

IDAHO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 4/8/2022

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

DIVISION STAFF: Stephanie Lotridge, Executive Officer
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Katie Stuart, Board Services Program Manager
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor
Keith Aamodt, Investigator
Shaun Eichman, Investigator
Jessica Solis, Administrative Assistant
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

OTHER ATTENDEES: Karen Sheehan, General Counsel

Convened: Dr. Cutler called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM MST. After roll call, a quorum was established and Dr. Cutler read the opening and mission statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Calhoun moved to approve the minutes of 1/14/22 as written. Dr. Mehra seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Lotridge presented the Board with Frequently Asked Questions prepared by the DOPL financial team, for all Boards. The FAQ's address the State's new financial coding system for DOPL as well as individual Board's funds. The Division plans to have quarterly financial reports for the Board to review.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Lotridge stated that the 2022 Legislative session had gone Sine Die on 3/31/22 and gave an overview of the following:

Senate Bill 1297 allows Division staff to share investigatory information regarding licensees with other boards and commissions to create efficiency within Division investigations.

House Bill 612 allows an Idaho licensing authority to consider and grant a request for the expungement of disciplinary action previously imposed on a person's occupational license.

Dr. Cutler asked about HB 629 regarding administrative hearings. Dr. Chopski explained that this will be a newly created agency in state government that will oversee administrative hearings for state agencies so that there is no bias from Boards who previously selected their own hearing officers. Dr. Chopski stated that prior to July, state agencies will still use the current process. The new agency should be operating by 2023.

Dr. Hines asked if a new Board member has been selected. Ms. Lotridge stated that the governor's office is still working on this.

BOARD BUSINESS

COMPLAINT REPORT

Mr. Aamodt gave an update of cases being investigated at this time. Chief Investigator Berk Fraser re-reviewed and explained the complaint and investigative process to the Board. Mr. Fraser also explained the process of the Correction Action Plan (CAP). Mr. Calhoun stated that this process is a positive change and a great benefit to the Board. Mr. Calhoun requested that perhaps the types of complaints trending can be mentioned in a newsletter, through the association or on the Board's website as a tool to educate licensees.

COMMITTEE ON HUMANE EUTHANASIA (COHE) MEETING REPORT

Ms. Lotridge stated that the COHE meeting is scheduled for 4/13/22 and she will provide a report to the Board. Ms. Arrasmith attended CET training on 4/7/22 and has been working with the chair for the COHE committee regarding training presentations.

Ms. Lotridge stated that there is a vacancy on the COHE committee as the CET member has resigned from the committee. There is also a vacancy for a veterinarian from S. Central Idaho for the committee.

2021 CEA EUTHANASIA RATE REPORT

Ms. Lotridge provided the Board with the 2021 CEA Euthanasia rate report.

ZERO BASED REGULATION DISCUSSION

Ms. Lotridge presented the Board with an overview of how the process of zero-based regulation and prospective analysis will work. Ms. Lotridge stated that discussions will start in July and the Board will have approximately 1.5 years to go through rules and complete their rule review to be presented to the 2024 legislature. Some examples Ms. Lotridge mentioned the Board could start would be a discussion regarding the scope of practice for veterinary technicians.

VETERINARY NURSE TITLE DISCUSSION

Karen Sheehan, general counsel for the Board stated that the title of "Nurse" is located in the Board of Nursing statute 54-1401(2) which states in part: only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered nursing in this state may use the title "nurse," therefore someone in the veterinary profession would not be able to use the term veterinary nurse or veterinary nurse practitioner unless they had a degree in nursing and a nursing license. The Board discussed continued work with the American Association of Veterinary State Boards regarding this matter.

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for July 15, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 11:22 AM MST on 4/8/22.