

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

FINAL MINUTES

Friday, December 4, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Present (both days):

Dolores Galindo, CVT (Chair-Elect)

Dr. Leon Pielstick (Chair)

Mr. Mark Reed, Public Member (Vice-Chair)

Mr. Rocky Liskey, Public Members

Drs. Lauren Acton, Robert Lester, Mark McConnell, Marla McGeorge

Lori Makinen, Director

Dennis Chaney, Investigator

Carol Parks, Attorney

Conducted in Executive Session

Attorney Report: cases 07-0022/08-0005/8/14, 09-0036, 07-0024, 08-0019,

The Board conducted interviews for the following cases:

09-0036.

The Board reviewed the following old cases:

09-0003, 09-0028, 09-0027A&B

The Board reviewed the following new cases:

09-0032, 09-0029, 09-0030, 09-0031, 09-0033, 09-0034, 09-0035, 09-0036,
09-0037, 09-0038, 09-0039.

A former employee's complaint prompted an animal shelter to request an inspection.

Staff inspected the premises and reviewed the shelter's euthanasia protocol and

found the shelter to be substantially in compliance with the Veterinary Practice Act.

Two citizen complaints against staff were reviewed and dismissed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Public Session Convened

Dr. Pielstick called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. Dr. McConnell moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda and August meeting minutes.

RuleMaking

The Board welcomed Dr. Heidi Shafford, DVM, PhD, DACVA. Dr. Shafford provided followup on the Board's August discussion regarding minimum standards for pain management and presented information on her research of five other states' pain management rules. The Board reviewed its

proposed rule amendments. Dr. Lester moved, Dr. Acton seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to propose amendments to OAR 875-015-0030.

CVT duties relating to dentals: Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Liskey seconded and the Board voted to consider amendments to OAR 875-015-0050 and 875-030-0040/50.

Proposed amendments relating to the now defunct Euthanasia Task Force: Staff will bring further revisions to the next meeting.

Exam required prior to euthanasia: Mr. Liskey moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted unanimously to amend OAR 875-015-0030 to require a minimal exam prior to administration of euthanasia and documentation of consent for the procedure. This amendment also clarifies that an exam must be done to establish a VCPR, and then each time thereafter if an animal presents with a new health problem. It retains the veterinarian's option of waiving exams after the initial VCPR exam except for new health problems.

The Board convened **executive session** to hear case 09-0024.

Public Session Reconvened

The Board reviewed and approved a student job-shadow program proposed by Dr. Giovanna Rosenlicht, OSU CVM.

The Board reviewed the OVMA jobs program and will make a decision prior to the next meeting.

The Board reviewed citizens' letters protesting VCPR exam requirements.

Director Makinen was asked to write a letter to Radiation Protection Services in support of their proposed rule amendments that would permit assessment of civil penalties for non-compliance, and requesting notification of veterinary practices found in noncompliance.

Complaint Resolution

09-0028—Dr. Acton moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted unanimously to direct Dr. Donna Starita to complete a Board approved substance abuse program.

09-0027A&B—Dr. McGeorge moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case without discipline.

09-0003—Pending.

09-0036—Dr. Acton moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act, impose a suspension, fine the licensee \$20,000 and assess for cost of proceedings.

09-0032—Mr. Reed moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

09-0029—Investigation ongoing.

09-0030—Investigation ongoing.

09-0031—Investigation ongoing.

09-0033—Investigation ongoing.

09-0034—Dr. McGeorge moved, Dr. McConnell seconded and the Board voted unanimously to close the case without discipline.

09-0035—Dr. Acton moved, Dr. Lester seconded and the Board voted unanimously to find no violation of the Veterinary Practice Act.

09-0036—Pending.

09-0037—Investigation ongoing.

09-0038—Investigation ongoing.

09-0039—Investigation pending.

Next meetings: April 9-10, 2010 in Portland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Makinen, Director