



The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108



MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2020

1. Call to Order: Conference Call Meeting

After opening the meeting with the reading of the Board mission statement, Dr. Verbsky, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the May 13, 2020 conference call meeting to order at 08:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

Dr. Matthew Verbsky, DVM	present
Dr. Craig Miesse, DVM	present
Dr. Cynthia Kidd, DVM	present
Ms. Dianne Jones, RVT	present
Dr. Nancy O' Connor, DVM	present
Dr. Kimberly Riker-Brown, DVM	present

3. Acknowledge Staff, AAG & Guests:

Dr. Verbsky acknowledged the attendance of Theresa Stir, Executive Director, Lydia Arko-Zigler, Assistant Attorney General, Joseph McClain, Licensure Coordinator.

4. **Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Riker-Brown moved to approve the March 11, 2020 board minutes. Dr. Kid seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.

Dr. Riker-Brown moved to approve the April 1, 2020 conference call. Dr. Kid seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – abstain, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.

5. **President's Report:** None

6. **Vice President's Report:** None

7. **Secretary's Report:** None

8. **OVMA Liaison:** None

9. **OAVT Liaison:** None

10. Executive Director Report:

- A. Directives – Ms. Stir reported that the March meeting Directives have been completed.
- B. Fiscal Report – the Quarter 3 FY 20 reports were provided. The Board’s allotment of funds have been reduced by at least 20% for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- C. Auditor – The Auditor began the audit for FY 19 and FY20 in March. The fees for the audit have increased.
- D. Military Active Duty rule – The Board is required to write rules to implement the enactment of SB 7. The proposed Rule 4741-1-18OAC was reviewed and approved submitting and filing as submitted.
- E. AAVSB Delegates – the Board approved Dr. Riker Brown, DVM as the Delegate for the AAVSB Conference anticipated to be held in September. Ms. Stir will serve as the Alternate Delegate. It is uncertain at this time whether the Conference will be in person or virtual.

11. FYI: The Board Acknowledged the following:

- A. NAVTA Credentialing Process

12. Requests for Licensure: None

13. Renewals – Veterinarians: None

14. Correspondence Received:

- A. Philip Russo – COVID- The correspondence was tabled for further discussion.
- B. Becky Salinger – Cats and Telemedicine- the Board members determined that the current Telehealth policy was adequate for the current situation. Since it is a policy and not a rule, the policy can be reviewed for modification in the future if needed.

15. Consideration Of:

- A. Medical Records –
 - 1. 18-18-036, Charles Coleman, DVM - Dr. Verbsky moved to find the records acceptable. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
 - 2. 18-29-127, Bharat Khemsara, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records unacceptable. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
 - 3. 19-19-022, Blake Lambert, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records acceptable. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following

roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

4. 19-20-152, Donald Knepper, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records unacceptable. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

B. Hearing Scheduling Letter: The Board acknowledged the following:

1. 19-20-200, Ashley Veine-Smith, DVM
2. 19-20-204, Crystal Hammond, DVM

C. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing: The Board acknowledged the following:

1. 20-20-007, Ronald Budz, DVM
2. 20-20-014, Tracy Leonard
3. 18-18-030, Courtney Cook, RVT

16. New Complaints:

- A. 19-20-196(B) Dr. Riker-Brown moved to withdraw the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and send the case to investigation. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- B. 20-20-039, Complainant Anonymous - Dr. Kidd moved to send the case to investigation. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- C. 20-20-034, Complainant Board of Pharmacy - Dr. Kid moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violation of 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- D. 20-20-027, Complainant Cynthia Baker – Dr. Verbsky moved to send an advisory letter. Dr. Miesse seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

17. Complaint Responses Received:

- A. 19-20-182(B), complainant Litsa Kargakos - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

- B. 20-20-022, complainant Brandon Kulak - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Miesse seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- C. 20-20-023; complainant Cynthia Bober - Dr. Kidd moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- D. 20-20-024, complainant Rick & Mary Hunter – Dr. Verbsky abstained from the conversation. Dr. Kidd moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- E. 20-20-026, complainant Jessalynn Reich - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Kidd seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- F. 20-20-028; complainant West Virginia Board - Dr. Kidd moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- G. 20-20-036; complainant Andrea Stout - Dr. Kidd moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violation of 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

18. Compliance Inspections:

- A. 2020-63 - Dr. Kidd moved to accept the results of the inspection correction. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Kidd – aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.
- B. 2020-71 - Dr. Kidd moved to accept the results of the inspection correction. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Kidd – aye, Dr. O’Connor – aye.

19. Request for Reconsideration: None

20. Tabled Cases:

- A. 19-20-201, complainant Gerri Walczak - Dr. O'Connor moved to find no violation of chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Kidd seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.

[Break 9:45 – 10:00]

21. Assistant Attorney General Report:

At 10:00 a.m., Dr. O'Connor made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending legal matters. Dr. Miesse seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.

Dr. Verbsky announces that the meeting is back in public session at 10:28.

22. Investigative Reports:

- A. 18-19-127, Bharat Khemsara - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violation of 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.
- B. 19-20-190, Multiple Complainants – The Board moved to table the case.
- C. 20-20-008, Complainant Kroger Pharmacist - Dr. O'Connor moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing for violation of 4741 ORC. Dr. Kidd seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Miesse – aye, Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Kidd – aye, Ms. Jones - aye, Dr. O'Connor – aye.

23. Continuing Education Approval Requests: None

24. Euthanasia Course: None

25. Old Business: None

26. New Business:

- A. Student Loan Application – Ms. Stir informed the Board of the amount of funds in the 5BU0 Fund (Veterinary Student Loan Fund). The Board reviewed the application received and approved the granting of \$20,000 for a 2-year service commitment to Dr. Casey Skowron, DVM.

27. Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 10:35

28. Next Board Meeting:

Dr. Verbsky acknowledged that the next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020, 8:30 a.m. in room 1938, located at 77 South High Street, 19th Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Matthew Verbsky, President

Date

Attested to by:

Theresa Stir, Esq.
Executive Director