

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Time: 10:05 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
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: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy

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 Kaya.

Additions/
Revisions
to Agenda: Executive Officer Bhanot requested the following addition to the agenda:

Add:

5. NEW BUSINESS

B. December 17, 2013 Email Inquiry: Military
Veterinary Participation in Tropic Care 2014

C. Dr. Odani's Experience Taking the NAVLE

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Woltmon, and unanimously carried to approve the aforementioned additions to the agenda.

Approval of
Minutes of the
October 16, 2013
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Yuen, seconded by Dr. Odani, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 Board meeting.

Applications:

A. Approval for State Board Examination

The consensus of the Board was to move this Agenda item after Agenda item #5, New Business.

B. Ratification of Issued Temporary Permit

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

(1) TEWARI, Ila

C. Ratification of Issued License

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

- (1) BECKER, Cheryl J.
- (2) BRUBAKER, Jeffrey W.
- (3) CASEY, Christopher G.
- (4) CHEN, Candice C.H.
- (5) GASSEL, Adam D.
- (6) HINCK, Rhiannon M.
- (7) KEO, Anna K.
- (8) KNEE, Bradley S.
- (9) MANESS, Lori J.
- (10) MCNALLY, Erin M.
- (11) OSGOOD, Scott E.
- (12) SARNA, April A.
- (13) SILK, Lisa M.
- (14) WELSH, Kristina N.

New Business: A. Board of Pharmacy, Executive Officer – Lee Ann Teshima; Response to questions/concerns to the Board of Veterinary Examiners "Guidelines" for pharmacists filling veterinary prescriptions. Comments on H.B. No. 2106.

Ms. Teshima, Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy was welcomed by the Board. She thanked the Board for providing the Board's "Guidelines" for pharmacists filling veterinary prescriptions. She stated that the Board of Pharmacy accepted the recommendations of their Laws and Rules Committee to post the "Guidelines" and responses to the five (5) questions/concerns to their web page under "Important Announcements" – as noted in her letter to the Board, dated January 23, 2014. This letter also addressed the Board of Pharmacy's opposition to House Bill No. 2106, which would require pharmacists to complete a training program approved by the Board of Pharmacy to dispense veterinary prescriptions. A copy of this letter was distributed to Board members.

At 10:26 a.m., Ms. Mah arrived to the meeting.

Discussion ensued on the pharmacies dispensing veterinary drugs, and the type of permit out of state pharmacies may need such as the pharmacy miscellaneous permit.

Further discussion ensued on reference materials that pharmacists may refer to such as the Plumb's Veterinary Drug handbook and Carpenter's Exotic Animal Formulary. Ms. Teshima commented that the Board of Pharmacy may suggest to their pharmacists such references, but should the pharmacists not feel comfortable with dispensing veterinary medications based on reference materials, they should still consult a veterinarian.

Discussion ensued on the Pharmacy Board's opposition to House Bill No. 2106. Ms. Teshima summarized the handout that addressed the opposition based on that the Board of Pharmacy is not qualified to develop or approve a training program, that it is unnecessary because most veterinary medications are dispensed by veterinarians, and that their Board should determine what training, if any, a pharmacist requires in order to fill any prescription to ensure the patient's safety.

Ms. Teshima was thanked by the Board.

At 10:47 a.m., 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).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:00 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Kita, and unanimously carried for the Board to move out of Executive Session.

Approval of
Minutes of the
October 16, 2013
Board Meeting:

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Kaufman, seconded by Dr. Odani, and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the October 16, 2013 Board meeting as amended.

Applications:

A. Approval for State Board Examination

After discussion, it was moved by Dr. Woltmon, seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried to approve Tommy L. Walker for state board examination.

New Business:

B. December 17, 2013 Email Inquiry: Military Veterinary Participation in Tropic Care 2014

Discussion ensued on an email inquiry received from Keith J. Jacoby who inquired whether military veterinarians were able to practice within the state of Hawaii, while not located on a federal installation; in regards to the participation of veterinarians in the upcoming Summer 2014 Exercise Tropic Care, whereby allowing an exception for "Any person from practicing veterinary medicine in the employ of the United States government while engaged in the performance of the person's official duties".

The consensus of the Board was that more information is needed for decision making; thus, instructed the Executive Officer to request for additional information and extend an invitation to Mr. Jacoby to attend the next Board meeting in April, to address questions and/or concerns.

