

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
New York State Board for Veterinary Medicine  
Friday, August 16, 2024  
1411 Broadway NY, NY

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. David Chico, Dr. Mark Chmielewicz, Dr. Howard Gittelman, Dr. Ashley Harris, Dr. Margret Thompson, Dr. Paul Zoyhofski, Erica McKee LVT, and public member Samantha Segal.

Board Members Absent: Alexandria Kanes LVT

NYSED Staff Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Michelle Pawlowski, Education Credentials Specialist 2; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant 2.

Guests Present: Dr. Lauren Kleine and Tim Atkinson of NYSVMS; Katie Koch of AAVSB

Motion to approve minutes of April 12, 2024 meeting, seconded, and passed.

Review Public Record of Board of Regents Enforcement Action in Veterinary Medicine:

The board has questions about Dr. Michael Miller's actions on two different licenses, LVT and DVM.  
**Were the suspensions concurrent or separate?**

Update from NYSED and the Office of Professions:

Several board members will be ending their terms this year—the Veterinary Board is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies for 3 veterinarians and 1 veterinary technician member. This is Dr. Chico's last meeting. Nominations for leadership are also open as the November meeting will be Dr. Aspros's and Dr. Chmielewicz's last.

Proposed VCPR Guidance Next Steps:

The board decided not to proceed with the VCPR workgroup. The board will continue to monitor any changing developments in VCPR and may propose new approaches in the future.

Appropriate Sites for Veterinary Medicine:

The board discussed veterinarians who may be performing spay/neuters out of their homes without proper facilities. There is no registration nor direct regulation of veterinary facilities as there are in other states, however, several misconduct provisions could apply depending on the specific circumstances.

#### Pregnant women holding radiography patients:

The DOH has proposed a full revision of their article 16 regulations concerning ionizing radiation which includes a prohibition on pregnant women holding animals during radiation procedures.

The board asked for an update regarding if there is a similar standard for human medicine. Are there required dosimeters? Where? Will update this issue at the next meeting.

#### AAVSB issues:

Concerns were raised about a recent AAVSB announcement that an AAVSB board member had been prohibited from running for re-election. The board finds that the brief announcement, and its overall tone, leads to many questions. The board would like Dr. Chmielewicz and Mr. Boese to seek answers to those questions at the fall's annual meeting.

#### Preview of AAVSB Annual Meeting:

Dr. Chmielewicz discusses the issues he thinks will be discussed at the upcoming meeting, including the issue about this BOR member being asked to leave. Dr. Chmielewicz will also seek more information about an out-of-state veterinarian apparently changing a medical order via telehealth for a patient with existing NYS licensed veterinary care. Dr. Thompson addressed an issue of cognitive decline and a DVM who gave up his license based on a neurologist assessment.

#### Carla Presentation:

Mrs. Gibbons presents on the three areas she is trying to streamline and make more time and cost-effective. They are VTNE eligibility, VAULT Premium acceptance as proof and/or acceptance of education, and accepting AAVSB/RACE as an approved CE provider. These will be presented to OP leadership next month and Mrs. Gibbons will report again at the November meeting with the end results.

#### Triage:

How do we define triage in the context of vet med? There is no set definition in statutes or regs. Such issues need to be decided on a case-by-case basis.

#### Other issues?

Ms. Segal discusses that Suffolk County Sheriff's Dept has started a pet registration database to help with lost pets. She thinks it's a great program and would like to suggest it to the field as a whole.

#### Next Meeting Dates:

The next meeting will be on November 1, 2024 at 10:00 am at 1411 Broadway.

Executive Session: Confidential Review of an application:

Executive session called to order at 12:05 PM. The board discussed a corporate ownership practice naming issue.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm

Draft respectfully submitted,

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