



TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

The Veterinary Medical Board met via teleconference on
Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at the following locations:

Department of Consumer Affairs
Veterinary Medical Board
1747 N. Market Blvd., Suite 230
Sacramento, CA 95834

The Spay Neuter Project of Los Angeles
3612 11th Ave.
1st Floor, Conference Room
Los Angeles, CA 90018

Waterhouse Animal Hospital
1115 E. Champlain Dr.
Fresno, CA 93720

Riverside County Department of
Animal Services
6851 Van Buren Blvd.
Jurupa Valley, CA 92509

J and G Lau Family
Meat Processing Center
Cal Poly State University
Building 155, Room 127
1503-1967 Stenner Creek Rd.
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

Dr. Jaymie Noland called the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Executive Officer, Ms. Jessica Sieferman, called roll; five members of the Board were present, and a quorum was established. Dr. Christina Bradbury, Dr. Mark Nunez, and Ms. Alana Yanez were absent.

2. **Introductions**

Members Present

Jaymie Noland, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), President
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice President
Kathy Bowler, Public Member
Jennifer Loreda, Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)
Dianne Prado, Public Member

Staff Present

Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
Patty Rodriguez, Hospital Inspection Program Manager
Robert Stephanopoulos, Enforcement Manager
Tara Welch, Legal Counsel

Guests Present

Patrick Fung

Cindy Gonzalez, RVT

Aubrey Jacobsen, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Legislative Affairs Division

3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments were received.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft 2020 Sunset Review Report

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft 2020 Sunset Review Report.

Section 1, Question 5: Ms. Kathy Bowler suggested that the Board include Ms. Jennifer Loredó's participation the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), RVT group, that was not listed in the Sunset Review Report.

Ms. Bowler asked that Ms. Sieferman make note of the AAVSB meetings that were attended by members at no additional cost to the Board.

Section 2, Question 7: Ms. Bowler suggested that the Board include that it is disappointed with the low number of customer survey respondents and hopes to broaden the respondent pool. Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse stated that the Board should include why the number is so low.

Section 3, Question 10: Dr. Noland stated that the answer to this question was too vague for the compelling numbers. Dr. Noland requested to add the Attorney General cost increases and provide specificity of the cost increases. Ms. Sieferman stated that they may add language that was used in the regulation packet; the Board agreed.

Section 4, Question 21: Ms. Bowler requesting the Board add that the Board did not track denials because it was not required to do so. Dr. Noland suggested that the Board remove "in light of" from the last paragraph.

Section 4, Question 33: Dr. Noland suggested including that the Board currently monitors Continuing Education (CE) probation conditions.

Ms. Sieferman suggested revising the response to remove and replace "five percent" of annual CE audits with "a percentage of its licensee population annually" until the CE program is developed.

Section 5, Question 34: Ms. Bowler suggested revisions to the investigation cycle time without discipline. Ms. Sieferman agreed and stated that the Board should wait until it is fully staffed to

do so. Dr. Noland recommended adding to the response that the Board believes the investigation cycle time is excessive and is aggressively pursuing improvements to the cycle time.

Dr. Noland stated that the last paragraph should include when the analysts started being more proactive in working with the Attorney General's office.

Section 6: Ms. Patty Rodriguez stated that the Board is currently reviewing inspection reports from October 2018; Ms. Bowler requested updating the response from "August 2018" to "October 2018."

Section 9, Question 60: Ms. Bowler suggested the Board add that doing away with the California Veterinary Technician Examination gives the applicant a savings cost.

Section 9, Question 62: Ms. Bowler stated the Board should include that it has held a meeting at UC Davis.

Section 9, Question 64: Dr. Noland suggested that the Board remove "if needed" from the last sentence.

Section 10, Question 65: Ms. Bowler suggested that the Board remove the first sentence.

Section 11, Issue 7: Ms. Sieferman stated she will work on gathering how the Task Force was composed and how legislative consultants were placed on the Task Force.

Section 11, Issue 8: Dr. Noland suggested including that the presence of veterinarians and RVTs at rodeo events does not fall under the Board's jurisdiction. The Board is receiving public reports that animals are being injured, but veterinarians are not available. Penal Code Section 596 requires veterinarians to have access to animals at rodeos; however, the rodeo managements' implementation of this requirement is not under the Board's jurisdiction.

Section 11, Issue 11: Dr. Noland stated the Board should include the Board started working to reduce timeframes for formal disciplinary action against a licensee at the end of 2018.

Section 12, New Issue 2: Dr. Noland suggested that the Board clarify what committee the Board is speaking to regarding the last sentence.

Section 12, New Issue 3: Ms. Tara Welch suggested the Board add amending BPC section 4853.1 to "Legislative Requests."

Section 12, New Issue 4: Ms. Tara Welch stated the Board should change "Excepted Practices" to Exempt Practices."

Section 12, New Issue 5: The Board discussed changing verbiage to reflect "the Board may recommend..." amending the statutes to clarify how to obtain clinical experience.

The Board discussed New Issue #6 and changed verbiage to "...the Board recommends delegating authority to remove member from DEC to the Board President".

Section 12, New Issue 10: The Board revised its response regarding veterinarians claiming to be specialists.

Ms. Bowler moved and Dr. Waterhouse seconded a motion to approve the 2020 Sunset Review Report, as modified, direct the Executive Officer to take all steps necessary to formalize and submit the Sunset Review Report to the appropriate legislative committees, and authorize the Executive Officer to correct any factual inconsistencies and make any technical or non-substantive changes to the Sunset Review Report. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Waterhouse moved and Ms. Bowler seconded a motion to approve and submit in the Sunset Review Report the legislative proposal for Premises Registration and Licensee Manager. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Bowler moved and Dr. Waterhouse seconded a motion to recommend to the Legislature in the Sunset Review Report the proposed language for Diversion Evaluation Committee member removal. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Bowler moved and Dr. Noland seconded a motion to approval and submit in the Sunset Review Report the legislative proposal for increasing Diversion Program costs. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Waterhouse moved and Ms. Loredó seconded a motion to approve the proposed legislation for Advertising of Veterinarian Specialty Certification. The motion carried 5-0.

5. Adjournment

Dr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.