

1 **MINUTES**

2 **KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS**

3 **Wednesday, August 22, 2018**

4 **714 Plum St**
5 **Wamego, Kansas**

6 **Board Meeting**
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10 This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 10:03
11 A.M. by Board President Dr. Dodson. Board Members in attendance in addition to Dr.
12 Dodson were Drs. Flowers, Kobuszewski, Ritter, and Snyder. Also present in
13 Manhattan were Dr. Hedrick; Konrad Coe, Cheryl Mermis, Matthew Provencher,
14 General Counsel Athena Andaya, Litigation Counsel Jane Weiler.

15 GUESTS: Mark W. Stafford
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17 Dr. Dodson welcomed and thanked those in attendance, then read the mission
18 statement for the agency. Newly appointed board member Dr. Leann Flowers
19 replaces Dr. Gregory Bogue who served on the board for nine years.
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21 Dr. Ritter made a motion to adopt the agenda and Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the
22 motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.
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24 There was no one present for the public forum.
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26 Dr. Snyder made a motion to approve the board minutes from the 6/3/2018 board
27 meeting, Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote
28 with no dissenting votes.
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30 Konrad Coe gave his premise inspection report, providing the Board comparison
31 numbers of inspections for fiscal year[s] 2017 and 2018. Since the last board meeting
32 [6/3/2018] there have 61 premise inspections; 2 deficiencies, 4 new clinics, and 2
33 follow-up inspections.
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35 The premise inspection form was updated to include the new language as it is
36 depicted in the updated regulations that became effective 12/22/2017.

37 Mr. Coe will be asking for a sick animal and/or emergency record in addition to
38 surgical and wellness visit. Patient records should document complete physical
39 findings and permit any authorized veterinarian to proceed with the care and treatment
40 of the animal by reading the medical record of a particular patient.

41 Veterinarians are asking for information, from the Board, suggesting a newsletter with
42 helpful information or expectations could eliminate some infractions.
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44 Dr. Hedrick reported on inquiries from veterinary technicians licensed/registered in
45 another state desiring a Kansas certificate of registration. These individuals became
46 licensed prior to the existence of the VTNE-Veterinary Technician National
47 Examination. Following board discussion and legal input from Ms. Andaya, Dr.
48 Snyder made the motion to authorize the staff to accept applications, for veterinary

49 technician registration, from applicants that graduated from an accredited veterinary
50 technician program but did not take the VTNE because it didn't exist at the time of
51 their graduation. These applications will be evaluated by the probable cause
52 committee on a case-by-case basis to determine each applicant's competency and
53 qualifications for a Kansas veterinary technician registration. Dr. Kobuszewski
54 seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

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56 Laser therapy by non-veterinarians was discussed with no action taken.

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58 Dr. Ritter will be attending the AAVSB annual meeting in Washington, DC; September
59 13-15, 2018 as the Kansas voting delegate. The board members authorized Dr. Ritter
60 to cast his vote on the AAVSBs bylaw changes and resolutions based on the
61 information provided at the meeting. There is no cost to KBVE for Dr. Ritter to attend
62 the AAVSB conference.

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64 Dr. Hedrick provided board members a detailed report of the agency budget; that has
65 been approved by the Legislature for \$359,953.00. Dr. Snyder made a motion to
66 approve the budget as presented and Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the motion. The
67 motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

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69 Strategic Plan UPDATES:

70 Dr. Snyder reported on his extensive research and discussions of teeth floaters with
71 various professional individuals; current and/or former law enforcement personnel and
72 equine veterinarians. Dr. Snyder will make inquiries to his law enforcement contact as
73 to whether that person would attend a future board meeting to outline potential
74 protocols the board and agency staff could take, in order to restrict the administration
75 of controlled drugs, to animals, by unlicensed individuals.

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77 STAFF REPORTS

78 Ms. Mermis provided board members an overview of office activities since the last
79 board meeting highlighting online renewal numbers. 49% of veterinarians renewed
80 their license online and 63% of veterinary technicians renewed their registration
81 online. Current numbers are: 2710 licensed veterinarians, 537 registered veterinary
82 technicians, and 530 registered veterinary premises.

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84 Matthew Provencher reported 8 open investigations in June 2018; in June and July
85 there were 7 probable cause meetings, 3 cases where probable cause was found and
86 4 cases where there was no violations identified. There have been 4 new complaints
87 since the last board meeting [June 3, 2018]; 5 complaint cases closed. There are 3
88 current/open complaint cases and 3 cases are pending board evaluation for
89 jurisdiction.

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91 Next meeting[s] of the board will be Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 10:00 A.M. in
92 Wamego; Monday-January 21 and Tuesday-January 22, 2019 in Topeka, time and
93 location will be announced at a later date.

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95 The open meeting recessed for a hearing; the board intends to reconvene the open
96 board meeting at 12:40 P.M.

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99 Following the hearing, the meeting was reconvened then recessed for a license
100 applicant interviews that were scheduled for 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M.

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102 Dr. Dodson reconvened the open meeting at 2:03 P.M.

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104 Mr. Kobuszewski made the following motion, *"In order to protect the privacy of the*
105 *non-elected personnel involved, I move that the Board recess into executive session*
106 *to discuss an individual employee's performance and compensation. We require Dr.*
107 *Hedrick to be admitted to the executive session, when requested, to aid the Board in*
108 *their discussions. The Board will reconvene the open meeting in this same location at*
109 *2:30 P.M.*

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111 At 2:30 P.M., the Board reconvened the open meeting. Dr. Snyder made a motion to
112 adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M., and Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion
113 passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

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Signed Sheila M. Dodson, DVM