

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Teleconference Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 14, 2021**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

W. Marshall Liger, LVT - Chair  
Elizabeth Fuller, DVM  
Tracie Quick, DVM  
Melissa Entrekin, LVT  
Denise Wilkenson, PawMetto Lifeline

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel  
Meredith Buttler, Administrator

**PRESENT:**

Melissa Blackwell, Court Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER:** Committee Chair Liger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as amended.  
Entrekin/Wilkinson/approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The committee and LLR staff members introduced themselves.

**REGULATION 120-9**

Mr. Liger welcomed the committee members and reminded everyone the Board tasked the committee with reviewing the animal health care tasks and supervision levels for licensed veterinary technicians and unlicensed veterinary assistants. Mr. Stuart stated concerns regarding a state veterinarian shortage were submitted to the Board and inquiring what actions the Board could take to address the issue. Ms. Stuart presented a synopsis of his research into the veterinary shortage on the national level. Ms. Wilkinson expressed the desire for expanded duties for veterinary technicians and veterinary assistances to deal with basic care needs in light of the shortage. Ms. Entrekin and Mr. Liger inquired into the legal abilities for the Board to be able to add additional veterinary technician licenses and the elevation of licensed veterinary technician duties. As the definitions of supervision are in statute, Mr. Stuart stated the Board would be unable to revise them. Supervision redefinition and additional license categories would require statutory change to which the Board cannot promulgate.

The committee reviewed Regulations 120-9(A)(1), (2) and (3). To ensure compliance with other state laws and regulations, Ms. Buttler will seek clarification from DHEC on delegation of administration of controlled substances by non-DEA registrant and rabies vaccine administration restrictions.

Due to time restrictions, the committee agreed to continue review of the Regulations at an additional meeting. Ms. Buttler will compile the amendments discussed during the meeting and distribute to the committee for review. Committee members are asked to review the remainder of 120-9 and submit to the Board office their suggested amendments. Ms. Buttler will compile all suggested amendments and present the revised Regulations at the next committee meeting.

**Motion:** To continue the committee meeting following independent review of Regulation 120-9 and additional materials. The committee is to provide feedback to the Board office by July 23, 2021. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via WebEx platform.  
Liger/Fuller/approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Committee Meeting will be held July 28, 2021.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn.  
Fuller/Quick/approved.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.