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**INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2025, MEETING**

**1202 East 38th Street,
Discovery Hall, Suite 100
Indianapolis, Indiana 46205
Indiana State Board of Animal Health Conference Room**

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m., and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-38.1-2-5 (c), and 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.
Paul Clemente, D.V.M.
John Schnarr, D.V.M.
Steven Sunbury, D.V.M.
Kelly Peelman, D.V.M.
Ashli Selke, R.V.T.
Natalie Goodwin
Kyle Shipman, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Technical Advisor

All members who attended
participated in person.

Member(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Britney J. McMahan, Board Director

Advisory Counsel: Clarence Leatherbury, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Court Reporter: Margie Addington, Accurate Reporting Services

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Motion to Adopt Agenda.

1st: Dr. Sunbury **2nd:** Dr. Schnarr **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

The Board voted to approve the October 31, 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve October 31, 2024, meeting minutes.

1st: Dr. Clemente **2nd:** Dr. Sunbury **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: None

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

DAREN MILLER, DVM, CAUSE NO. 2023VB0009 - PROBATION

Dr. Miller appeared in person and without counsel for a probation appearance. Dr. Miller indicated that in November 2024 a friend had given him a growler of cider as a gift and he did not realize it contained alcohol, and he subsequently tested positive on Sober Link and urine drug screen. Dr. Miller participated in an assessment at The Pavillion in North Carolina on January 6, 2025, and plans to attend a three-week inpatient program there starting March 10, 2025. The Board requested that Dr. Miller return for a probation appearance at the April 24, 2025 meeting.

AARON WEHREBERG, DVM, 24003613A – REINSTATEMENT/EXPIRED

Dr. Wehrenberg appeared in person before the Board regarding his application to reinstate his DVM license. He explained that he had let his license expire in 2019 due to a back injury and extensive treatment and rehabilitation. Dr. Wehrenberg has a job with a telemedicine company and is eager to get back to work. Dr. Wehrenberg completed 82 hours of CE prior to applying for reinstatement. The board approved Dr. Wehrenberg's request and his license was reinstated.

CASSANDRA CHOWNING - VTNE RETAKE 4TH ATTEMPT

Ms. Chowning appeared in person before the Board to request approval to take the VTNE for a fourth time. She is participating in Beth Ann's crash course on the weekends and is using the McCurnin's textbook to study with a friend. The Board approved Ms. Chowning's request and wished her well on the exam.

PEIGHTON BARADZIEJ - VTNE RETAKE 4TH ATTEMPT

Ms. Baradziej appeared in person before the Board to request approval to take the VTNE for a fourth time. She has been working full-time at Purdue Animal Hospital and is starting a new job at Arbor View Animal Hospital soon. Ms. Baradziej continues to study for the VTNE and take quizzes. The Board approved Ms. Baradziej's request and wished her well on the exam.

KRISTIN HASTE RANDALL - VTNE RETAKE 4TH ATTEMPT

Ms. Randall appeared in person before the Board to request approval to take the VTNE for a fourth time.

She attends study groups and is picking up extra shifts in the ER to gain a better understanding of some of the areas of the VTNE she is the weakest. The Board approved Ms. Randall's request and wished her well on the exam.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Rachel Brunner, RVT, Cause No. 2022VB0006

Rachel Brunner appeared in person and without counsel for an administrative hearing on her Motion to Withdrawal Probation. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services. The Board concluded that Ms. Brunner has satisfied the terms and conditions of the board's February 2, 2022, order placing her RVT license on probation. The board voted to withdrawal probation.

The Board voted to GRANT Respondent's Motion to Withdrawal Probation Motion to GRANT Motion to Withdrawal Probation

1st: Dr. Clemente **2nd:** Ashli Selke **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

Robert Maier, DVM, Cause No. 2024VB0007

Dr. Maier appeared in person and without counsel for an administrative hearing on whether the probation status of Dr. Maier's veterinarian license should be withdrawn or modified. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services. Dr. Maier testified that he had not gone to rehabilitation or "detox" for alcoholism as recommended by his therapist in April 2024. He also testified that he continues to drink alcohol on a regular basis and, although he would like to stop drinking, he is not willing to participate in the Indiana Veterinary Well-Being program. Dr. Maier left before the board deliberations concluded. The board found that Dr. Maier was not in compliance with their January 31, 2024, order placing his veterinarian license on probation and voted to modify the terms and conditions of his probation as follows: Respondent shall comply with all conditions set forth in the original probation order dated January 31, 2024; indefinite probation is extended for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of the modification order; submit to an addictionologist for an assessment and follow all recommendations, if any, and enroll in the IVMA Veterinary Wellbeing Program within sixty (60) days of the modification order and provide the board with the addictionology assessment and any recommendations and proof of enrollment in the wellbeing program.

The Board voted to Modify Respondent's Probation. Motion to Modify Probation Granted.

1st: Dr. Peelman **2nd:** Dr. Clemente **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

Dominique Whitaker, Cause No. 2024VB0015

Dominique Whitaker did not appear for an administrative hearing on an Order to Show Cause regarding the State of Indiana's allegations of unlicensed practice filed by the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. Deputy Attorney General Carah Rochester appeared on behalf of the State. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services. The State called Brittany Ulrey as a witness. State exhibits 1-4 were admitted without objection.

