

47 **BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**
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52 **On a motion duly made by Rose, seconded by Jonrowe, and approved**
53 **unanimously, it was**

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55 **RESOLVED to approve the February 6, 2015 agenda above-noted**
56 **addition.**

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

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60 The board reviewed the minutes for October 24, 2014, board meeting and the December
61 15, 2015 with a change to line 86 on the teleconference from Priddy to Jonrowe.

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

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66 **RESOLVED to approve the October 24, 2014 board meeting minutes**
67 **and the May 2, 2014 teleconference minutes with the above noted**
68 **change.**

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70 **Agenda Item 3 Ethics Disclosure**

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

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74 **Agenda Item 4 Budget Report**

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76 Ms. Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer II, appeared via teleconference. The
77 examiner introduced Hewlett, who confirmed the board had the first and second quarter
78 reports in their board packets. Hewlett explained licensing revenue, direct expenditures,
79 what direct personal services entailed, and what personal services included. Hewlett
80 explained travel, IA Legal, indirect expenses and surplus.

81 The Board thanked Ms. Hewlett for her time and she departed.

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83 **Agenda Item 5 Investigative Report**

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85 William Harlan and Alvin Kennedy signed in and introduced themselves to the board.
86 Harlan had been doing probations and was covering for Bundick during her absence.
87 There were no probation reports to report. The investigative report covered the period
88 from Oct 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015. Included matters since last report, opened
89 four matters, closed six matters and only those six matters remained open at this time.
90 The board thanked Harlan and Kennedy and they departed.

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92 **Agenda Item 7 Miscellaneous Correspondence**

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101 The standard of care question had been resolved at the last board meeting and was
102 dismissed. It was discussed that regulation booklets were online if the board needed them
103 and was confirmed that July 2013 was the last book. The board had no answer for
104 controlled substances. The examiner will take that correspondence to the board of
105 pharmacy. The board did not feel Bergartt would be responsible for patient records. The
106 board felt the shelter would be responsible for records retention. There was a letter that
107 asked the board about removing the raw milk section from the regulations. The board
108 had reviewed this a couple of years ago and decided to leave it as is. The board was not
109 in a position to recommend or defer raw milk. The board decided to not re-visit the raw
110 milk issue since the board had purposely decided to leave the language in the regulation
111 as it was and stood by that decision.

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113 Jonrowe out 10:43 a.m.

114 Returned 10:45 a.m.

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116 **AGENDA ITEM 8 Old/New Business**

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118 It was determined all veterinary courtesy licenses for the Iditarod applications would
119 need to be done via email since the examiner was not able to share with the board at this
120 board meeting as planned.

121 The course approval application for Veterinary Orthopedic Care was discussed and Rose
122 would abstain since she was attending the course.

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124 **On a motion duly made by Hagee, seconded by Priddy, and approved by**
125 **quorum, it was**

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127 **RESOLVED to approve the Continuing Education course for**
128 **Veterinary Orthopedic Care for Five credits for the first lab and ten**
129 **credits if both labs were attended by Veterinarians. Five total for**
130 **Veterinary Technicians.**

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132 **After the vote, it was determined that this course had been RACE approved and did**
133 **not need to be approved by the board.**

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135 Rose wanted to discuss an older applicant file, Elizabeth Lyons. Rose stated she did not
136 feel comfortable with the decision of the board to request additional information from
137 her. Hagee responded it was a technicality based on what private practice was and what
138 clinical practice was. On page 4 of the regulations it stated the practice of veterinary
139 medicine was clinical practice, not public health. He also explained that she had applied
140 by credentials and that it stated the applicant had submitted four letters of professional
141 reference. The references stated specifically she was a nice lady and things along that
142 line but had not stated anything about her competency, reliability or was worthy of
143 confidence. The board had very politely requested for her to submit four letters that
144 addressed her competence and professionalism but the board never heard back from her.

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151 Hagee continued that if an applicant came in by credential, the regulation specifically
152 stated that the applicant **MUST** have been practicing at least five of the last seven years,
153 those being calendar years and each of those years **MUST** have 1000 hours of active,
154 competent, practice – for a calendar year. Hagee stated it was the same circumstance
155 with Rammell. According to 12 AAC 68.048(9) has submitted the applicable four letters
156 of professional reference required under 12 AAC 69.010(a)(7) or 12 AAC 68.035(a)(7)
157 stating that the applicant is professionally competent, reliable, and worthy of confidence.
158 The professional references for either of these applicants did not meet that regulation.
159 The next item of discussion was related to applicant, Rex Rammell.
160 Dr. Rammell was unable to make this Board meeting due to surgery. It was decided
161 further discussion would be done in executive session.

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163 **On a motion duly made by Jonrowe, seconded by Rose, and approved unanimously,**
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166 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS**
167 **44.62.310(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing Dr. Rammell’s application.**
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169 Board staff to remain during executive session.
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171 Off the record at 11:15 a.m.
172 On the record at 11:57 a.m.
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174 **On a motion duly made by Priddy, seconded by Hagee, and approved by roll call**
175 **vote, it was**

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177 **RESOLVED to deny the veterinary licensure application for Dr. Rex**
178 **Rammell for failing to meet the criteria for licensure per Sec. 08.98.184.**
179 **Licensure by Credentials. The board shall approve the issuance of a license**
180 **to an applicant who holds a valid license to practice veterinary medicine in**
181 **another state, territory, or country if the applicant (2) has been engaged in**
182 **the active practice of veterinary medicine for at least five of the seven years**
183 **before filing the application; and Sec. 08.98.184 (4) is in good standing, as**
184 **defined by the board in regulations.**

185 **In reviewing Rammell’s file, the Board found Rammell had only engaged in**
186 **active practice for 50 months, (four years) rather than 60 months (five years)**
187 **of active practice before filing for application. This statute is supported by**
188 **12 AAC 68.035. License by Credentials: 12 AAC 68.035(a). An applicant for**
189 **a licensure by credentials to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, or**
190 **dentistry shall submit to the board, specifically sections 12 AAC 68.035(3);**
191 **verification of active practice of veterinary medicine for at least five of the**
192 **seven years before the date of application and (8)(c) In this section, “active**
193 **practice means at least 1000 hours or practicing veterinary medicine,**
194 **surgery, or dentistry during the calendar year.**
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Respectfully submitted:

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