

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

February 2, 2022

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery was called to order at 9:00 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, via WebEx
Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ, Secretary
Donovan Hauser, DVM

Absent: None

A quorum being present, the meeting convened. Also present to participate in the meeting: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Legal; 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.

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 January 20, 2022.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Byers moved, seconded by Hauser to approve the October 27, 2021 minutes as written. Voting aye: Byers, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Byers moved, seconded by Hauser, to go into closed session at 9:06 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, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Hauser moved, seconded by Byers, to open the session at 10:21 a.m. Voting aye: Byers, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board Break: 10:21 am

Board Reconvened: 10:41 am

APPLICATION REVIEW (0)– OPEN SESSION

There were no applications for review by the Board at this meeting.

FYI(S)

A. Veterinary Medicine and Surgery – Renewal Period 4/2/2020 – 4/1/2022 – DVM's who prescribe Controlled Substances need to meet the requirements of LB 731 38-145 (6)

As a reminder licenses for Veterinary Medicine and Surgery (DVM's, Veterinary Technicians and Animal Therapists) are eligible for renewal at the present time on the DHHS website. Any licenses not renewed by 11:59 pm on 4/1/2022 will expire. To renew your license online go to:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/License-Renewals.aspx>

Please note the new requirement for all Veterinarians that prescribe controlled substances:
Requirement: 3 hours of the 32 hours of CE (continuing education) are required to be on the subject of opioids and .5 hours of the 3 hours are required to be on the subject of the PDMP (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program).

To review the entire Bill see: LB 731 38-145 (6)

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/105/PDF/Slip/LB731.pdf>

Visit the DHHS Veterinary Medicine and Surgery page to locate CE videos regarding opioids and the Nebraska PDMP at no cost:

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Veterinary-Medicine-and-Surgery.aspx>

B. Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE) changes effective January 2022

The Board has no comments at this time.

C. North American Veterinary Licensing Exam (NAVLE) Technical Report 2020-2021

The Board has no comments at this time.

D. AAVSB – Annual Meeting and Conference, Charlotte, NC – September 15-17, 2022

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

E. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) – Workplace Solutions

The Board has no comments at this time.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

The draft Regulations for Title 172 Chapter 180 - Regulations Governing the Practice of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery and draft Regulations for Title 172 Chapter 182 - Licensure of Animal Therapist have been approved and the new Regulations were effective as of November 1, 2021.

2022 LEGISLATION UPDATES

The Board has no comments at this time.

DESIGNATION OF THE METHOD BY WHICH THIS BODY WILL GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ITS MEETINGS

Cushman explained that the Board needs to inform the public each year the method by which the Board will provide notice of their meetings. In the past, the Board had chosen to post meeting agendas on the Bulletin Board at the Nebraska State Office Building, to e-mail agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. Hauser moved, seconded by Byers, to continue the same method that the Department has been using to provide public notice of this Board's meetings by posting meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, by e-mailing agendas to the interested parties list, and by posting agendas on the Department's website. Voting aye: Byers, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Please Note: if you would like to be included on the list of "Interested Parties" to receive a notice of the Agenda for the meetings, please contact Jan Gadeken-Harris at: Janis.gadeken-harris@nebraska.gov

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Byers moved, seconded by Schlote to elect the new slate of officers for 2022 as follows:

Chairperson: Elizabeth Farrington, DVM

Vice-Chairperson: Joshua M. Schlote, LVT

Secretary: Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ

Voting aye: Byers, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 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, Byers moved, seconded by Schlote, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Voting aye: Byers, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

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