

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 MEETING**
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10 **January 29, 2016**
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15 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.98.040, and in compliance with AS 44.62,
16 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Veterinary Examiners was held on January
17 29, 2016, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Room 1560, Anchorage, Alaska.
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20 **Agenda Item 1 Call to Order/Roll Call**
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23 The meeting was called to order by Dr. Teresa Beck, Chairperson, at 10:08 a.m.
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25 Those present, constituting a quorum, were:
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27 Teresa Beck, DVM – Palmer, AK
28 Tamara Rose, DVM – Fairbanks, AK
29 Nelson Priddy II, DVM, DACVS – Anchorage, AK
30 James Hagee, DVM – Chugiak, AK
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32 DeeDee Jonrowe – Willow, AK excused absence
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34 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing,
35 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:
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37 Virginia Geary, Licensing Examiner – Juneau
38 Greg Francois, Investigations - Anchorage
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41 **Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda**
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43 The Board reviewed the agenda and approved it with no changes.
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47 **Agenda Item 3** **Review/Approve Minutes**

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50 The board reviewed the minutes for October 9 and November 18, 2015. Dr. Priddy
51 pointed out that he was referred to as Dr. Nelson twice in the November 18, 2015 minutes
52 instead of using his last name.

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54 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Priddy, seconded by Dr. Rose, and approved**
55 **unanimously, it was**

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57 **RESOLVED to approve the October 9 and November 18, 2015**
58 **minutes as presented with said corrections.**

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61 **Agenda Item 4** **Ethics Report**

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63 There were no ethics violations to report from any board members.

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66 **Agenda Item 6** **Investigation Report**

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68 Investigator Greg Francois reported that the division opened nine matters and closed
69 thirteen which includes intakes, complaints and investigations. One matter remains on-
70 going and a second was opened on January 26 after the board report was printed. Mr.
71 Francois read an email that Ms. Geary received from Kevin Salazar with the Veterinarian
72 Corporation of America pertaining to reporting controlled drug losses in the veterinary
73 setting. Mr. Salazar wanted to know if the Vet board wanted to be informed of drug
74 losses reported. Mr. Francois asked the board for their opinion. The board stated they
75 only had to report losses and pills dispensed to the federal DEA. Dr. Priddy stated
76 Alaska does not have a state drug enforcement agency.

77 Mr. Francois advised the Board would need to go into executive session regarding a
78 newly opened case.

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80 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Hagee, seconded by Dr. Rose and**
81 **approved unanimously, it was RESOLVED to go into executive**
82 **session in accordance with 44.62.310(c)(2) , and Alaska Constitutional**
83 **Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of reviewing and**
84 **discussing investigative matters.**

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86 Board staff to remain during executive session.

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88 Off the record at 10:28am

89 On the record at 10:33am

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92 **Agenda Item 6** **Budget Report**

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95 Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer II, joined the Board meeting via conference call.

96 Ms. Hewlett went over the FY 15 4th Quarter and FY 16 1st Quarter schedule of revenues

97 and expenditures. The board had no questions on the quarter reports. Ms. Hewlett
98 presented an update on travel changes. She explained the division is looking at ways to
99 be more efficient and streamline travel cost. Each board will now be required to fill out a
100 report at the end of each meeting summarizing the achievements of the board meeting
101 and any items that were not finalized and will be carried over to the next meeting.
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103 The Board thanked Ms. Hewlett for her time.
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106 **Agenda Item 8 Old and New Business**
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109 **CE Request for Medical Acupuncture for Veterinarians.** Ashley Harmon sent an
110 email requesting CE approval for CE taken at Colorado State University. Dr. Beck noted
111 the course is not RACE approved but wondered if CSU had recognized and approved the
112 program.
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114 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Beck, seconded by Dr. Hagee and approved**
115 **unanimously it was moved to approve the Medical Acupuncture for**
116 **Veterinarians course by Dr. Narda Robinson at Colorado State University if**
117 **they can prove the confirmation of endorsement or sponsorship by CSU or**
118 **RACE for CE credit.**
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121 **Kevin Wellington CE Request.** Dr. Rose stated the conference isn't close to being
122 eligible for RACE approval. Much of it is taught by lay floaters. The Veterinarians are
123 not boarded in anything. When technicians are doing the dentistry in a clinic and a
124 Veterinarian is giving oversight insinuating a Vet knows more about dentistry than the
125 technician, however, if the veterinarian knew more about dentistry in these situations they
126 would be doing the dentistry. Virtually if there is a vet there for sedation they are only
127 there to get the money for sedation. There is no true veterinarian oversight when lay
128 floaters are doing dentistry. She further noted the standard should be higher for
129 veterinarians seeking CE. There are plenty of quality RACE approved CE's for equine
130 dentistry taught by boarded veterinarians. In Alaska it is incredibly easy and affordable
131 to get CE's on online. Dr. Beck felt based on previous approval by the board the course
132 should be approved for 2015 CE's but not be approved in the future. Dr. Priddy said this
133 is the last opportunity the board will approve this conference. The board recommended
134 preapproval be sought prior to paying for a conference or a person go to any conference
135 they prefer but be sure to get required CE's from approved providers.
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137 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Priddy and seconded by Dr. Hagee it was**
138 **moved to accept Dr. Wellington's request for CE credit for the 2015**
139 **International Association of Equine Dentistry conference. However, the**
140 **board will likely not accept a conditional approval for this course in the**
141 **future. If said course subject does not specifically meet the guidelines spelled**
142 **out in 12AAC 68.230 preapproval will be necessary.**
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144 **Beck-yea, Rose – abstained, Hagee-yea, Priddy-yea**
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147 **Agenda Item 7** **Public Comment**

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149 Brian Berube works for the Alaska Native Tribal Consortium in the Community
150 Environment and Health Department. Mr. Berube addressed the board concerning the
151 Healthy Dog Initiative that is in the preliminary stages. It will be a working project to
152 expand routine animal care services in Alaskan villages and improve environmental
153 conditions. Also on the team are Dr. Arleigh Reynolds and Dr. Karsten Hueffer at UAF.
154 The program hopes to use UAF professors and Vet externs to deal with animal control
155 issues. Dr. Beck said if UAF students were going to be doing surgeries that a possible
156 regulation project would be needed in the future. Dr. Hagee suggested the team visit with
157 and seek help from the Alaska Veterinary Medical Association. He applauds the group's
158 effort. Dr. Priddy gave Mr. Berube the AVMA President's contact information.

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161 Break

162 Off the record 12:00

163 On the record 12:07

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166 **Agenda Item 8** **Old and New Business Continued**

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169 **RoadRunner Pharmacy.** Presented to the Board for information only. Dr. Beck noted
170 the AVMA is keeping an eye on this.

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173 **American Association of Veterinary State Boards.** Presented to the Board for
174 information only regarding tracking CE's and regulation news.

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177 **American Association of Veterinary State Boards.** Presented to the Board for
178 information only regarding upcoming open positions.

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181 **Email Concerning Working Interviews.** Scott Warner sent an email to Ms. Geary
182 requesting what Alaska law allows him to do during a working interview. Dr. Beck said
183 there are exceptions for courtesy licenses if they have a sponsor. Dr. Priddy noted that
184 courtesy licenses have a sponsor but they are not necessarily working under direct
185 supervision. Dr. Priddy and Dr. Rose asked if another definition could be added for a
186 courtesy license that would be for a working interview. Dr. Hagee said if an applicant is
187 going to multiple practices to interview they should have each practice sign the
188 sponsoring page but still be under one courtesy license fee. Dr. Priddy asked where a
189 recently graduated vet would fall under if they were coming to Alaska for a working
190 interview since they would not qualify for a permit. Dr. Beck said the new regulation
191 could possibly state a person could fall under the working interview definition within 3
192 months after graduation. Dr. Beck said the board will discuss more on this topic when
193 the board gets to the regulations agenda.

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196 **Sarah Meintel CE Request.** Applicant requests CE's be approved for Medical
197 Acupuncture for Veterinarians. Dr. Hagee stated that as in the earlier request Colorado
198 State University will have to prove CSU has endorsed the conference. The board noted
199 AKVMA members should check if CE's are approved before going to a big conference
200 and investing time and travel expenses.

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203 **Email from Major Clarissa Hackett regarding Operation Artic Care in Kodiak, AK.**
204 Dr. Rose stated the military has come to Alaska every year. She noted the polite
205 professional thing to do is send a letter to the AKVMA members and community
206 practices that live and work in Kodiak and ask does this interfere with their practice. Dr.
207 Priddy and Dr. Hagee said in the past they have received letters from Operation Artic
208 Care stating they were coming to Alaska and asked if their operation was going to
209 interfere with your practice. Dr. Priddy said it never got in his way. The board reiterated
210 the following:

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Sec. 08.98.125. Exemptions. This chapter does not apply to the following:

214 (1) a veterinary medical officer in the military service in the discharge of official duties or as an
215 employee in the federal or state government performing veterinary medical services within the scope of the
216 person's official duties;

217 (2) a veterinarian who is licensed in another state or country, or a person whose expertise a
218 veterinarian licensed in this state believes would benefit an animal, and who provides only consultation to a
219 veterinarian licensed in this state; in this paragraph, "consultation" means advice or assistance provided in
220 person, telephonically, electronically, or by any other method of communication from a veterinarian or
221 other person whose expertise, in the opinion of the veterinarian, would benefit the animal; and

222 (3) a veterinarian licensed and residing in another state who provides assistance, as requested by and under
223 the supervision of a veterinarian licensed in this state, for the purpose of providing skills not otherwise
224 available in this state in conducting research or other practice of veterinary medicine on captive or free-
225 ranging wildlife; however, that assistance is limited to not more than three events in a calendar year for not
226 more than a total of 60 days in the year and may not be on a regular or recurring basis, as defined by the
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230 **2016 Meetings Scheduled.** The Board agreed on a teleconference June 3, 2016 at
231 10:00am and September 30, 2016 at 10:00am at the Atwood Building in Anchorage, AK.

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234 The board reviewed and approved 32 Iditarod applications and 3 applications for Vet
235 Tech licensure for applicants who successfully passed the fall VTNE.

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238 **Agenda Item 9 Regulations**

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241 The Board tabled the regulation project until the June meeting. Dr. Beck will work on
242 language for a working interview regulation project to fall under the courtesy license
243 definition. Dr. Rose will work on language for what a student extern can do.

244 **Agenda Item 10 Adjourn**

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246 There being no further business, Dr. Priddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting,
247 Dr Hagee seconded it. All were in favor.

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The board adjourned the meeting at 1:43pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Virginia Geary
Virginia Geary, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

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

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