Because Ms. Whitaker failed to appear at the first administrative hearing scheduled on October 31, 2024, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Default. Ms. Whitaker did not timely respond to the NOPD, and the Board determined that she was in default.

The Board voted to GRANT the State's Motion for Default. Motion to GRANT Default.

1st: Dr. Sunbury **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

The Board voted to GRANT the Order to Cease and Desist Motion to GRANT the Order to Cease and Desist

1st: Dr. Schnarr **2nd:** Dr. Clemente **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

Michael A. Hohenstein, DVM, Cause No. 2024VB0011

Attorney Rori Goldman appeared in-person on behalf of Dr. Hohenstein for an administrative hearing on a Proposed Settlement Agreement filed by the State of Indiana. Deputy Attorney General Carah Rochester appeared on behalf of the State of Indiana. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services.

The Board voted to GRANT the Proposed Settlement Agreement. Motion to GRANT the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

1st: Dr. Schnarr **2nd:** Dr. Sunbury **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: None
The following board members abstained: None

Sunil Gupta, DVM, Cause No. 2024VB0014

Attorney Rori Goldman appeared in-person on behalf of Dr. Gupta for an administrative hearing on a Proposed Settlement Agreement filed by the State of Indiana. Deputy Attorney General Carah

Rochester appeared on behalf of the State of Indiana. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services.

The Board voted to GRANT the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

Motion to GRANT the Proposed Settlement Agreement.

1st: Dr. Rodenbarger **2nd:** Dr. Sunbury **Vote: 6-0-1**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: Dr. Rodenbarger, Dr. Schnarr, Dr.
Sunbury, Natalie Goodwin, Dr.
Peelman, Ashli Selke

The following board members objected: None

The following board members abstained: Dr. Clemente

CONTINUING EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

Everything About Corneal Ulcers: The Simple, The Complicated, & Treatment for All, VCA Advanced Veterinary Care Center

After discussion, the Board voted to **GRANT** the Continuing Education application for *Everything About Corneal Ulcers: The Simple, The Complicated, & Treatment for All*, VCA Advanced Veterinary Care Center.

The Board voted to GRANT the application.

Motion to GRANT the application.

1st: Dr. Clemente **2nd:** Dr. Sunbury **Vote: 7-0-0**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: Choose an item.

The following board members abstained: Choose an item.

DISCUSSION

Gary Haynes, Chief of Staff, Indiana State Board of Animal Health, presented the legislative update to the Board. The Board discussed the proposed bill exempting from the practice of veterinary medicine those individuals who provide equine teeth floating and chiropractic care through the Horse Racing Commission. The Board asked the Director to research equine dentistry schools for non-veterinarians.

The Board discussed RVT Title Protection and decided on the following: The Board will issue a Dear Colleague letter reminding veterinarians that referring to unlicensed veterinary assistants as “veterinary technicians” is a violation of the Veterinary Practice Act and subject to discipline by the Board.

The Board discussed Bemer Therapy and decided on the following: The Board determined that while Bemer Therapy would be considered the practice of veterinary medicine, it is unlikely that the Board would issue an Order to Cease and Desist for this practice.

The Board discussed Dutch Telemedicine Services and asked the Board Director to research laws and

regulations on telemedicine and veterinary practice.

The Board discussed the Purdue Oncology Residency Program and continuing education and decided the following: Continuing education requirements should be waived for licensed DVMs actively enrolled in an AVMA accredited graduate program.

The Board discussed Rulemaking and decided on the following: The Board will hold a special meeting on November 13, 2025, for rulemaking discussions.

The Board discussed whether requests to retake the VTNE and NAVLE require a personal appearance and decided that they will no longer require a personal appearance. Instead, the Director will interview individuals who request exam retakes.

The Board discussed whether Proposed Settlement Agreements require a hearing and determined that they will no longer require a hearing. Instead, the Board will vote on whether to accept the agreement as written. If the board rejects the agreement the matter will be rescheduled for an administrative hearing.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

1. The Attorney General Office's Report.
2. The Board Director's Report.
3. Dr. Kyle Shipman, D.V.M., State Veterinarian's Report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The Board considered the following matters:

Election of Board Officers:

Chairperson: The Board nominated and confirmed Jerry Rodenbarger, DVM, as Chairperson for 2025.

1st: Natalie Goodwin **2nd:** Dr. Clemente **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: N/A

The following board members abstained: N/A

Vice Chairperson: The Board nominated and confirmed Paul Clemente, DVM, as Vice Chairperson for 2025. As the Vice Chairperson, Dr. Clemente will continue to be a liaison to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

1st: Ashli Selke **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 7-0-0**

Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present

The following board members objected: N/A

The following board members abstained: N/A

Additional Board Liaison: The Board nominated and confirmed Steven Sunbury, DVM, as an additional liaison to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

1st: Natalie Goodwin **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 7-0-0**


Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye: All Present
The following board members objected: N/A
The following board members abstained: N/A

NEXT MEETING

The Board decided the next Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting would be held on April 24, 2025.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 4:02 p.m.

 for _____
Dr. Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair