

INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington St., Room W064
Indianapolis IN 46204

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-38.1-2-5 (c), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair
Paul Clemente, D.V.M., Vice Chair
Steven Sunbury, D.V.M.
John Schnarr, D.V.M.
Ashli Selke, R.V.T., Member
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, BOAH,
Technical Advisor

Member(s) Absent: Natalie Goodwin, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Erin Sutton, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Clarence Leatherbury, J.D., Deputy Attorney
General, Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Schnarr/Clemente, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

There Board voted to approve the following minutes as corrected for October 26, 2022.

Clemente/Sunbury, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were voted into office beginning with the April 2023, meeting.

- Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair
- Paul Clements, D.V.M., Vice Chair/AG Advisor

Schnarr/Sunbury, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following personal appearance(s) was continued:

- **Rachael Brunner, R.V.T., Probationary appearance**
- **Shalette Dingle, Application positive response**

The following personal appearance withdrew their application:

- **Travis Wright, NAVLE repeat application**

Brittany Covert, R.V.T., License No. 25002296A, Cause No. 2022 VB 0007

Ms. Covert appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Ms. Covert informed the Board that she is doing well. She is with the same employer working Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and enjoys the job. She submitted proof that she has now completed her court probation.

The Board thanked her for her appearance and information.

Rebecca McGovern, D.V.M., License No. 24008200A, Cause No. 2020 VB 0014

Dr. McGovern appeared in person without counsel regarding her probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Dr. McGovern informed the Board that she is with the same employer and has the same work schedule. She is now doing euthanasia's and that is the only controlled substance she has access to.

The Board received her quarterly reports.

She also informed the Board that she is engaged and will be eloping for their wedding.

The Board thanked her for her appearance and information and congratulated her on her upcoming wedding.

Kristen Humbach, Initial Application – Positive Response:

Ms. Humbach appeared in person and was represented by counsel, Brian Park regarding her positive response on her initial application.

Dr. Humbach has licenses in Kansas and Iowa, both are in good standing.

She has recently accepted a position in an underserved area in Indiana. One of the Veterinarians that she will be working with appeared on her behalf. Dr. Walsh explained that Dr. Humbach has been shadowing him since she started her employment and she has done very well, even teaching him a few things. He indicated he will be retiring in June this year but will be available to mentor her after his retirement.

While her arrest record looks like she has had several arrests for driving while intoxicated, Mr. Park explained that it was only one (1) arrest that involved alcohol, the others involved her medication she was prescribed.

She was dealing with a series of bad relationships as well as mental health issues during this time. She sees a psychiatrist regarding her PTSD and her medications have been stabilized. They haven't changed for the last three (3) years.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Dr. Humbach's license on INDEFINITE PROBATION for two (2) years, with the right to withdraw after one (1) year, with terms and conditions.

Schnarr/Sunbury, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Benny Brian Moore, D.V.M., License No. 24003485A, Cause No. 2019 VB 0007

Respondent did not appear in person and was represented by counsel, Rori Goldman regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Britney McMann, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Ms. Goldman informed the Board that Dr. Moore was not able to be there due to illness.

Part of Dr. Moore's probation terms required him to submit actual chart records to the Board for review. After reviewing the last set of records in 2022 the Board indicated that they meet the standard of animal recording keeping in Indiana.

Ms. Goldman indicated to the Board that Dr. Moore's office was now using computerized records.

The State does not object to the request to withdraw probation.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation from Dr. Moore's license.

Clemente/Sunbury, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Zoetis – Memphis Feline OA Presentation – Suffering in Silence:

Their application requested approval for two (2) hours for November 17th and one (1) hour for November 18th.

After reviewing the documentation, the moved to APPROVE the continuing education at requested hours.

Clements/Schnarr, 5/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Paul Clemente, Steven Sunbury, John Schnarr, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

REPORTS

Director's Report: Ms. Edens posted a report for the Board's review, which included the number of hearings so far this year as well as the number of new applications received, license issued, and pending applications.

Attorney General's Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the AG's office.

Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian's Report: Dr. Marsh introduced the team from BOAH that are involved with the transfer of the Board to BOAH effective July 1, 2023. They were Gary Haynes, Chief of Staff; Denise Derry Spears and Dr. Kyle Shipman. He also indicated that they have requested an additional veterinary in their legislative package.

He stated that in 2022 they have seen the biggest loss from High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, even bigger than they saw in 2015.

He also submitted a chart showing 2022 in review. Some information included was:

- US Livestock inventory rankings in production: #1 in Ducks and Veal; #2 in Eggs; #3 in Pounds of Turkey; and #5 in Swine
- Animal Care: 159 welfare complaints from 86 of the 92 counties. It took 3,500 hours spent on the animal welfare investigations. Of the 159; 86 were companion animals; 63 equine and 45 livestock.
- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: 163 Commercial sites impacted in controlled areas; 10,023 hours in response; 889 movement permits issue to and from 21 states.
- Livestock Imports: Top suppliers(162,171)/Cows: Wisconsin, Michigan, Texas; Top suppliers (5.1 million)/Swine: Oklahoma, Ohio, Illinois. Poultry Sector Growth: Farms from 2015-2022: +8.1% Ducks; +130.6% Layers; +50.7% Broilers and +36.7% Turkeys.
- Meat & Poultry Inspection: 20.2million pounds of meat inspected; that's 36.4% over 2021; 13 new facilities opened.
- Dairy Inspections: 4.53 billion pounds of milk produced.

The Board thanked Dr. Marsh for his report.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 12:10 p. m.

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair