

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

**May 18, 2022**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery was called to order at 9:07 am by Chairperson, Elizabeth Farrington, DVM, at the Hampton Inn & Suites, in the Husker Conference Room at 7343 Husker Circle, Lincoln, Nebraska 68504. The meeting was conducted In-Person and by WebEx. Board members present and answering roll call were:

Elizabeth Farrington, DVM, Chairperson  
Joshua Schlote, LVT, Vice-Chairperson  
Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ, Secretary  
Donovan Hauser, DVM – (joined the meeting at 9:19 a.m.)  
Theresa Clary, Public Member

Absent: None

A quorum being present, the meeting convened. Also present to participate in the meeting: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager, Licensure Unit, via WebEx; Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Legal via WebEx; Larry Wiehn, Investigator, with the Investigation Unit and Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, with the Licensure and Investigation Units, via WebEx.

Farrington announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

Welcome, to Theresa Clary, as the new Public Member of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. Theresa will be replacing Deborah Hoffnung, PhD.

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on May 4, 2022 and revision posted on May 11, 2022 and second revision posted on May 13, 2022.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Byers moved, seconded by Schlote, to adopt the Agenda. Voting aye: Byers, Clary, Farrington, and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: Hauser. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Byers moved, seconded by Schlote to approve the February 2, 2022 minutes as written. Voting aye: Byers, Farrington and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: Hauser. Abstain: Clary. Motion carried.

**INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION**

Byers moved, seconded by Schlote, to go into closed session at 9:10 a.m., for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Byers, Clary, Farrington, and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: Hauser. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Farrington, Chairperson opened the session at 10:01 a.m.

Board Break: 10:02 am

Board Reconvened: 10:15 am

## **APPLICATION REVIEW (0)– OPEN SESSION**

### **EMAIL BALLOT(S) SINCE LAST MEETING**

The Board voted on April 7, 2022 via E-Mail Ballot to approve/support Dr. Farrington's request to apply for a nomination to the International Council for Veterinary Assessment (ICVA) as the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) representative.

### **REGULATIONS UPDATE**

There were no Regulation updates at this time.

### **2022 LEGISLATION UPDATES**

There were no Legislation updates at this time.

### **FYI(S)**

The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) has scheduled their Annual Meeting and Conference in Charlotte, NC on September 15-17, 2022. Registration is now open.

Dr. Farrington is on the AAVSB Bylaws Committee, so she will be attending the meeting representing the AAVSB in that capacity.

Schlote moved, seconded by Hauser to elect Dr. Byers to represent the Board at the meeting as the Voting Delegate. Voting aye: Byers, Clary, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board members Hauser and Schlote will review their schedules and consider the opportunity to attend the AAVSB Annual meeting.

### **PRACTICE QUESTION(S)**

Are licensed Veterinary Technicians permitted to suture tissue after a surgical procedure?

It is the opinion of the Board that the task of suturing is reserved for a Veterinarian.

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002.08 SURGERY. The treatment, through revision, destruction, incision, closure or other structural alteration of animal tissue.

004.04 TASKS RESERVED FOR A VETERINARIAN. **Licensed veterinary technicians or unlicensed veterinary assistants are not permitted to do any of the following:**

- (A) Make a diagnosis or prognosis;
- (B) Prescribe any treatment, drugs, medications or appliances;
- (C) Perform surgery;** or
- (D) Administer rabies vaccine.

### **COMPOUNDING ANIMAL DRUGS FROM BULK DRUG SUBSTANCES**

The subject of compounding animal and human drugs came up at the recent Board of Pharmacy meeting. Jesse will contact one of the Pharmacy Board members to arrange for them to attend the next Board of Veterinary meeting to make a presentation to the Board regarding compounding animal drug issues.

### **PAVE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

The Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE) for Veterinary Technicians is operated by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), a not-for-profit organization whose mission furthers public protection by providing services to its Member Boards, veterinary licensing authorities in the United States and Canada. The purpose of PAVE for Veterinary Technicians is to assess the education equivalence of international veterinary technician/nurse graduates on behalf of participating AAVSB Member Boards.

The Board would like to accept the invitation from AAVSB to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting to review and discuss accepting the PAVE for Veterinary Technicians program.

### **SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022. The schedule will be posted on the DHHS website. <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Farrington, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

\*signature available upon request\*

Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ, Secretary  
Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery