



Board of Veterinary Examiners

Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM AKDT

The minutes of this meeting were adopted by the board on November 9, 2023.

Members Present: Rachel Bergartt, DVM, Chair; Ciara Vollaro, DVM; Denise Albert, DVM; Hal Geiger, PhD

Staff Present: Sara Chambers, DCCED Boards and Regulations Advisor; Tami Bowman, Occupational Licensing Examiner; Patty Burley, Assistant Attorney General

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m. All members were present, and a quorum was established.

II. Mission Statement

The board's mission statement was read into the record by the chair.

III. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

All members declared they had no ethical or financial conflicts of interest.

IV. Review and Approve Agenda

Dr. Geiger moved to approve the agenda as proposed. Dr. Albert seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

V. Review and Approve Minutes of August Meeting

Dr. Geiger moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2023, meeting as presented. Dr. Albert seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

VI. Review VCPR FAQ draft

The board discussed its proposed FAQ document with AAG Burley and determined to table the discussion until a future date. Members registered concerns about whether the regulations they believed to have adopted were actually the regulations that had been filed. Ms. Chambers offered to research the issue immediately and report back to the board with her findings and proposed solutions, if any are needed.

The board took a break at 10:27 a.m. and went back on the record at 10:45 a.m.

VII. Executive session to review and update state jurisprudence exam questions

The chair invited members to engage in a discussion to finalize changes to the state examination.

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c), Dr. Albert moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential, with board staff to remain during session. Dr. Vollaro seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The board entered executive session at 10:44 a.m. and went back on the record at 11:04 a.m.

VIII. New Business

Chair Bergartt updated the board on a meeting she and Ms. Chambers held with a representative of the non-profit organization the [Relief Veterinary Medical Association](#). The chair recognized the opportunity for future discussion about ways to help make licensure easier for relief veterinarians who may want to work provisionally under circumstances that do not qualify for the current temporary or courtesy licenses.

The board confirmed the dates and times for the October 6 meeting. Ms. Chambres indicated that she and the chair would be meeting the following week to finalize the agenda, and she anticipated the materials would be loaded in OnBoard by end of day September 26.

Tami mentioned that a new license application would be uploaded in OnBoard and to look for it. The chair reminded members to refer to statutes and regulations when making licensing decisions

IX. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.