



MAURA HEALEY
GOVERNOR

KIM DRISCOLL
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

YVONNE HAO
SECRETARY, EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Division of Occupational Licensure

1000 Washington Street, Suite 710
Boston, Massachusetts 02118

LAYLA R. D'EMILIA
UNDERSECRETARY, CONSUMER
AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS
REGULATION

SARAH R. WILKINSON
COMMISSIONER, DIVISION OF
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
August 8, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine (“the Board”) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public.

Attending Members: Dr. David Diamond, Member; Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member; Dr. David Tubman, Secretary

Members Absent: Dr. Rachel Orłowski, Board Chair; Dr. Candace Sloane, Public Member

Staff: Keith Gleason, Outgoing Executive Director; Marjorie Campbell, Incoming Executive Director; Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel; John Hill

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 A.M.

- **Read and Approve Minutes** – The Board reviewed the Public Meeting Minutes for both the May 9, 2024, and the June 13, 2024, Board Meetings. The Board voted to accept both sets of meeting minutes, as below, with some noted typographical revisions:
 - Motion to accept both the May and June 2024 Meeting minutes: by Dr. David Diamond
 - Motion Seconded by: Dr. Stephanie Kube
 - Roll Call Vote: All in Favor
 - Motion passes
- **Executive Director Report**
 - Memorandum from the AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee: Board members had a chance to review a Resolution from the AAVSB, Resolution 2024-1, which will be discussed and voted on at the 2025 AAVSB Annual Meeting. Resolution 2024-1 proposes that a task force be formed to work with identified Member Boards that do not regulate Veterinary Technicians, and explore the political, legal and practical bases for why they do not regulate Veterinary Technicians. Board Counsel noted that Massachusetts is one of the states that do not license Veterinary Technicians, and reminded the Board members that legislation would be required if Massachusetts did decide to regulate Veterinary Technicians; however, this Resolution is limited to creating a



task force to explore the issue. Board members are in support of creating a task force and voted as follows:

- Motion to accept Resolution 2024-1: Made by Dr. David Tubman
 - Motion seconded by: Dr. David Diamond
 - Roll Call Vote: All in Favor
 - Motion passes
-
- **Board Counsel Report:**
 - Board Counsel discussed an inquiry from one of the Prosecuting Attorneys, requesting a recommendation for an expert on one of their cases. Board Members said they will email Board Counsel with any potential expert names, and Board Counsel would pass that on to the Prosecutor.
 - Board Counsel also stated that she was leaving the Agency for another opportunity, and that this would be her last Veterinary Board meeting.
-
- **CE Review:** Board Members reviewed a course submitted by a Veterinarian in Massachusetts (Dr. Monique Fitzpatrick), who was seeking to obtain credit for a conference she attended, called ExoticsCON, which covered a variety of clinical topics for a range of wildlife. Board Members reviewed the conference topics and agreed that this conference could be approved for Continued Education, and that Dr. Fitzpatrick's renewal application could move forward.
 - Motion to Approve the 18.5 CE's for this ExoticsCON course and to move the application forward: Made by Dr. David Diamond
 - Motion seconded by: Dr. Stephanie Kube
 - Roll Call Vote: All in Favor
 - Motion passes
-
- **Discussion Items:**
 - NAVLE Retake Approval Process: The Board's Executive Director presented to the Board that the AAVSB has been submitting requests seeking approval from the Massachusetts Board for a Massachusetts candidate to re-take the NAVLE exam after three failed attempts. Board Counsel pointed out that there is nothing in our Statutes or Regulations that limits the number of times a candidate can take the exam, nor are there any requirements for a remedial course before a candidate can re-take the exam. Upon discussion, Board Members affirmed that they do not want to restrict the number of times a candidate can take the NAVLE exam, and that a candidate should not have to obtain approval to re-take the exam from the Massachusetts Board.
 - Neogen Corp Question: Board Members discussed a question that came in from the Regulatory Affairs Manager of Neogen Corp. The question involved whether a Q-draw needle, that would be used to draw blood from animals, could be sold over the counter for animal use in Massachusetts. The blood sample would then be sent back to Neogen for testing. Board Members discussed and agreed that this is not a matter that the Board would be involved in, as the testing kits involve use on people's own pets.
-
- **Public Comment:** Kathleen Hoffman, a Veterinary Technician commented that she appreciates that the Board will support a task force to explore Veterinary Technicians

getting licensed in Massachusetts. She stated that AAVSB already has a firm position on this matter.

- **Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** None
- At this time, there were no further matters for the Public Session. There were no matters on the Agenda under the Executive Session. The Board therefore discussed going directly into the Investigative Conference session. At 10:30 A.M., a motion was made by Dr. David Diamond to close the Public Session and enter closed Quasi-Judicial Session, followed by the closed Investigative Conference sessions.
Motion seconded by: Dr. Stephanie Kube
Roll Call Vote: All in favor
Motion passes
The Board did not anticipate reentering public session but would remain in closed session after which the Board would adjourn.

Quasi-Judicial Session to Discuss Disciplinary Decisions (Closed per M.G.L. c. 30A, 18)

- 2021-000122-IT-ENF and 2021-000306-IT-ENF: Accept Hearing Officer Decision and Refer to Prosecutions

Investigative Conference (Closed per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C):

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

Cases:

- 2024-000030-IT-ENF: Refer back to Office of Investigations
- 2024-000065-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000156-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000240-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000265-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000271-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000281-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000299-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2024-000302-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000349-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2024-000350-IT-ENF: Refer back to Office of Investigations
- 2024-000354-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000370-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2024-000400-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecution
- 2024-000411-IT-ENF: Dismissed

Adjournment: At 12:15 P.M., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Stephanie Kube, seconded by Dr. David Diamond.

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor

Motion passes



Board Chair, Dr. Rachel Orłowski

Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for the August 8, 2024, Open Meeting
- Minutes from the May 9, 2024, and the June 13, 2024, public meetings
- Memorandum from the AAVSB Bylaws and Resolution Committee
- Email for an Expert Witness Recommendation
- Documents regarding CE Review of the ExoticCON Conference
- NAVLE Retake Approval Process document
- Public email request from Neogen Corporation regarding their DNA kits