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52 **Agenda Item 1** **Review Agenda**

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54 There were no updates or changes to agenda.

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56 **Agenda Item 2** **Review/Approve Minutes**

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58 The board reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting.

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60 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Jonrowe, and approved**
61 **unanimously, it was**

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63 **RESOLVED to approve the February 21, 2014 meeting minutes as**
64 **presented.**

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66 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 4 yeas, no nays, motion
67 passed.

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69 **Agenda Item 3** **Ethics Disclosure**

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

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73 Ms. Hewlett was unavailable to give the budget report, so the Board continued with
74 agenda item 6.

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76 **Agenda Item 6** **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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78 There was no miscellaneous correspondence.

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80 **Agenda Item 7** **Public Comment**

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82 There was no one present for public comment.

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84 **Agenda Item 9** **Regulations**

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86 Dr. Hagee asked when the regulation project will be complete and into law. Ms. Kunow
87 explained it will go to thirty day public comment as soon as the regulation specialist can
88 get to it. Once the Board reviews the public comment and adopts the language, it will go
89 to Department of Law for final review and then to the Lt. Governor's Office for
90 signature. Hopefully, this will happen by the October meeting.

91 Dr. Priddy asked how the public gets the notice. Ms. Kunow explained the proposed
92 language will be mailed with instructions to contact the regulation specialists.

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94 The Board reviewed the language that was approved at the February 21, 2014 meeting.
95 This will go to public notice and the Board will schedule a teleconference to discuss the
96 public comment.

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The Board agreed that having at least one year of on-the-job training in Alaska as a requirement of 12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(B) for veterinary technician applicants would amend the loophole of Alaska being the only state that allows out of state on-the-job training to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam. One year of in-state training would show a commitment to working in Alaska.

The Board discussed the application of Brittany Dacasin that was sent to the Board via email ballot. Ms. Dacasin is five weeks short of the required two year employment verification.

Dr. Priddy stated she does not meet the requirements of 12 AAC 68.310. The application needs to be resubmitted because the original application was submitted July 22, 2013. Her references do not need to be resubmitted, but the employment verification should reflect two years of employment preceding the date of application. The application and employment verification should be post marked on June 1, 2014 to avoid all conflict.

Dr. Priddy expressed concern that if the application and employment verification are submitted at the end of May, the Board cannot make an exception to the regulations.

The applicant should be aware of the application requirements because they are written on the application.

Ms. Kunow apologized to the Board and the applicant will be notified of the Board's decisions.

DeeDee Jonrowe disconnected at 9:24 due to static on line. Land line reestablished 9:25.

The Board was running ahead of schedule and continued with agenda item 8.

Agenda Item 8 Old/New Business

Update Handbook Diseases

At the February meeting, the Board briefly discussed the list of reportable diseases listed in the handbook which is posted on the State Veterinary website and the Board's website. The Board continued the discussion of reportable diseases.

Ms. Jonrowe expressed concern regarding recent articles about ticks carrying Lyme disease in the Fairbanks area. Dr. Beck said she heard rumors of that and also a rumor involving a dog or dogs diagnosed with heartworm disease that had no travel history. Alaska has always considered itself as isolated from this type of thing. If these are true, they will become a serious consideration for veterinarians. Heartworm in a dog that has not traveled is important to report. Lyme disease can be a very debilitating disease in humans.

Dr. Beck stated there has been no announcement from the State Veterinarian's Office regarding these issues.

Dr. Hagee stated the heartworm and Lyme disease rumors are strictly rumors. If, indeed, there are actual cases, the regional testing facilities could be contacted. Dr. Hagee has seen a few heartworm cases in military pets; however, an infected dog cannot infect another dog. The mosquito does not live long enough to transport the heartworm larva.

