

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

MINUTES

Date: June 4, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom Webinar

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Zoom Recording Link: https://youtu.be/Vy1sEWjir60?si=XzJ08Y_YPMc2yFL2

Present: Marcella Chock, Chairperson
Lisa Wood, D.V.M., Vice-Chairperson ("Vice-Chair")
Craig Nishimoto, D.V.M., Member
Gabrielle Asay, D.V.M., Member
Tiffany Hummel, D.V.M. Member
Kimberley Thomson-Kerr, D.V.M., Member
Aileen Wada, Public Member
Kerrie Shahan, Executive Officer ("EO Shahan")
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Excused: None

Guests: None

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 Chock proceeded with roll call. All Board members confirmed they were present. Those joining by videoconference confirmed there was no one with them. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Approval of the
December 13, 2024
Minutes:

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

Vice-Chair Wood stated the following amendment to the open session minutes, as follows:

On page 5, 4th paragraph, should read:

Vice-Chair Wood stated that her concern was where the animal control ~~[offers]~~ **officers** were getting the drugs and who was signing for the drugs. She further explained that whoever is prescribing the drug would need to oversee the administration.

Deleted language is bracketed and struck through. New language is bolded and underlined.

Dr. Thomson-Kerr stated the additional amendment, as follows:

On page 6, 3rd paragraph,

Dr. Thomson-Kerr noted that injectable euthanasia ~~could be [gabapentin and]~~ does not necessarily have to be a controlled substance. It could be potassium **chloride** or many other things.

On page 6, 9th paragraph:

Dr. ~~[Thomas]~~ **Thomson**-Kerr stated that if the method does not involve a controlled substance, veterinary supervision is not required. A suffering animal can be shot without veterinary supervision. She further stated that these questions have a lot of intricacies in terms of how each can be answered.

On page 7, 5th paragraph,

Dr. ~~[Thomas]~~ **Thomson**-Kerr wondered if there is a licensed veterinarian working under animal control. She stated if a licensed veterinarian is working or contracted with the animal control office, the pharmaceuticals are being obtained properly.

Deleted language is bracketed and struck through. New language is bolded and underlined.

It was moved by Dr. Nishimoto, seconded by Dr. Asay, and unanimously carried to approve the Open session minutes of the December 13, 2024, meeting, with the aforementioned amendments.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters:

Chairperson Chock called for a recess from the Board's meeting at 10:13 a.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to HRS chapter 91.

- A. In the Matter of the License to Practice Veterinary Medicine of Celina M. Hatt, D.V.M.; Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of

Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Wood, seconded by Dr. Hummel, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order in the above case.

- B. In the Matter of the License to Practice Veterinary Medicine of Candice M. Denham, D.V.M.; Settlement Agreement Prior to the Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

After discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Wood, seconded by Ms. Wada, and unanimously carried to approve the Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order in the above case.

Following the Board's review, deliberation and decision on these matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, Chairperson Chock announced that the Board would reconvene to its regular Chapter 92, HRS meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Applications:

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

- A. Application Review

Chairperson Chock stated there are no applications to review at this meeting.

- B. Ratification of Issued Licenses

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| i. | VE-1269 | ALISON MARSH |
| ii. | VE-1270 | KATHRYN TOURAN |
| iii. | VE-1271 | SERENE ONUMA |
| iv. | VE-1272 | NURHAN EZIK |
| v. | VE-1273 | CORINE LAWSON |
| vi. | VE-1274 | VALENTINA POGGI |
| vii. | VE-1275 | CHARLOTTE BURNS |
| viii. | VE-1276 | CONNOR GRIMES |
| ix. | VE-1277 | ANDREA ERICKSON |
| x. | VE-1278 | KEKAUILANI ZUKERAN-KERR |
| xi. | VE-1279 | MORGAN SUMMERS |
| xii. | VE-1280 | JASON DOMBROSKY |
| xiii. | VE-1281 | GARRETT STEINBRONER |

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Wood, seconded by Dr. Thomson-Kerr, and unanimously carried to ratify the licenses listed above.

- C. Ratification of Courtesy/Relief Permits

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| i. | VECR-120 | LISA ANN HETRICK |
| ii. | VECR-121 | TYRA EGGERT |

- iii. VECR-122 MACKENZIE FORSYTHE
- iv. VECR-123 EMMA SMITH

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice-Chair Wood, seconded by Dr. Thomson-Kerr, and unanimously carried to ratify the licenses listed above.

D. Restored Licenses

Chairperson Chock stated there are no restored licenses to ratify this meeting.

Executive
Officer
Report:

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

A. Results of the State Veterinary Licensing Examination for March 2025 and April 2025

EO Shahan stated the following results of the examinations:

	Candidates	Passed	Failed	Passing %
Mar-25	6	6	0	100.00
Apr-25	3	1	2	66.67

Legislative Matters: Chairperson Chock asked if any member of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A. SB493, SD1: Relating to Veterinarians

Establishes the Veterinarian Workforce Development Special Fund. Establishes the Veterinarian Workforce Development Fee to support recruitment and retention of veterinarians in the State. Establishes the Veterinarian Workforce Development Loan Repayment and Scholarship Program to support qualified veterinarians committed to or currently working in veterinary medicine in the State. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050.

EO Shahan stated that this bill passed its second reading and was referred to the Ways and Means Committee, though the bill did not move further, thusly died this past legislative session.

B. HB547 HD2: Relating to the Spaying and Neutering of Animals

Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation and the reproduction of free-roaming cats and various revenue and fundraising sources for the special fund. Effective 7/1/3000.

EO Shahan stated that this bill passed its second reading and was referred to the Finance Committee, though the bill did not move further, thusly died this past legislative session.

C. SB1023 HD1: Relating to the Spaying and Neutering of Animals

Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation and the reproduction of free-roaming cats and various revenue and fundraising sources for the special fund. Effective 7/1/3000.

EO Shahan stated that this bill passed its second reading and was referred to the Finance Committee, though the bill did not move further, thusly died this past legislative session.

She also advised that HB547 and SB1023 may be reintroduced next legislative session as effective dates for both bills was amended to July 1, 3000. There seems to be a lot of interest and support for these two bills within the veterinary community.

Election of
Officers:

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

It was moved by Ms. Wada, seconded by Dr. Nishimoto, and unanimously carried to have both Chairperson Chock and Vice-Chair Wood continue serving in their current respective positions.

Chairperson Chock recognized and thanked Dr. Nishimoto, as this meeting was his last as a Board member and shared some of his major accomplishments within the Veterinary community.

The remaining Board members and staff also thanked Dr. Nishimoto for his service and contributions to this Board.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Videoconference Meeting Zoom Meeting and

In-Person
Location:

Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Kerrie Shahan

/s/ Marc Yoshimura

Kerrie Shahan
Executive Officer

Marc Yoshimura
Administrative Assistant

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☒ Minutes approved as is.

☐ Minutes approved with changes. See minutes of