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Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine
Minutes of May 22, 2024, Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoenig called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Donald Hoenig, VMD, Chair
Peter Davis, DVM, Vice Chair
Douglas Andrews, DVM, Complaint Officer
Matthew Townsend, DVM

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Diane Perry, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I, Application Presentations
Heather Bronish, Sr. Consumer Assistant Specialist
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner I
John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Townsend moved to accept the minutes of February 28, 2024, as presented, seconded by Davis.
Unanimously voted.

APPLICATION, REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

*Presenter, Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Chantelle Lydick (TC10011222) Initial*

Davis moved to accept the education and having passed the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) exam, to issue the license, seconded by Andrews. Unanimously voted.

ALTERNATE EDUCATION REVIEW FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN NATIONAL EXAM (VTNE) APPROVAL

Elizabeth Jones

Andrews moved to accept the education to take the VTNE exam, seconded by Townsend.
Unanimously voted.

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LEGISLATION – 1) NEW LAW UPDATE AND 2) REQUEST FROM MAINE

EMERGENCY SERVICES Kate Zimmerman, D.O., Associate State EMS Medical Director

1. Public Law 2024 Chapter 587 (L.D. 2156 An Act to Authorize the Provision of Emergency Medical Treatment for Certain Dogs). *Effective August 9, 2024*

<https://legislature.maine.gov/billtracker/#Paper/2156?legislature=131>

2. *Kate Domenico, DVM, Veterinary Consultant for the EMS Canine Protocols as delineated in Bill L.D. 2156*

The Emergency Medical Services, Medical Direction and Practices Board submitted the name of Dr. Domenico for consideration by the Board as a designee in emergency veterinary medicine pursuant to PLC 587. After reviewing Dr. Domenico's resume and background information Andrews moved to recognize Kate Domenico, DVM, in emergency veterinary medicine, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS

2023 VET 19324

Davis moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19324 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2023 VET 19755

Davis moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19755 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19753

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19755 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19763

Townsend moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19763 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19786

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19786 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, with a Letter of Guidance to advise licensee of Chapter 5 Section 2, recordkeeping rule and to avoid vague and ambiguous patient treatment records, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19829

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19829 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19827

Townsend moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19827 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, with a Letter of Guidance to advise licensee about Chapter 5 Section 2,

recordkeeping rule to avoid vague and ambiguous patient treatment records, seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19876

Davis moved to dismiss 204-VET-19876 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19779

Townsend moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19779 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics. Case to be referred to the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry, Animal Welfare Program, with a request that any investigation outcome report be shared with the Board and to advise the Board if there is a finding of a potential violation of the veterinary practice act and/or related rules, seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted, Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19764

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19764 with no evidence of a violation of Board statutes, rules, or code of ethics, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted, Andrews recused.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One public comment was received for clarification on the order of complaint cases discussed, which was clarified. No other comment received.

After public comments, Davis raised a concern with the lack of board member appointments. Hoenig referred to a person of interest but is unclear if they have applied to the Governor's Office. Davis is concerned with the complaint officer's role and time spend on both reviewing complaints and the role of compliant treatment records reviewer. Davis questioned the need for two separate board members to do the work. Oneto act as the complaint officer and another to act as the compliance officer to review treatment records.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Davis moved to adjourn at 11:34 a.m., seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

*Prepared By: Diane Perry, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Board approved: August 14, 2024*