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152 Ms. Bundick and Mr. Paff joined the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

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154 Dr. Priddy read from the article from the Anchorage Daily News. Kim Beckmen, from
155 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, stated she had been working for the Department
156 for twelve years and, from day one, has always observed ticks on wildlife. In the past
157 three years, she has found two non-native dog ticks surviving in Alaska. Dr. Gerlach
158 expressed concerns in the article that populations here have not been exposed to these
159 tick-borne diseases. Dr. Priddy said the panic button shouldn't be pushed quite yet, but it
160 is a concern.

161 Dr. Beck stated the handbook is a good reference of reportable diseases and to keep all
162 listed.

163 Dr. Priddy said the State's Veterinary Office is extremely approachable and a great help.

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165 **Agenda Item 6 Investigative Report**

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167 Ms. Bundick suggested the Board go into executive session to discuss several
168 investigative matters.

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170 **On a motion duly made by Jonrowe, seconded by Hagee, and approved**
171 **unanimously, it was**

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173 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS**
174 **44.62.310(c)(2), for the purpose of reviewing investigative matters.**

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176 Board staff to remain during executive session.

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178 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 4 yeas, no nays, motion
179 passed.

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181 Off record 9:45 a.m.

182 Dr. Rose joined the meeting telephonically at 10:12 a.m.

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184 On record 10:36 a.m.

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186 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Jonrowe, and approved**
187 **unanimously, it was**

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189 **RESOLVED to invite Dr. Rex Rammell to the October meeting to discuss his**
190 **veterinary application.**

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192 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Rose- abstain, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 4 yeas,
193 no nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.

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200 Dr. Hagee recommended the Board require Dr. Rammell's appearance.
201 Ms. Bundick called point of order. She stated the Board would have to table the
202 application with the motion. The prior motion should be withdrawn.

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204 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Jonrowe, and approved**
205 **unanimously, it was**

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207 **RESOLVED to withdraw the motion to invite Dr. Rex Rammell to the**
208 **October meeting to discuss his veterinary application.**

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210 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Rose- abstain, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 4 yeas,
211 no nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.

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213 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Jonrowe, and approved**
214 **unanimously, it was**

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216 **RESOLVED to table the license application of Dr. Rex Rammell and require**
217 **Dr. Rammell to personally attend the October, 2014 Board meeting to**
218 **discuss his veterinary application.**

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220 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Rose- abstain, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 4 yeas,
221 no nays, 1 abstention, motion passed.

222 Ms. Kunow will send Dr. Rammell a letter.

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224 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Rose, and approved**
225 **unanimously, it was**

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227 **RESOLVED to accept the license surrender of Dr. Phillip C. Hopkins # 593.**

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229 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Rose- yea, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 5 yeas, no
230 nays, motion passed.

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232 **On a motion duly made by Beck, seconded by Priddy, and approved**
233 **unanimously, it was**

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235 **RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement for Dr. Monica L. Mangis**
236 **#633.**

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238 Roll call - Beck – yea, Jonrowe – yea, Rose- yea, Hagee – yea, Priddy – yea, 5 yeas, no
239 nays, motion passed.

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241 Mr. Paff left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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243 Ms. Bundick read the investigative report. Currently, there are five open matters.
244 The Board thanked Ms. Bundick for her time.

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250 **Agenda Item 4** **Budget Report**

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252 Director Sara Chambers discussed the third quarter budget report. Revenues are down
253 which is expected in a non-renewal year. Fiscal year 2013 ended with \$80,633 in
254 personal services, up substantially from FY2012. Fiscal year 2014 is trending along
255 FY2013 numbers.

256 The Board may be in a deficit by the end of the year, which is not unusual. Fees were
257 lowered in 2012 as a guestimate of the Board's two year budget. The deficit should be
258 made up with renewals. The Department will conduct fee analysis this summer and will
259 be communicating with the Board for input.

