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INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
AGENDA

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2024, 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., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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.
Paul Clemente, D.V.M.
John Schnarr, D.V.M.
Steven Sunbury, D.V.M.
Kelly Peelman, D.V.M.
Natalie Goodwin
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Technical Advisor

All members who attended
participated in person.

Member(s) Absent: Ashli Selke, R.V.T.

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

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.
Motion to Adopt Agenda.
1st: Dr. Sunbury **2nd:** Dr. Schnarr **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

The Board voted to approve the July 25, 2024, meeting minutes.
Motion to Approve July 25, 2024, meeting minutes.
1st: Natalie Goodwin **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANCE APPEALS

Craig Griffin, DVM, License # 24008366A

Craig Griffin, DVM, failed to appear in person, virtually via Teams, or by counsel for an administrative hearing regarding his appeal the Board's Order regarding Notice of Noncompliance for CE audit noncompliance. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services. Due to Dr. Griffin's failure to appear, the Board dismissed his appeal.

The Board voted to DENY Dr. Griffin's appeal.
Motion to DENY Appeal.
1st: Dr. Clemente **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Daren Lin Miller, DVM, License # 24007328A, Cause No. 2023VB0009

Dr. Miller appeared in person and reported that he has signed a 5-year monitoring contract with the Indiana Veterinary Wellbeing program. He attends three support groups per week, including a 12-step program, maintains a sponsor, and sees a therapist on a regular basis. He continues to work as a DVM. His criminal matter is scheduled for trial in December 2024. Dr. Miller will return in January 2025 for a personal appearance. The Board thanked him for his appearance and information.

Rachel Brunner, RVT, License # 25002744A, Cause No. 2022VB0006

Ms. Brunner appeared in person and reported that she has been sober since October 12, 2020, and continues to work at Eastside Animal Clinic (11 years) as an RVT. Ms. Brunner will appear in January 2025 for an administrative hearing on her petition to withdrawal probation. The Board thanked her for

her appearance and information.

Justin Tharp – VTNE request for 5th attempt at exam
Mr. Tharp appeared in person before the Board to request approval to take the VTNE for a fifth time. He continues to see a tutor twice a week and has testing accommodations. The Board approved Mr. Tharp's request and wished him well on the exam.

Blythe Heber – VTNE request for 4th attempt at exam
Ms. Heber appeared in person before the Board to request approval to take the VTNE for a fourth time. She has support from her employer and continues prep courses. The Board approved Ms. Heber's request and wished her well on the exam.

Elizabeth Moore – RVT Application – Positive Response
Ms. Moore appeared in person before the Board to explain the circumstances regarding the criminal convictions she disclosed on her application. The Board approved her application.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Rebecca McGovern, DVM, Cause No. 2020VB0014

Rebecca McGovern, DVM, appeared in person with attorney Jeanine Kerridge for an administrative hearing on her Petition to Withdrawal Probation. Deputy Attorney General Amy Osborne appeared for the State of Indiana. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington, Accurate Reporting Services. The State did not object to Dr. McGovern's request to withdrawal probation and admitted an affidavit from Britney McMahan, Director of the Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine, indicating that Dr. McGovern had complied with all terms and conditions of her probation.

The Board voted to GRANT Dr. McGovern's Petition to Withdrawal Probation
Motion to GRANT Petition to Withdrawal Probation.
1st: Dr. Clemente **2nd:** Dr. Peelman **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

Zachary Luff, DVM, Cause No. 2024VB0010

Attorney Carlo Girolamo appeared on behalf of Dr. Luff for an administrative hearing on a Proposed Settlement Agreement filed by the State of Indiana. Deputy Attorney General Amy Osborne appeared on behalf of the State of Indiana. Ms. Osborne presented the agreement to the Board. 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. Sunbury **2nd:** Dr. Rodenbarger **Vote: 5-0-1**
Motion carries.

The following board members voted aye:	Dr. Rodenbarger	Sunbury, Peelman, Goodwin, Schnarr
The following board members objected:	None	
The following board members abstained:	Dr. Clemente	

Meredith Engerski, Cause No. 2024VB0012

Attorney Hayden C.T. Parsons appeared in person on behalf of Meredith Engerski for an administrative hearing on the Board's Order to Show Cause regarding the State of Indiana's allegations of unlicensed practice filed by the Office of the Indiana Attorney Geneal. Deputy Attorney General Amy Osborne appeared on behalf of the State. Ms. Osborne presented an agreement wherein Ms. Engerski has agreed to cease and desist from the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services.

The Board voted to GRANT the Agreed Order to Cease and Desist.
Motion to GRANT Agreed Order to Cease and Desist.
1st: Dr. Peelman **2nd:** Dr. Clemente **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

Dominique Whitaker, Cause No. 2024VB0015

Dominique Whitaker failed to 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 Geneal. Deputy Attorney General Amy Osborne appeared on behalf of the State. The court reporter for this matter was Margie Addington for Accurate Reporting Services. Because Ms. Whitaker failed to appear for the hearing after being properly notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing, the Board moved to issue a notice of proposed default.

The Board voted to issue a Notice of Proposed Default.
Motion to GANT Notice of Proposed Default.
1st: Dr. Sunbury **2nd:** Dr. Clemente **Vote: 6-0-0**
Motion carries.

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

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DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the next steps for rulemaking regarding continuing education and RVT scope of practice.

REPORTS

1. Deputy Attorney General Amy Osborne presented the Office of Attorney General's report.
2. Britney McMahan presented the Board Director's report.
3. Dr. Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian's provided his report. Dr. Marsh discussed the Indiana Center for Animal Policy's survey on Category II USDA-Accredited veterinarians in Indiana. Dr. Marsh also reported that Friday, November 1, 2024, was his last day as State Veterinarian as he has accepted a new role as Dean of the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. The Board thanked Dr. Marsh for his service and wished him well at Purdue.

NEXT MEETING

The Board decided the next Indiana Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting would be held on January 23, 2025.[1]

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 12:35 p.m.

for

Jerry Rodenbarger, DVM
Chair

[1] This meeting has been rescheduled for January 30, 2025.