



Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Unapproved Minutes

Thursday, November 14th, 2024

Remote Meeting

Members Present: Paul Howard, DVM; Jeannette Hogan, Public Member; Bryan Harnett, DVM; Lori Stroutsos, Public Member; Judith Wernecke, Ad hoc; and Mary O'Donovan, DVM

OPR Personnel Present: Emily Tredeau; Staff Attorney; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Rachel Heath, Prosecuting Attorney; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator

Guests: Linda Waite-Simpson & Melissa Murray

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Dr. Howard.

2. Changes to the agenda

- Attorney Tredeau requested to add NAVLE retakes to the agenda.

3. Approval of previous minutes from:

- **August 8th, 2024, Meeting**

Dr. Harnett moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion, motion carried.

4. Discipline

- **9:15am – In re: Melissa Murray, Docket No. 2024-130; Stipulation and Consent Order**

- Dr. Harnett recused himself from the consent order.
- Ms. Stroutsos moved to accept the stipulation order as presented. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion, motion carried.

5. Discussion

- **NAVLE Retake**

- Attorney Tredeau informed the Board that a correspondence was received by an internationally trained Vet seeking eligibility to retake the NAVLE for the 8th time.
- The Board had concerns about the competency of such an applicant to practice and advised they would need compelling evidence of competency in order to approve such a request

- **Officer Election**

- **Chair:** Dr. Harnett moved to nominate Dr. Howard as Chair. Ms. Stroutsos seconded the motion, motion carried.
- **Vice Chair:** Dr. O'Donovan moved to nominate Dr. Harnett as Vice Chair. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion, motion carried.
- **Secretary:** Dr. Harnett moved to nominate Dr. O'Donovan as Secretary. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion, motion carried.

6. Public Comment

7. Next Meeting Items

- 8. Adjournment:** With no further business, Dr. Howard adjourned the meeting at 9:23am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, February 13th, 2025

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