C. Dr. Odani's Experience Taking the NAVLE

Dr. Odani shared her experience taking the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination, commenting that it was a great experience and encouraged other Board members to take it.

Legislation:

A. H.B. No. 2106, Relating to Pharmacists

Discussion ensued on House Bill No. 2106, Relating to Pharmacists – to require pharmacists to complete a training program approved by the board of pharmacy to dispense veterinary prescriptions.

After discussion, the Board was in consensus that they agree with the intent of this bill, but has concerns with the implementation; thus unable to fully support it.

B. H.B. No. 1930, Relating to Veterinary Medicine

Discussion ensued on House Bill No. 1930, Relating to Veterinary Medicine – which prohibits pet animal owners and owners' employees from performing surgical procedures on pet animals, with certain exceptions. It also establishes intentionally or knowingly performing a surgical procedure on a pet animal while violating section 471-2, HRS, as a misdemeanor.

After discussion, the Board was in consensus that they did not support this bill. The Board did not agree with the language on page two (2), line five (5), as the population on the island should have no bearing in performing any surgical procedure. Only a licensed veterinarian is authorized to perform any of the specified procedures listed in the bill.

C. S.B. No. 2129, Relating to Veterinary Medicine

Discussion ensued on Senate Bill No. 2129 (companion Senate Bill to House Bill No. 1930), Relating to Veterinary Medicine – which prohibits pet animal owners and owners' employees from performing surgical procedures on pet animals, with certain exceptions. It also establishes intentionally or knowingly performing a surgical procedure on a pet animal while violating section 471-2, HRS, as a misdemeanor.

After discussion, the Board was in consensus that they did not support this bill.

At 11:40 a.m., DAG Wong left the meeting.

D. H.B. No. 2105, Relating to Veterinary Technicians

Discussion ensued on House Bill No. 2105, Relating to Veterinary Technicians – whereby establishes requirements for the practice and registration of veterinary technicians, requires the Board of Veterinary Examiners to adopt rules; to be effective July 1, 2014.

Executive Officer Bhanot stated that she conducted a quick review to survey other states and jurisdictions concerning the regulation of veterinary technicians. She commented that some states licensed, some had certifications or registrations, while others had no regulations.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that they would defer action until a sunrise review of the regulation of veterinary technicians is completed.

E. S.B. No. 2502, Relating to Veterinary Technicians

Discussion ensued on Senate Bill No. 2502 (companion Senate Bill to House Bill No. 2105), Relating to Veterinary Technicians –whereby establishes requirements for the practice and registration of veterinary technicians, requires the Board of Veterinary Examiners to adopt rules; to be effective July 1, 2014.

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that they would defer action until a sunrise review of the regulation of veterinary technicians is completed.

F. Proposed Draft for H.C.R., Requesting the State Auditor to Conduct a Sunrise Review of the Regulation of Veterinary Technicians

After discussion, the consensus of the Board was that a sunrise review of the regulation of veterinary technicians is required by law and that the Board has always supported good measures to increase the level of professionalism.

Executive
Officer's
Report:

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

(1) November 2013 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME

The November 2013 Quarterly Newsletter of the NBVME was circulated to the Board.

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

(1) December 2013 Veterinary Regulation News

The December 2013 Veterinary Regulation News was circulated to the Board.

(2) December 20, 2013 Call for Nominations for Upcoming Open Positions

The December 20, 2013 Call for Nominations for Upcoming Open Positions was circulated to the Board.

(3) January 10, 2014 AAVSB Announces 2013-2014 Board of Directors

The January 10, 2014 AAVSB Announcement of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors was circulated to the Board.

- (4) January 17, 2014 AAVSB Call for Bylaws Amendments

The January 17, 2014 AAVSB Call for Bylaws Amendments was circulated to the Board.

- (5) 2014 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference – September 11 – 13, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Florida at Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club

Chairperson Kaya informed the Board that the 2014 AAVSB Annual meeting and conference will be held on September 11 – 13, 2014 in St. Petersburg, Florida at Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club. He commented that there may be a delegate funding such as what was offered last year.

Examinations: A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on October 18, 2013

Candidates Eligible:	5
Exams Administered:	5
Successful:	5
Failed:	0
No Shows:	0

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on November 15, 2013

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

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on December 20, 2013

Candidates Eligible:	4
Exams Administered:	3
Successful:	3
Failed:	0
No Shows:	1

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
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Adjournment: There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 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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- [X] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes. See Minutes of _____