

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

February 15, 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
Christopher G. Byers, DVM, DACVECC, DACVIM (SAIM), CVJ, Secretary
Donovan Hauser, DVM
Theresa Clary, Public Member

Absent: Joshua Schlote, LVT, Vice-Chairperson

A quorum being present, the meeting convened. Also present to participate in the meeting: Jesse Cushman, Program Manager, Licensure Unit, Jan Gadenken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Jeanne Burke, Assistant Attorney General; Teresa Hampton, DHHS Department Legal via WebEx; 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 February 3, 2023.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Byers moved, seconded by Hauser to approve the November 30, 2022, minutes as written. Voting aye: Byers, Clary, Farrington, and Hauser. Voting nay: None. Absent: Schlote. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS AND APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Byers moved, seconded by Hauser, to go into closed session at 9:05 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, and Hauser. Voting nay: None. Absent: Schlote. Abstain: None. Motion carried.

Farrington, Chairperson opened the session at 9:30 a.m.

Board Break 9:30 a.m.

Board Reconvened 9:45 a.m.

APPLICATION REVIEW (0)– OPEN SESSION

No applications were presented for review.

LEGISLATION & REGULATION UPDATES

Megan Kilgore, Executive Director of the NVMA (Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association) and Kaylie Fritts, DVM, Deputy Nebraska State Veterinarian with the Agriculture Department were present for discussion with the Board.

Dr. Byers is proposing the NVMA explore with their lobbying ability the need or possibility of amending Statute to include specific licensed specialties for Veterinarians.

Dr. Farrington agreed to draft questions for the Board to approve and then consult with Megan to address the NVMA constituents for feedback.

Since Josh Schlote, LVT member of the Board was unable to be at the meeting the Board wants to table the discussion regarding the current needs for Veterinary Technicians in the field of large animal veterinary practices. They have requested that Dr. Fritts or Dr. Dudley with the Department of Agriculture attend the next meeting to join in on that discussion to provide their perspective.

AAVSB EVENTS

- AAVSB proposed bylaws amendments must be received in writing at the AAVSB office by March 3, 2023.
 - The Nebraska Board has nothing to submit currently.
- Board Basics & Beyond meeting scheduled for April 14-15, 2023 in Kansas City, MO is open for registration.
 - Theresa Clary, Public Member, and our newest member to the Board will attend the meeting.
- The AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference will be held in Kansas City, MO September 28-30, 2023.
 - Dr. Byers and Dr. Farrington are currently both on AAVSB committees and are scheduled to attend the meeting. Dr. Hauser and Theresa Clary will check their respective calendars to determine if they are available to attend the meeting.

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. Byers moved, seconded by Hauser, 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, Clary, Farrington, and Hauser. Voting nay: None. Absent: Schlote. 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

Hauser moved, seconded by Byers to maintain the same slate of officers for 2023 as follows:

Chairperson: Elizabeth Farrington, DVM

Vice-Chairperson: Joshua M. Schlote, LVT

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

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

Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023. 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 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

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