260 The Board thanked Director Chambers for her time.

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262 **Agenda Item 8** **Old/New Business (con't)**

263 Annual Report

264 Dr. Beck is working on the narrative for FY 2014.

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266 Ms. Bundick left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

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268 The Board agreed to increase the meeting estimated costs from \$2,100.00 to \$2,500.00
269 per meeting and increase the teleconference meeting expenses from \$200.00 to \$400.00.
270 There are no travel requirements for performing examinations and that expense will be
271 eliminated.

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273 The Board is not sending a representative to the American Association of Veterinary
274 State Boards (AAVSB) this next year because the conference will be held in Florida. The
275 Board will only send a representative to the out-of-state conference if the conference is
276 held in a western state. Travel to the East coast requires too much time away from a
277 veterinary practice.

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279 AAVSB membership dues remain at \$500.00.

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281 The Board has no proposed legislation. The Board previously discussed amending the
282 student permit, Sec 08.98.188(a), to include third year veterinary students and exempting
283 veterinarians from the required Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Ms. Kunow
284 advised Senator Fred Dyson may be looking at exempting the veterinarians, but was
285 unsure as to the status of any action.

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287 The Board has proposed language that will go out to public comment. The outdated
288 National Board Examination and the Clinical Competence Test will be eliminated from
289 12 AAC 68.010.

290 The Board no longer gives regularly scheduled examinations and that wording will be
291 repealed in 12 AAC 68.045 – Temporary License.

292 The Board approved requiring at least one year of in-state training for veterinary
293 technician applicants (12 AAC 68.310(b)(4)(B)).

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300 The Board will require that veterinary technician applicants that fail the Veterinary
301 Technician National Exam (VTNE) reapply after one year to sit for the exam (12 AAC
302 68.315(b)).
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304 The Board discussed the FY2014 Goals and Objectives and how they were met:
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- 306 1. Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and
307 send one member to a national regulatory board meeting. The Board appointed a
308 Board member to attend last year's meeting but he was unable to attend.
- 309 2. Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence
310 state examination. The Board reviewed the JP exam at the February meeting.
- 311 3. Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue monitoring
312 continuing education hours. The Board reviewed the continuing education audits for
313 veterinarians and veterinary technicians.
- 314 4. Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and
315 develop new proposals as needed. At each Board meeting, legislative issues that
316 might affect the Board are discussed.
- 317 5. Monitor investigations and continue to support alternate methods to expedite the
318 investigative process. An investigative report is given at each meeting.
- 319 6. Monitor current probation cases. Investigations kept the Board advised of probation
320 violations.
- 321 7. Resolve ongoing investigations/litigation in a timely fashion through direct
322 involvement of the board in the early review process. Investigations reviewed cases
323 with a Board member.
- 324 8. Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the
325 Handbook will occur following a major revision. The handbook was reviewed at the
326 October, 2013 meeting. Contacts were updated and handbook is posted on the
327 website.
- 328 9. Continue to review and evaluate current regulations and regulatory fees and develop
329 new regulations as needed. The courtesy license was amended to include spay and
330 neuter clinics off the interconnect road system. A new regulation project was
331 initiated at the February, 2014 meeting to repeal outdated language and add one year
332 of in-state training for veterinary technician applicants.
- 333 10. Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements. The Board
334 reviewed and approved all appropriate course approvals.
- 335 11. Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees. The budget is
336 reviewed at each Board meeting with a Department representative.
- 337 12. Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the board. Mission and
338 vision statements are reviewed at each Board meeting.
- 339 13. Promote AVMA (ECVFG) and AAVSB (PAVE) guidelines for licensing foreign
340 educated veterinarians. The Board has no say in ECVFG and AAVSB licensing
341 guidelines and will remove this goal.
- 342 14. Promote on-line license renewal. The Board would like to see on-line renewals but
343 does not have authority to mandate this.
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350 15. Review issues and update veterinary technician regulations. New regulation project
351 was initiated at the February, 2014 meeting to add one year of in-state training for
352 veterinary technician applicants.
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354 The Board reviewed Goals and Objectives for FY2015 with the following changes:
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- 356 1. Continue membership in the American Association of Veterinary State Boards and
357 send one member to a national regulatory board meeting if the meeting is scheduled
358 in the western states.
- 359 2. Continue to implement, monitor, develop and review as necessary the jurisprudence
360 state examination.
- 361 3. Continue licensing veterinarians and veterinary technicians and continue
362 monitoring continuing education hours.
- 363 4. Continue to review and evaluate current statutes and legislative proposals and
364 develop new proposals as needed.
- 365 5. Resolve ongoing investigations/litigation in a timely fashion through direct
366 involvement of the board in the early review process.
- 367 6. Continue to update as necessary the Veterinary Handbook. A mailing of the
368 Handbook will occur following a major revision.
- 369 7. Continue to review and evaluate current regulations for veterinarians and veterinary
370 technicians and regulatory fees and develop new regulations as needed.
- 371 8. Continue to monitor continuing education programs and requirements.
- 372 9. Continue to monitor budget as it pertains to the self-supporting fees.
- 373 10. Continue to pursue the mission and vision statements of the board.
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375 The Board eliminated 5, 6, 13, 14 and 15 of the FY2014 Goals.
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377 Sunset Audit Recommendation #1: The Division is currently seeking a permanent Chief
378 Investigator. Angela Birt is filling in as Acting Chief Investigator.

