

**South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Teleconference Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2022**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

W. Marshall Liger, LVT - Chair  
Elizabeth Fuller, DVM  
Tracie Quick, DVM  
Bethany Tapp, DVM  
Scott Bryant, DVM  
Melissa Entrekin, LVT  
Denise Wilkinson, PawMetto Lifeline  
Michelle McConnell, LVT  
Ginger Macaulay, DVM  
Rob Presley, DVM  
Daniel Fordham, DVM  
Joe Elmore, Charleston Animal Society  
Boyd Parr, DVM  
Nikki Milligan, DVM

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel  
Meredith Buttler, Administrator  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator

**PRESENT:**

Robin Reibold, Court Reporter  
Marie Queen, SC Association of Veterinarians  
Zohra Badat, LVT

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Liger called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.  
Tapp/Macaulay/Approved.

**INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The committee and LLR staff members introduced themselves.

## **REGULATION 120-1 AND 120-9**

Ms. Buttler provided a history of the development of the committee and the current request for re-review of the proposed regulatory amendments. In 2020, the SC Association of Veterinary Technicians made a presentation to the Board regarding title protection and scope of practice changes. The requests made at that time were determined by the Board to only be properly addressed by statutory changes. Additional inquiries to the Board office and a presentation by Ms. Wilkinson regarding the possible veterinary shortage served as the catalyst for the committee's formation. Incorporating SCAVTs requests, concerns for access to veterinary care by the SC public and the revised AAVSB Scope of Practice for licensed veterinary technicians, the committee developed revisions to the scope of practice for licensed veterinary technicians and unlicensed vet aides to address all concerns within the statutory limitations of the Board. Following the withdrawal of the proposed regulations amendments, the committee was expanded to include additional licensed veterinarians, licensed veterinary technicians and interested members of the public.

Mr. Stuart reminded the committee of the Board's inability to amend statutes and the Board's authority to develop the scope of practice for licensed veterinary technicians and unlicensed veterinary aides as it is an issue of supervision to which the licensed veterinarians are responsible for. The levels of supervision, defined in the Board's Practice Act, were reviewed for the benefit of committee discussion and review of the proposed regulation amendments.

Mr. Liger directed the committee to reviewing the proposed regulation amendments beginning with Regulation 120-9(A), practice standards for licensed veterinary technicians.

**Motion:** In proposed Regulation 120-9(A)(1)(b), to remove "of dress" and replace with "of".  
Fuller/Entrekin/Approved.

**Motion:** To strike proposed Regulation 120-9(A)(3)(m) and place "Perform euthanasia" under direct supervision.  
Entrekin/Macaulay/Approved.

**Motion:** To table discussion of proposed Regulation 120-9(A)(3)(d) following proposed change from 'radiography' to 'imaging'.  
Macaulay/Entrekin/Approved.

**Motion:** In proposed Regulation 120(A)(3)(j), remove "blood" from "blood transfusions."  
Entrekin/Macaulay/Approved.

Due to scheduled time limit, the committee will continue review of the proposed regulations at the next meeting. Ms. Buttler will send a compiled version of the Regulation with the committee edits out prior to the Board meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

Ms. Buttler will schedule the next South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Committee Meeting following conclusion of the requested additional research. Committee members and the public will be notified in accordance with SC Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Entrekin/Macaulay/Approved.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.