

**South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
June 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.  
110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 105  
Columbia, South Carolina

Call to Order: Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Veterinary Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Section 30-4-80.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Christine White, DVM, Chairperson  
George Bryant, DVM, Vice Chairperson  
Elizabeth Fuller, DVM  
Karl Wessinger, DVM  
LaDon Wallis, DVM  
Tracie Quick, DVM  
Bethany Tapp, DVM  
Deloris Mungo

**SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:**

Hardwick Stuart, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel  
Robert Elam, Esq., Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Meredith Buttler, Administrator  
Jacquelyn White, Program Coordinator  
Mark Sanders, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Tracy Solet, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Tracy Adams, Office of Investigations and Enforcement  
Shari Waters, Department of Technology and Security

**PRESENT:**

Robin Reibold, Court Reporter  
Brian Leman, DVM  
Melinda Redding, DVM  
Katherine Ginderske, LVT  
Juliana Dunlop, DVM

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. White, Chairperson called to meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.

Fuller/Wessinger/Approved.

**BOARD MISSION AND MEMBER STATISTICS:**

Dr. White presented the mission statement for the Board and provided information regarding filled, expired and vacant Board seats.

**INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS:**

Each board member introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES:**

**Motion:** To excuse Mitch Lowery, DVM and W. Marshall Liger, LVT.  
Quick/Fuller/Approved.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion:** To approve March 24, 2022 Board Meeting minutes.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To approve April 5, 2022 Regulation Committee minutes.  
Bryant/Tapp/Approved.

**Motion:** To approve June 3, 2022 Regulation Committee minutes.  
Bryant/Tapp/Approved.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) Statistical Report:

Mr. Sanders reported for the period from March 5, 2022 to June 13, 2022, there are 50 active investigations, 22 closed cases and 36 complaints received.

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) IRC Report:

Mr. Sanders reported the IRC met and recommended 9 cases for dismissals, 6 cases for formal complaints and 7 cases for Letter of Cautions.

**Motion:** To accept the 9 cases for dismissals.  
Bryant/Quick/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept the 6 cases for formal complaints.  
Bryant/Fuller/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept the 7 cases for Letter of Caution.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) Report:

Mr. Elam, Esq. reported as of June 2, 2022, there are 29 open cases of which are 7 pending hearings and agreements, 0 pending closure, 0 appeals, 5 closed since last report on March 7, 2022 and 9 closed since January 1, 2022.

**APPLICANT HEARINGS:**

- a. Katherine Ginderske, LVT

Ms. Ginderske appeared before the Board via WebEx for an application hearing. She was not represented by counsel and was sworn in. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter and executive session for legal advice.  
Fuller/Wallis/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session  
Wallis/Fuller/Approved.

**Motion:** To deny the application due to not meeting the educational requirements as found  
in 40-69-230 and 40-69-260.  
Fuller/Wallis/Approved.

b. Juliana Dunlop, DVM

Dr. Dunlop appeared before the Board via WebEx for an application hearing. She was not represented by counsel and was sworn in. Application hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter and executive session for legal advice.  
Wallis/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To conditionally approve upon submission of proof of certification from the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG). If the ECFVG certificate cannot be attained, applicant must meet licensure requirements per SC Code of Law 40-69-220 by submitting another equivalency certificate for Board review and approval. The Board delegates to staff the authority to grant application approval if conditions are met.  
Wallis/Bryant/Approved.

## **DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

a. 2020-94 CA

The consent agreement was presented to the Board and the respondent did not appear before the Board. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Bryant/Fuller/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept the consent agreement as written.  
Wallis/Bryant/Approved.

b. 2020-04 MOA

The memorandum of agreement was presented to the Board. The respondent was not represented by counsel and was sworn in. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary. Dr. Fuller was recused from the hearing.

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.

Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept memorandum of agreement. The Board will impose the following sanctions: respondent will be issued a public reprimand, require to pay the investigation in the amount of \$470 to be paid within six (6) months of order receipt, a fine of \$1,000 for each dog for negligence in the practice of veterinary medicine as per 40-69-110 (A)(12), a fine of \$500 for each dog for recordkeeping violations as per 40-69-110(A)(1) fines to be paid within six (6) months of the receipt of order, twenty (20) hours of additional RACE approved CE of which a minimum of five (5) hours must be in surgery. A minimum of five (5) hours must be in anesthesia, and a minimum of five (5) hours must be in recordkeeping. The surgical and anesthesia CE courses must be in-person and all CE courses must be completed within one (1) year of receipt to order.  
Quick/Tapp/Approved.

c. 2021-17 SOF

The stipulation of facts was presented to the Board. The respondent was not represented by counsel and was sworn in. Disciplinary hearings are recorded by a certified court reporter in the event a verbatim transcript is necessary.

**Motion:** To enter an executive session for legal advice.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To return to public session.  
Bryant/Wessinger/Approved.

**Motion:** To accept the SOF as presented. The Board will impose the following sanctions: respondent will be required to pay the cost of investigation \$200, in violation of 40-69-110(A)(12), inadequate, monitoring and documenting, a \$300.00 fine to be paid within six (6) months of receipt of order, and five (5) hours of additional continuing education with one (1) year.

Quick/Bryant

Opposed: Tapp/Wessinger/Fuller

Motion did not pass.

**Motion:** To accept the SOF as presented. In violation of 40-69-110(A)(12) for Negligent and adequate surgical monitoring, the Board will impose the following sanctions: the respondent will be required to pay the cost of in the amount of \$200 to be paid within six (6) months of receipt of order, completion of five (5) hours of RACE approved CE courses in anesthesia and anesthesia recovery to be completed within one (1) year of the receipt of the order.

Tapp/Fuller

Opposed: Wessinger

Approved.

## **REPORTS**

### 2022 Board Basics and Beyond

Dr. White reported Dr. Bryant, Dr. Quick, Ms. Buttler and she attended the 2022 Board Basics and Beyond in Kansas City, Missouri on April 1-2, 2022. She encouraged members to visit the AAVSB website to review the excellent resources available to help assist board in streamline board business. The training included an overview on the purpose of licensing boards, their authority and the role of the members.

### Administrator Report

Ms. Buttler reported to date, the Board has 2,413 active veterinary licensees, 750 active veterinary technician licensees, 123 active licensed mobile clinics, and 748 active facility registration. Since the March 24, 2022 Board meeting, there have been 48 veterinary licenses and 20 veterinary technician licenses issued, 2 veterinary licenses and 3 veterinary technicians reinstated.

The Board's current cash balance as of April 30, 2022 is \$81,106.07.

The Regulations Review Committee completed their work at the June meeting. The committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board for review and approval at a special call meeting that is to be scheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Regulation Amendments: Chapter 10 – 42

Ms. Buttler presented amendments to the fee regulations. Amendments remove language not in accordance with statutes.

**Motion:** To approve presented.

Fuller/Wessinger/Approved.

### 2022 Regulatory Review Report

Mr. Stuart reported that all boards must do a regulatory review every five years. The Board can have a special meeting to review regulation and Mr. Stuart encouraged members to begin looking at the regulations in preparation.

### Approval for Expert Reviewer and OIE Trainer

To assist LLR investigators, OIE is requesting the Board's permission to engage the services of a retired veterinarian to assist with case review and training of investigators. Board members were asked to submit names to Ms. Buttler. A list will be presented at a future meeting for official approval..

### Travel Approval: 2022 AAVSB Conference, Charlotte, NC on September 15 – 17, 2022.

**Motions:** To approve travel for full board, two staff members and two investigators to attend the AAVSB conference.

Quick/Bryant/Approved.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **NEXT MEETING**

September 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn.

Bryant/Tapp/Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.