379 Sunset Audit Recommendation #2: Dr. Beck was re-appointed by the Governor.
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381 Ms. Kunow will provide the statistical information for the FY2014 Annual Report.
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383 Ms. Kunow asked the Board a general question regarding hands-on clinical interviews for
384 veterinary applicants. A couple of veterinarians would like to interview applicants and
385 observe their clinical skills. Can these veterinarians allow unlicensed applicants to
386 demonstrate clinical skills as part of the interview?

387 Dr. Beck stated it falls under the practice of veterinary medicine. The Board has no
388 regulations for interview permits.

389 Dr. Rose suggested the applicant apply for a temporary permit. Ms. Kunow advised the
390 temporary permit is to fill in at a practice for another veterinarian. The applicant would
391 have to be licensed in another state as part of the requirement for a temporary permit, but
392 new graduates could not apply.

393 Dr. Rose stated new graduates have clinical skills. An employer generally assumes they
394 will have to teach a new employee clinical skills.

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400 Dr. Beck suggested a new graduate, if still in school, could apply for a student permit.
401 Veterinarians do not allow major procedures to be performed by applicants. A
402 veterinarian can observe an applicant's interaction with patients while they're
403 interviewing.

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405 Dr. Beck suggested the Board look at its regulations and see if a sentence could be added
406 for interviews.

407 Dr. Rose felt the situation was not as ominous as it seems.

408 Dr. Beck stated the applicant could talk to clients, but not do anything under the
409 definition of the practice of veterinary medicine.

410 Dr. Priddy stated a successful interview can be conducted without doing full blown
411 procedures.

412 Dr. Rose stated it would be unethical for a veterinarian to let a non-employee do a
413 procedure. A veterinarian could not charge for a procedure that a non-employee
414 conducts.

415 Dr. Beck stated there is nothing in the regulations that would allow a hands-on clinical
416 interview.

417 Dr. Hagee suggested contacting AAVSB to find out what other states are doing.

418 Dr. Beck stated new graduates have the clinical skills to have graduated from veterinary
419 school.

420 There may be another type of permit that could require direct supervision.

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422 The Board will follow up on this issue at the October meeting.

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424 There being no further business, Dr. Beck called for adjournment of the meeting.

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426 The board adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted:

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432 Debbie Kunow, Licensing Examiner

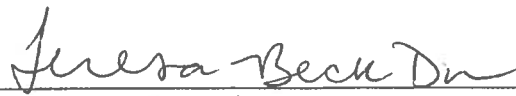
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Teresa Beck, DVM, Chairperson
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