

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

MINUTES

Date: December 9, 2022

Time: 10:14 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Webinar  
(use link below) <https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/99676434681>

Present: Leianne K. Lee Loy, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Craig Nishimoto, D.V.M., Vice-Chairperson  
Nathaniel Lam, D.V.M., Member  
Lisa Wood, D.V.M., Member  
Aileen Wada, Public Member  
Marcella Chock, Public Member  
Shari J. Wong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer  
Sheena Choy, Executive Officer  
Kawehi Mau, Secretary  
Christopher Fernandez, Technical Support  
Mia Hoang, Technical Support

Excused: None.

Guests: Lei Fukumura

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) section 92-7(b).

A brief video was played to explain procedures for this virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: Chairperson Lee Loy proceeded with roll call. All Board members confirmed they were present. Those members joining by Zoom indicated there was no one with them at their location. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chairperson Lee Loy.

Approval of the Minutes of the Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

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Board Meeting:

Executive Officer Shahan stated there are non-substantive changes to pages 2 and 3 of the executive session minutes.

It was moved by Ms. Wada, seconded by Dr. Nishimoto, and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of the September 9, 2022 meeting minutes as amended.

RECESS

At 10: 17 a.m., the Board entered recess.

At 10:25 a.m., the Board returned to public session.

*At 10:21 a.m., Dr. Lam left the meeting.*

Chapter 91,  
Hawaii Revised  
Statutes (“HRS”)  
Adjudicatory  
Matters:

The Board considered the following adjudicatory matter:

In the Matter of the License to Practice Veterinary Medicine of Kermit L. Ryff, DVM; VET 2022-9-L

It was moved by Dr. Nishimoto, seconded by Dr. Chock, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement.

Applications:

Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

At 10:28 a.m., it was moved by Dr. Chock, seconded by Ms. Wada, and unanimously carried via a roll call vote to enter into Executive Session to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses, or 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 sections 92-5(a)(1) and (4).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:55 a.m., the Board returned to public session.

Applications:

Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. Ratification of Issued Licenses

- i. Periman, Erica
- ii. Cordero, Allexandria
- iii. Erdman, Christina
- iv. Shiu, Kai-Biu

- v. Kader, Jason
- vi. Schmidt, Loren
- vii. Traversi, John
- viii. Hackbarth, Lauren
- ix. Braun, Wendi
- x. Lee, Joyce
- xi. Vail, David
- xii. Wixson, Margaret
- xiii. Ishizu, Blaine
- xiv. Hill, Tracy Lynn
- xv. Williamson, Marley
- xvi. Whitson, Laura Fontana
- xvii. Poitras-Wright, Sarah
- xviii. Holder, Erin Hall
- xix. Koperna, Erin M.
- xx. Ung, Vanessa
- xxi. Dennis, Shane

B. Approval of Restoration Application

- i. Kessler, Karen
- ii. Kraft, Darrell
- iii. Walters, Krysta
- iv. Nishimura, Satoko
- v. Fuchino, Stacy

C. Application Review

- i. Wilwerding, Lee
- ii. Porter, Rebekah

It was moved by Dr. Nishimoto, seconded by Dr. Wood, and unanimously carried to accept the above listed issued licenses, restoration applications, and to approve the two applications under review for the State examination.

Examinations:

Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none. Executive Officer Shahan provided the following exam results:

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination Administered on September 16, 2022

Candidates Eligible:	9
Exams Administered:	7
Successful:	7
Failed:	0
No Shows:	2

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination  
Administered on October 21, 2022

Candidates Eligible:	9
Exams Administered:	8
Successful:	8
Failed:	0
No Shows:	1

Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination  
Administered on November 18, 2022

Candidates Eligible:	7
Exams Administered:	6
Successful:	6
Failed:	0
No Shows:	1

Continuing  
Education  
Discussion:

Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. HRS 471-1 Definition of "Credit Hour"/Courses in Increments of 50 Minutes

Executive Officer Shahan asked the Board for guidance on 30-minute courses for CE credits received for audit.

After discussion the Board agreed that 30-minute courses can be counted toward the 20-hour continuing education requirement.

