

**Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board
Crowne Plaza, Cambridge Room
1441 NE 2nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97232**

FINAL MINUTES

Friday, August 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Present (both days):

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Chair)

Dolores Galindo, CVT (Vice Chair)

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

The Board welcomed Dr. Heidi Shafford, who discussed evaluating pain management issues in complaint investigation. Dr. Shafford agreed to further assist the board in reviewing and amending current pain management rules in the Veterinary Practice Act.

Conducted in Executive Session

Attorney Report

The Board conducted interviews for the following cases:

09-0021, 09-0013 and 09-0022.

The Board reviewed the following new cases:

09-0025, 09-0026, 09-0024, 09-0027A&B/B,C,D, 09-0015, 09-0017, 09-0018,
09-0021, 09-0022.

Staff updated the Board on the following cases:

08-0025, 08-0007A/0030, 09-0001, 09-0002, 09-0003, 09-0015, 09-0020.

Arrest warrant for Justin Taillon issued by Clackamas County for unlicensed practice.

Final Order by Default issued for Tony Hannon for unlicensed practice.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 22nd 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Public Session Convened

Chair Pielstick called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mr. Liskey moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and June/August meeting minutes. The director updated the Board on the budget, status of legislative activities and staff's progress on information security efforts.

The Board went into executive session to hear case 09-0028.

Public Session Reconvened

Certified Veterinary Technician scope of dentistry and suturing duties was discussed. The Board agreed CVTs should not perform any surgical dentistry duties, e.g., gingival flaps or elevations, or luxations. CVTs may perform mobile extractions, and those with additional

training may convey prophylaxis results to clients. Specialty certification should entitle holders to perform dentistry work beyond that allowed of CVTs. The Board considers that CVTs may do certain suturing, including Chinese finger traps, secure nasal, urinary and IV catheters, and feeding tubes. Ms. Galindo and Dr. McConnell will compile a specific list of allowed and disallowed CVT duties for further consideration.

The Board reviewed the question of whether CVTs may do independent relief work and concluded that under VPA accountability requirements as well as various Bureau of Labor and Industries definitions, they may not.

Dr. Lester attended the Seattle AVMA conference and shared information on veterinary ethics, professional regulation and licensee conduct in investigation and hearing.

Rulemaking

The Board concluded that CVTs may not perform euthanasia, as the statute appears to prevent delegation of euthanasia to a non-veterinarian. The Board's attorney will determine whether this can be addressed in rule.

Updating Euthanasia Task Force rules: staff will draft amendments and bring to the next meeting.

Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Galindo seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adopt as final previous amendments to OAR 875-011-0010 (prohibits non-veterinary prescribing, use, theft or diversion of prescription/legend drugs) and 875-030-0010 (eliminates veterinarian's notarized signature as sole proof of experience for on-the-job VTNE applicants).

Complaint Resolution

09-0021—Mr. Reed moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

09-0013—Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Liskey seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act under 875-005-0010 (failure to cooperate with the Board) and impose a \$1,000 fine.

09-0022—Dr. Lester moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act under 875-011-0010(3)(7) (unprofessional conduct) and impose a \$1,000 fine.

09-0025—Mr. Reed moved, Dr. McGeorge seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

09-0026—Dr. McGeorge moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted by majority to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act. Dr. McConnell recused.

09-0024—Investigation ongoing.

09-0027A&B—Investigation ongoing.

Case Updates

09-0025—Case closed.
09-0003—Pending.
08-0007B—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Jamie Houston.
08-0020—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Steve Myrin.
08-0027B/C/D—resolution pending.
09-0002—Stipulated agreement with Dr. Tammy Tomschin.
09-0015—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Matthew Didlake.
09-0020—Stipulated Agreement with Dr. Susan Erickson.

Next meetings: December 4-5, 2009 and April 9-10, 2010 in Portland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director

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