Medical Association ("AVMA") has not set up a standards of care; does not have one that is enforceable in this State. He also commented that standards of care is different from medical ethics.

After discussion, Chairperson Dr. Odani suggested this handout information may be disseminated through the Hawaii Veterinary Medical Association. Ms. Maluafiti commented that she wants to elevate the quality of care for mass clinics.

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

1) 2017 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio, Texas on September 14-16, 2017

Executive Officer Bhanot stated the 2017 AAVSB Annual Meeting and Conference will be held on September 14-16, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas. Discussion ensued on the AAVSB delegate funding program that would allow one Board member to attend; all expenses to be paid for by AAVSB. After discussion, Chairperson Dr. Odani stated that she will check her schedule for possible attendance as the Board's delegate.

2) State and Provincial Assessments ("SPA")

Discussion ensued on the service available by the AAVSB to its member boards – SPA, an administration of state and provincial jurisprudence examinations. The consensus of the Board was in strong support to explore SPA. Executive Officer Bhanot stated that currently, the State Veterinary exams are administered via pencil and paper by the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Examination Branch, and that the division's Supervising Executive Officer and Program Specialist are exploring the idea of outsourcing the administration of state exams of Boards and Programs that still utilize them. Dr. Woltmon commented that SPA may reduce challenge questions to the Board and also reduce their liability.

E. Update on Board Member Appointment

Dr. Woltmon and Vice-Chairperson Mah were both thanked for serving on the Board, as both of their terms end on June 30, 2017. Executive Officer Bhanot commented that the Board will have three (3) vacancies, one public and two (2) veterinarian seats; thus, the Board may have quorum attainment issues without the remaining member's attendance.

Examinations: A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on February 17, 2017

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

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on March 17, 2017

Candidates Eligible:	3
Exams Administered:	3
Successful:	3
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Next Board Meeting:

Due to a schedule conflict, Dr. Lee Loy stated that she was unable to attend the next scheduled meeting of July 19, 2017. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was to reschedule the meeting to the following date in order to attain quorum:

Wednesday, ~~July 19, 2017~~ → July 26, 2017

Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, July 26, 2017
10:00 a.m.
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Lori Nishimura

Lori Nishimura, Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Lynn Bhanot

Lynn Bhanot, Executive Officer

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04/28/17

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____