



MEMORANDUM

DATE	April 3, 2023
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Jessica Sieferman Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7. Interviews, Discussion, and Possible Appointments to Fill Vacant Wellness Evaluation Committee (WEC) Veterinarian and Public Member Positions

The Veterinary Medical Board (Board) currently has four vacancies on its five-member Wellness Evaluation Committee (WEC): two Veterinarian member appointments and two Public member appointments.

The terms of each position are four years in length, and, pursuant to the Board's Administrative Procedures Manual, "There is no limit to the number of terms each Committee member may serve."

Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section [4861](#), "Each person appointed to a wellness evaluation committee shall have experience or knowledge in the evaluation or management of persons who are impaired due to alcohol or drug abuse."

The WEC holds public, quarterly meetings virtually and in Folsom, California. The duties and responsibilities of the WEC include:

- a) To evaluate those veterinarians and RVTs who request participation in the program according to the guidelines prescribed by the Board and to consider the recommendation of the administrative physician on the admission of the veterinarian or RVT to the wellness program.
- b) To review and designate those treatment facilities to which veterinarians and RVTs in a wellness program may be referred.
- c) To receive and review information concerning veterinarians RVTs participating in the program.
- d) To call meetings as necessary to consider the requests of veterinarians and RVTs to participate in a wellness program, and to consider reports regarding veterinarians and RVTs participating in a program from an administrative physician, or from others.
- e) To consider in the case of each veterinarian and RVT participating in a program whether he or she may with safety continue or resume the practice of veterinary medicine or the assisting in the practice of veterinary medicine.
- f) To set forth in writing for each veterinarian and RVT participating in a program a treatment program established for each such veterinarian and RVT with the

requirements for supervision and surveillance.

- g) To hold a general meeting at least twice a year, which shall be open and public, to evaluate the program's progress, to review data as required in reports to the Board, to prepare reports to be submitted to the Board, and to suggest proposals for changes in the wellness program.

Throughout February and March, the Board recruited candidates through its interested parties list, website, and social media. In total, the Board received ten applications, four of which were for the veterinarian positions, and six were for the public member positions. The Board's Executive Committee reviewed the applications and selected the following candidates to be interviewed during the April Board meeting:

Veterinarian Candidates

- [Dr. Andrew Dibbern, DVM](#), JD, MLS, License No. [18479](#)
- [Dr. Allan Drusys, DVM](#), MVPHMgt, License No. [8330](#)
- [Dr. Jenevieve Price, DVM](#), License No. [18393](#)

Public Member Candidates

- [Ms. Elle Anzalone, MSC, LADAAC, LMFT](#)
- [Mr. Justin Johnson](#)
- [Ms. Catherine Mignon Lawlor, Psy.D., M.I.A.](#)

Incumbents, Dr. Drusys and Mr. Johnson, are currently serving on the WEC and are eligible for reappointment.

During the Board meeting, members may ask candidates questions related to their qualifications and appoint two veterinarian candidates and two public member candidates to the WEC.