B. Purpose of Continuing Education and Acceptable Course Topics

Executive Officer Shahan asked the Board if the following topics are acceptable topics to meet the CE requirement.

- i. Investments
- ii. Economics/Economic Forums
- iii. Insurance
- iv. Diversity & Inclusion
- v. Ethics
- vi. Jurisprudence
- vii. Substance Abuse/Prevention
- viii. Sexual Harassment
- ix. Communication Skills

Ms. Wada stated real estate licensees must comply to 20 hours of CE credits. Of the 20 hours, 6 hours must be related to the profession.

Ms. Wada asked if the Board of Veterinary Medicine has the same guideline.

Executive Officer Shahan stated there are no CE course requirements other than obtaining at least 20 hours in the biennium preceding the license renewal.

Executive Officer Shahan stated the CE courses being reviewed are from Board approved sponsors.

The Board directed Executive Officer Shahan to accept all CE's offered by approved CE providers regardless the content with the exception of jurisprudence courses for states other than Hawaii.

The Board discussed adding rule revisions to the address CE requirements to include directly animal related and the remaining can be complimentary to veterinary medicine.

With no further discussion the Board moved to the next topic.

Continuing  
Education  
Audit Questions

Chairperson Lee Loy asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

Executive Officer Shahan stated she has questions on non-Board approved CE's

A. ACES – Partial Animal Chiropractic 101 Module Audit

Executive Officer Shahan stated the applicant submitted 14 hours of animal chiropractic module audit by the Animal Chiropractic Education (ACES).

Chair Lee Loy stated she looked into the ACES organization American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, which is the Board that provided the credentials for the Chiropractic medicine in veterinary medicine and recommends approving ACES as an CE provider.

It was moved by Dr. Nishimoto, seconded by Dr. Wood, and unanimously carried to accept ACES as a continuing education provider.

B. UC Davis Veterinary Medical Center; ECG Rounds, Book Clubs, Journal Clubs

The Board came to the consensus to accept UC Davis Veterinary Medical Center; ECG Rounds, Book Clubs, Journal Clubs for continuing education submitted by the individual applicant.

C. Interagency Collaborative Animal Research Education (ICARE) Project: National Institutes of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW)

Board members stated they were unfamiliar with the education provider.

Executive Officer Shahan asked if the Board would like additional syllabus or brochure on the education provider.

The Board asked Executive Officer Shahan to reach out to the AVMA and the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) in regard to the education provider.

If neither of these entities have concerns, Board members agreed to approve the credits from the education provider.

D. Stanford Medicine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhoton society virtual Meeting and 8<sup>th</sup> International Zoomposium on Microneurosurgical Anatomy

Executive Officer Shahan had concerns regarding the continuing education content and education provider.

Following discussion, the Board came to the consensus the credits submitted to don't qualify as the provider is not an approved CE provider.

E. Initial Accreditation Training (IAT) for the USDA National Veterinary Accreditation Program

Executive Officer Shahan stated she reached out to Todd Carnes, National Veterinary Accreditation Program Coordinator for the USDA-APHIS, asking for the hours pertaining to modules submitted and are participants able to download certificates for the modules.

Mr. Carnes stated that IAT is not accepted in most states and there is no certificate for intro training course.

The Board agreed to not approve the CE submission.

Executive Officer's Report

Executive Office Shahan stated DCCA is moving forward with test provider PSI starting January 2023.

Executive Officer Shahan stated that based on Board suggestions, she has a team to review the State Examination questions. However, PSI indicated the Board provided enough test questions for the anticipated January 2023 target date so the team will not meet until after the new year to review the existing questions.

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Executive Officer Shahan stated neither she nor Chair Lee Loy were able to attend the AAVSB's Annual Meeting and Conference in September. She asked Ms. Wada who was able to attend to share her experience.

Ms. Wada reported on the AAVSB conference, stating the information was enlightening.

Ms. Wada encourages other Board members to attend in the future.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 10, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
Virtual Videoconference Meeting  
Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by: Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Kerrie Shahan

/s/ Kawehi Mau

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Kerrie Shahan  
Executive Officer

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Kawehi Mau  
Secretary

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3/10/2023

[ ] Minutes approved as is.

[ X ] Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of March 10, 2023.