

INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Discovery Hall, Suite 100
1202 East 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46205

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2024, MEETING

Paul Clemente, D.V.M., Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 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: Steven Sunbury, D.V.M., Member
John Schnarr, D.V.M., Member
Paul Clemente, D.V.M., Vice Chair
Kelly Peelman, D.V.M., Member
Natalie Goodwin, Consumer Member
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian,
Technical Advisor

All members that attended participated in-person.

Member(s) Absent: Ashli Selke, R.V.T., Member
Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair

Staff Present: Laura A. Turner, JD, Board Director
Clarence Leatherbury, JD,
Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.
Sunbury first; Schnarr second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

The Board voted to approve the November 2, 2023, minutes.

Schnarr first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:

Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board nominated Dr. Rodenbarger as Chair and Dr. Clemente as Vice Chair for 2024.

Schnarr first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Anne Kelly of the IVMA Veterinary Wellness Program presented information to the Board on how the Wellness Program can assist those veterinarians with addiction issues. Ms. Kelly further provided information on how the Board can refer veterinarians to the Wellness Program. The Board thanked Ms. Kelly for her presentation.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Ericka Bates, D.V.M., License No. 24007619A, Cause No. 2019 VB 0015

Dr. Bates appeared with counsel. Dr. Bates continues to follow all aspects of her probation and remains employed at Humane Fort Wayne. She continues to be the lead on surgeries when surgeries are available at her place of employment. The Board thanked Dr. Bates for her appearance.

Alycia Eisenstein, D.V.M.: License No. 24008193A

Dr. Eisenstein appeared before the Board with counsel due to a positive response regarding discipline in Wisconsin and Georgia. The positive response before both Boards resulted in additional continuing education. The Board voted to approve her license renewal.

Motion to approve license renewal.
Sunbury first; Clemente second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Erin Davidson, R.V.T., License No. 25001881A

Ms. Davison appeared before the Board due to a DUI arrest in 2023. She is currently on criminal probation until May 18, 2024. The Board voted to renew her registration on indefinite probation until the conclusion of the criminal probation.

Motion to renew registration on indefinite probation.

Goodwin first; Peelman second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Joseph Branstutter, D.V.M., License No. 24007827A

Dr. Branstutter answered positively on his license renewal due to discipline before the Ohio Veterinary Board because of a feline dental procedure. He was required to complete CE and pay a fine.

The Board voted to approve his license renewal.

Motion to approve license renewal.

Clemente first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Robert Maier, D.V.M., License No. 24006439A

Dr. Maier appeared with counsel was arrested for DWI in May 2023. He was sentenced to one-year criminal probation, with a possible end date of November 10, 2024. He is not required to be monitor for drugs or alcohol. He sees a therapist twice a month.

The Board voted to renew his license on indefinite probation with the following terms:

1. Quarterly reporting from his therapist along with an initial evaluation.
2. Quarterly reporting from his employer.
3. Appearance before the Board in 6 months.
4. Consideration to have probation lifted after successful completion of the Board's terms as well as successful completion of his criminal probation.

Motion to renew license on indefinite probation with terms.
Goodwin first; Peelman second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Robert T. Medlock, D.V.M., License No. 24006439A

Dr. Medlock was arrested for a DUI in July 2023. He is currently on criminal probation until November 24, 2024. Board requested he received an addictionology exam.

The Board voted to renew his license on indefinite probation with the following terms:

1. Receive an addictionology exam and send it to the Board.
2. Appear before the Board in July 2024.
3. Consideration to have probation lifted after successful completion of the Board's terms as well as successful completion of his criminal probation.

Motion to renew license on indefinite probation with terms.
Clemente first; Schnarr second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Justin Tharp

Mr. Tharp appeared before the Board requesting to take the VTNE a 4th time. Mr. Tharp has recently been using a tutor to assist him in preparing for the test, as well as using various test prep courses. He will be requesting testing accommodations due to his anxiety surrounding the exam.

After discussion, the Board approved Mr. Tharp to take the VTNE a 4th time.

Motion to Approve the request to retake the VTNE exam:
Sunbury first; Goodwin second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Maribeth Moffitt

Ms. Moffitt appeared before the Board requesting to take the VTNE a 4th time. She has support from her employer and has been focusing on online prep courses. She will be requesting testing accommodations due to her anxiety surrounding the exam.

After discussion, the Board approved Ms. Moffitt to take the VTNE a 4th time.

Motion to Approve the request to retake the VTNE exam:
Clemente first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Emily Dahm

Ms. Dahm appeared before the Board requesting to take the VTNE a 4th time. She has been focusing on taking test prep courses. She has also practiced in various crash courses.

After discussion, the Board approved Ms. Dahm to take the VTNE a 4th time.

Motion to Approve the request to retake the VTNE exam:
Goodwin first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Madelein Rohrer

Ms. Rohrer appeared before the Board requesting to take the VTNE a 4th time. She encountered difficulties with pharmacology and laboratory on the exam. She will continue to use various methods and programs to study for the exam.

After discussion, the Board approved Ms. Rohrer to take the VTNE a 4th time.

Motion to approve the request to retake the VTNE exam:
Clemente first; Schnarr second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Shalette Dingle, DVM

Ms. Dingle had a positive response on her initial application as a licensed veterinarian in the State of Indiana. She did not appear for her requested appearance before the Board. No ruling was made on her application.

Craig Allen Johnson, D.V.M., 24005966A; 2023 VB 0012

This matter was continued prior to the Board meeting.

Miranda Kellems; no license; 2023 VS 0013

Ms. Kellems was scheduled to appear on a Motion for Order to Cease and Desist. Ms. Kellems was not present and did not have counsel representing her. The State was represented by Brittany J. McMahan, Deputy Attorney General.

After discussion, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Proposed Default to Ms. Kellems.

Motion to issue Notice of Proposed Default:
Clemente first; Sunbury second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Myron Hershberger; no license; 2023 VB 0011

This matter was continued prior to the Board meeting.

Theresa Cattani, R.V.T., 25002437A; 2016 VB 0010

Ms. Cattani was scheduled to appear on a Default of an Order to Show Cause. She did not appear in person and was not represented by counsel. The State of Indiana was represented by Brittany J. McMahan, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Mary McCarty with Accurate Reporting Services.

The Board voted to find Ms. Cattani in Default and further voted to Revoke her registration.

Motion to find Ms. Cattani in Default.
Clemente first; Peelman second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:

Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Motion to Revoke Ms. Cattanti's Registration.
Clemente first; Peelman second; 5/0/0
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:
Peelman, Schnarr, Clemente, Sunbury, Goodwin
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the Continuing Education audit and decided that if a veterinarian has the required 40 hours of CE within the required audit period, it will be accepted. The manner of obtaining the CE hours will not be considered for this audit.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

1. Dr. Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarians' Report.
2. The Attorney General Office's Report.
3. The Board Director's Report.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 1:34 p.m.

Laura A. Turner, J.D.

Dr. Paul Clemente, D.V.M., Vice Chair