

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Veterinary Medical Board
Monday, August 16, 2010
Sacramento, California

The Veterinary Medical Board (Board) held a teleconference meeting on Monday, August 16, 2010. The meeting was held at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 2005 Evergreen Street, 1st Floor Hearing Room, Sacramento, CA 95815, and via telephone conference at the following locations:

321 Swanzey Street
Keystone, SD 57751

21828 Church Street
Cedarpines Park, CA 92322

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Board President Terri Becker called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board Executive Officer Susan Geranen called roll; all four members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Terri Becker, DVM, President
Stephanie Ferguson, DVM, Vice-President
Tom Kendall, DVM
Linda Starr, Public Member

Staff Present

Susan Geranen, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board
Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer
Shela Barker, Legal Counsel
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Programs Coordinator

Guests Present

Virginia Curtis, Chair, Registered Veterinary Technician Committee
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
John Perry, Department of Consumer Affairs

2. Discuss and Possible Action to Fee Regulation Amendments, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 2070 and 2071

A. Discuss comments submitted during 15-day comment period on proposed regulations, CCR sections 2070 and 2071

Ms. Geranen reported one comment was received in response to the 15-day comment period. The comment addressed the proposed fee increases in general but not specifically the modifications to the language in the 15-day notice. The Board requested comment from the public; no comments were received. Dr. Stephanie Ferguson noted the fees are necessary for the continued functioning of the Board. Ms. Geranen added the fee increases will address future fiscal needs but due to a State and Consumer Services Agency request the licensing fees were reduced and the Board may need to come back for additional fee increases. The regulatory package will now be filed with the Department of Consumer Affairs for review along with a request for a filing period extension.

B. Possible action to adopt modified regulation Sections 2070 and 2071

- **Linda Starr motioned and Dr. Stephanie Ferguson seconded the motion to adopt modified regulation Sections 2070 and 2071as submitted.**
- **The motion carried 4-0.**

3. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

Valerie Fenstermaker requested the Board move forward with its support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1980 as it would add to consumer protection and further define the practice of veterinary medicine specific to animal physical therapy. The Board agreed to discuss AB 1980 at their next meeting. Shela Barker reminded that despite the language in AB 1980 the Board has the statutory authority to draft regulation regarding physical therapy as a practice of veterinary medicine. Ms. Geranen noted this could be a discussion at the October 2010 and January 2011 meetings with a regulatory hearing possibly held in April 2011. Dr. Tom Kendall requested discussion on the next agenda regarding narrowing the limitations for owners treating their own animals without veterinary supervision.

4. Closed Session

A. Review and Deliberate on Disciplinary Cases Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3)

- **Dr. Tom Kendall motioned and Dr. Stephanie Ferguson seconded the motion to grant a 30-day stay to case number AV 2008 23 and allow respondent to submit a writ of consideration for Board review for reconsideration.**
- **The motion carried 3-0 (Linda Starr abstained).**

B. Pursuant to Government Code section 11126(e).

- i. ***Van Pope Steed v. Veterinary Medical Board of California***
Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles Case No.: NC043599

Adjourn

- **Linda Starr motioned and Dr. Stephanie Ferguson seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- **The motion carried 4-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.