Dr. Doug Aspros called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions and Review of Roster.

Board Members Present: Dr. Doug Aspros, Dr. Mark Chmielewicz, Dr. Howard Gittelman, Dr. Margret Thompson, Dr. Alexandra Van der Woerdt, Dr. Paul Zoyhofski, and public member Samantha Segal.

Board Member Absent: Dr. David Chico, Alexandria Kanes LVT, and Erica McKee LVT.

NYSED Staff Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant; and Heidi Weinman, Secretary.

Guests Present: Dennis Spillane of OPD; Emily Whalen and Tim Atkinson of NYSVMS.

Motion to approve minutes of May 6, 2022, seconded, and passed.

Update from NYSED and the Office of Professions:

The executive order allowing meetings to be held by WebEx has expired. Attendees must come to a NYSED office in Manhattan, Albany, Syracuse, or Rochester.

Veterinary “nursing.” The Professional Education Program Review office has received submissions from Veterinary Technology schools to get approval for “veterinary nursing” programs. PEPR has communicated to all such schools that state statute clearly restricts use of the term “nurse” to LPN, RN, and NP licensees.

The regulation change about the accountability for multi-doctor practices was approved by the Board of Regents.

This board has recommended to the BOR that the pre-professional education requirement be reduced from 60 hours to 30 hours, but no changes have been made yet. Any information concerning shortages in veterinary care would be helpful in support of this initiative.

Q&A with Dennis Spillane:

The board asks Mr. Spillane various questions about OPD processes. He reviews what the process is for evaluating a case and what types of practices or events might trigger an investigation, such as records being adequate or accurate, what constitutes minor or major negligence or misconduct. He also discusses the different levels and types of consequences.
Update from the VCPR Workgroup:

Dr. Thompson discusses the status of the workgroup. Dr. Thompson has reached out to several advisors to contribute to this discussion. The workgroup will meet again next week. The AVMA recently released new guidelines on this topic.

We have received emails from concerned consumers about the lack of overnight and emergency care specifically in Central NYS. There is discussion of the challenges facing those practices and why they are reducing or eliminating hours of care or scope of practice.

Executive Session

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is set for Friday, January 27th 2022m at 10:00 am at 1411 Broadway.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm

Draft respectfully submitted,

Carla Wells

Education Program Assistant 2