

IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
11351 W. Chinden Blvd.
Boise, ID 83714

Board Meeting Minutes of 1/14/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Wayne C. Cutler – DVM, Chair
John C. Calhoun, VMD
Jeffrey S. Heins, DVM
Dawn Mehra, DVM
Laurence G. Nisle

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Stephanie Lotridge, Executive Officer
Yvonne Dunbar, General Counsel
Karen Sheehan, General Counsel
Katie Stuart, Board Services Program Manager
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Keith Aamont, Investigator
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Linda Brown, Financial Officer
Misty Lawrence, Department of Financial
Management
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist
Jessica Solis, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM MST by Wayne C. Cutler, DVM.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

Dr. Cutler read the Board's mission statement.

DIVISION BUSINESS

STAFF UPDATE

Bureau Chief Nicki Chopski introduced Stephanie Lotridge as the Board's Executive Officer. Dr. Chopski also introduced other members of Division staff which included the investigations unit for Health Professions and Board support. Dr. Chopski discussed the organizational chart of the Division's administration and Health Professions section.

HEALTH PROFESSIONS RECOVERY PROGRAM

Ms. Stuart discussed the Health Professions Recovery Program and the plans to make it accessible to all Health Professions within the Division. Ms. Stuart stated that the recovery program is an alternative approach rather than discipline.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Linda Brown, Financial Officer gave the financial report and stated that the Board's 2021 ending balance was \$364,000. Ms. Brown stated that she will give the Board quarterly updates.

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed the Board's composition in Idaho Code 54-2105 (1) (a) and discussed with Ms. Lotridge adding a veterinary technician to the Board. Ms. Lotridge stated that she will discuss this with Deputy Administrator Tim Frost on how to proceed with this change.

INVESTIGATIONS AND COMPLAINT PROCESS

Dr. Chopski discussed with the Board that the Division is working on a policy in which the investigators across the Division can share information during the investigative process if a licensee has more than one license within the Division. Investigation's supervisor Mike Celeste reviewed the investigations flow chart with the Board. Mr. Celeste introduced Investigator Keith Aamodt, who has a background in law enforcement, as the investigator for cases pertaining to the Veterinary Medicine Board and stated that Mr. Aamodt has been working with Jeremy Brown regarding the Board's laws and rules and investigative process and will also be working with the Board's liaison.

BOARD BUSINESS

BVM20-02A UPDATE

Ms. Lotridge gave the Board an update on case number BVM20-02A and stated that the licensee has a condition of probation and has been complying.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/15/21. It was seconded by Mr. Nisle. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING was scheduled for April 8 at 8:30 AM MDT.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Cutler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 AM. It was seconded by Dr. Calhoun. Motion carried.