

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

October 25, 2023

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
Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ, Secretary
Donovan Hauser, DVM
Theresa Clary, Public Member

Absent: None

A quorum being present, the meeting convened. Also present to participate in the meeting: Vonda Apking, Interim Program Manager, Licensure Unit, Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Juliann Lanphier-Willson, DHHS Department Legal; Larry Wiehn, Investigator, with the Investigation Unit and Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, with the Licensure and Investigation Units.

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 October 13, 2023.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hauser moved, seconded by Schlote to approve the July 26, 2023, minutes as written. Voting aye: Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: Byers, Clary. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE UPDATES

Kaylie Fritts, DVM, Deputy Nebraska State Veterinarian with the Agriculture Department was present for discussion with the Board.

NPAI (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) has been reported in virtually all of the surrounding states to Nebraska, however there are no current reports in Nebraska at this time.

Rabies response has been authorized by the Department of Agriculture at the end of October to begin dropping bait and oral vaccine.

LEGISLATION UPDATES

There are no updates currently.

REGULATION UPDATES

The Board continued the discussion regarding the need for Veterinary Technicians in the field of large animal veterinary practices and the possibility of amending the scope of practice for Veterinary Technicians.

Dr. Farrington will finalize the survey questions from the Board at which time Megan Kilgore, Executive Director of the NVMA has agreed to send out the survey questions to the NVMA constituents for their feedback responses.

Vonda Apking will check on the status of the draft Regulations that were previously proposed by the Board and report back at the next meeting.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Byers moved, seconded by Schlote, to go into closed session at 9:19 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, Clary, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Board Break 10:17 a.m.

Board Reconvened 10:32 a.m.

Farrington, Chairperson opened the session at 10:35 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW (1)– OPEN SESSION

TREMBLY, KENT, DVM – application for reinstatement after discipline requesting reinstatement after revocation of license to practice veterinary medicine and surgery. Byers moved, seconded by Hauser to recommend deferring the recommendation for additional information. Voting aye: Byers, Clary, Farrington, Hauser and Schlote. Voting nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

2023 AAVSB ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

The 2023 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference was held September 28-30, 2023, in Kansas City, MO.

Dr. Hauser represented the Board at the AAVSB Conference as the Voting Delegate and Dr. Byers as the Alternate Delegate.

Dr. Farrington and Dr. Byers are both members of AAVSB Committees and attended the meeting to represent the Nebraska Board as well as their respective AAVSB Committees.

To view highlights from the meeting go the AAVSB website: <https://www.aavsb.org/>

SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery has been scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2024 @ 7:30 a.m. in Kearney, NE. The meeting has been scheduled to coincide with the NVMA (Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association) Winter Conference. This will give attendees of the conference an opportunity to attend the Open Session portion of the Board meeting to see how the Board conducts their meetings and an opportunity to ask questions regarding Board activities. Those that sign up to attend the meeting may also qualify for CE hours. Check with the NVMA for additional CE information. 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, Farrington, Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

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