

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COMMUNITY AND
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
4 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS
5 AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
6 BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
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8 MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
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10 July 8, 2016
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12 These draft minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of
13 Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They have not been
14 reviewed or approved by the board.
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16 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.98.040, and in compliance with AS 44.62,
17 Article 6, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners was
18 held on July 8, 2016 at 333 Willoughby Ave., 9th FL, Conf Room A, Juneau, AK
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20 Call to Order/Roll Call
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22 The meeting was called to order by Dr. Teresa Beck, Chairperson, at 9:01 a.m.
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24 Those present, constituting a quorum, were:
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26 Teresa Beck, DVM - Palmer, AK
27 Tamara Rose, DVM - Fairbanks, AK
28 Rachel Bergart, DVM - Juneau, AK
29 Hal Geiger, PhD Public Member - Juneau, AK
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31 Excused absence:
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33 James Hagee, DVM - Chugiak, AK
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36 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing,
37 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:
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40 Virginia Geary, Licensing Examiner
41 Sara Chambers, Operations Manager
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44 The board discussed the proposed fee increased proposed by Director Janey Hovenden
45 and presented at the June 3, 2016 Vet board meeting. Beck said the current proposed fee
46 increase would give \$132,000 to the budget. The board expressed they think the increase

47 is too large. Chambers said the Director was helping the board stay self-sufficient in off
48 years and that every board needed to evaluate if renewal fees would carry the board for
49 two years until the next renewal.

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51 **On a motion duly made by Geiger, seconded by Bergartt, and unanimously**
52 **approved, it was**

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54 **Recommended to increase the application fee for Veterinary Technicians by \$15, the**
55 **application fee for Courtesy licenses be increased by \$15, all of the licenses be**
56 **increased by zero except for the temporary permit fee be increased by \$25, the**
57 **Courtesy license fee be increased by \$25, renewal veterinary license fee be increased**
58 **by \$100, renewal veterinary technician fee be increased by \$25, delayed veterinary**
59 **renewal fee be increased by \$50, delayed veterinary technician renewal fee be**
60 **increased by \$25.**

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63 Chambers stated with the proposed numbers the board would still be in a \$13,000 deficit
64 at the end of FY 2017 and would grow to a \$55,000 deficit at the next renewal if fees
65 were not increased at that time. Geiger said under his motion the increases would take
66 the budget to \$251,000, slightly over 25% increase. Chambers said the board needs to
67 pump up their coffers so they have a cushion to cover expenses incurred by legal bills,
68 appeals and investigations. She said the board hasn't had an increase in 4-5 years and in
69 2012 there was a decrease in fees so a little catch up needs to happen. Geiger expressed
70 the board has agreed by today's discussion that there needs to be an increase but the
71 consensus is that the request from the division is more than they are willing to swallow.

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73 Teresa Beck excused herself from the teleconference at 9:30am. She asked Tamara Rose
74 to be the chairperson for the remaining of the meeting.

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76 **SB 74**

77 Sara Chambers told the board SB 74 has been signed by Governor Walker and is now
78 law. She acknowledged the division is moving forward with all the requirements
79 established by SB 74 and understands it is a lot of information to take in. Rose and
80 Bergartt pointed out Dr. Hagee agreed at the June 3, 2016 meeting to be the point person
81 for this bill so the board would wait until the September 30, 2016 meeting in Anchorage
82 to discuss it further and its impact to veterinarians. Chambers said she would send
83 condensed pertinent information to Geary to send to the board for review that pertains to
84 the veterinarians. Rose said SB 74 has been signed so the board needs to educate
85 themselves on the bill so they have a good discussion in September concerning what it
86 involves and does not.

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88 The next scheduled board meeting is in Anchorage, September 30, 2016 at 10:00am to
89 allow driving time and the flight to arrive from Fairbanks.

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91 Rose adjourned the meeting and Bergartt seconded it.

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93 Off the record at 9:50 p.m.

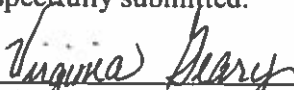
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Respectfully submitted:



Virginia Geary, Licensing Examiner

Approved:



Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson
Alaska State Board of Veterinary Examiners

Date: 9-30-16