

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Portland State Office Building
Portland, OR**

FINAL MINUTES

Present:

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Chair)
Dolores Galindo, CVT (Vice Chair)
Dr. Lauren Acton
Dr. Robert Lester
Dr. Mark McConnell
Dr. Marla McGeorge

Mr. Mark Reed, Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members
Lori Makinen, Director
Dennis Chaney, Investigator
Carol Parks, Attorney

**Monday, August 18th
12:00 - 5:20 p.m.**

Conducted in Executive Session

The Board reviewed the following cases:

2006-0033, 2008-0006, 2008-0007A/B, 2008-0012, 2008-0019.

**Tuesday, August 19th
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Public Session Convened

The Board approved the agenda and draft June meeting minutes as amended, and welcomed new member Dr. Marla McGeorge and guests April Joy Brown, Tia Sharp and Nicole Papageorges representing OVTAA.

Executive Session was convened to continue complaint review.

Public Session reconvened. Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find violations of the Veterinary Practice Act in case 08-0019. Dr. McGeorge moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to require the licensee to surrender his license in cases 08-0008 and 08-0005.

Rulemaking

Dr. McGeorge moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to amend OAR 875-030-0040 to allow students enrolled in an approved veterinary technology program to perform certain duties under supervision of a licensed veterinarian or Certified Veterinary Technician.

OVTAA representatives commented on CE opportunities for CVTs, noting that although online CE is approved, in-person CE is preferable for networking opportunities and content, particularly for those who have not gone through formal training and education.

Dental extractions by CVTs were discussed. OVTAA representatives informed the Board of advanced dental and other specialty training available to CVTs through the National Association of Veterinary Technicians. Specialty certification is a two year process available only to CVTs who qualify. Dr. McGeorge and Ms. Galindo will research and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Impending elimination of on-the-job eligibility criterion for VTNE applicants was discussed. Rule amendments will be needed prior to January 2011. It is unclear how much latitude states will have in defining programs or approving on-the-job applicants. Further clarification is needed from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

The Board welcomed guests Dagmar Johnson, LBCC, and CVT applicant Mr. Mark Rowe.

In response to a query from a veterinarian, the Board interprets OAR 875-011-0010(1) to mean that a veterinarian must remain on the premises while a patient is anesthetized unless called away for an emergency.

The Board directed drafting of proposed rule amendments regarding performance of euthanasia.

Director Report

The Governor will be presenting the following legislative concepts:

- Standardized rules for removing board members from service.
- An umbrella diversion program for certain boards.
- Exclusion of licensee private information from public disclosure.
- Increasing board member compensation in a range from \$30 to \$300 per day.
- Retention of board jurisdiction for a period following license lapse or expiration.
- Licensee duty to report misconduct, with immunity for reporting.

Other concepts expected to appear:

- Elimination of boards' authority to write final orders in discipline cases.
- Elimination of boards' authority to collect administrative costs of discipline.
- Adding hearing opportunity for confidential interim orders.
- Additional discovery.

The Board has requested increasing its half-time investigator position to full time. The agency requested budget for FY 09-11 is \$698,693. No fee increases are anticipated.

Complaint Resolution

08-0007A—Mr. Reed moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find six violations of the Veterinary Practice Act.

08-0007B—Dr. Acton moved, Mr. Liskey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to find two violations of the Veterinary Practice Act.

08-0005/0008—Dr. McGeorge moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to require surrender of the license and no future attempt to reinstate.

08-0013—Mr. Liskey moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

08-0009—Dr. Lester moved, Dr. Acton seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

Next meeting: October teleconference TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director