

## BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

### Telephonic Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2010

Time: 12:00 p.m., C.S.T.

Location: Poplar Room  
227 French Landing, Suite 150  
Heritage Place MetroCenter  
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: James C. Lyons, D.V.M., President  
Bryan W. Bondurant, D.V.M., Vice-President  
Janet Jones, L.V.M.T  
Valisa Thompson, Consumer Member  
Forrest W. Reynolds, D.V.M.  
Tiffani D. Rogers, D.V.M.

Members Absent: Joseph Kendrick, D.V.M.  
Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., Ex-officio Member

Staff Present: Lisa Lampley, Board Director  
Sara A. Whitehead, Board Attorney

Upon roll call and determination of a quorum, the telephonic meeting was called to order by Dr. Lyons at 12:07 p.m. CST.

Ms. Lampley, Board Director, stated the meeting was necessary in order for the Board to review and discuss 2010 proposed legislation. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

Roll call votes were conducted to ensure that each participant was connected and that each participant could hear all responses. A motion was made by Dr. Lyons, seconded by Dr. Reynolds, to find that the requirements for an electronic meeting had been met. The motion carried.

Ms. Sara Whitehead, Board Attorney, reviewed the following legislation:

**SB2454/HB2608** – This bill extends the Board's termination date to June 30, 2013.

Upon discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Bondurant, seconded by Dr. Reynolds, to support the bill as written. The motion carried.

**SB2561/HB2581** – This bill revises reporting requirements concerning persons obtaining or attempting to obtain controlled substances.

Upon discussion, Dr. Bondurant made a motion to support the bill and amendment as written stating that the bill further clarifies present law and strengthens provisions under which healthcare professionals practice. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**SB2796/HB3749** – This bill provides immunity from civil liability to individuals, veterinarians, employees of veterinarians, and animal control agencies and the employees of animal control agencies that provide, render, or obtain medical treatment for non-livestock animals that are stray or otherwise loose from the control of their owner.

Upon discussion, Dr. Bondurant made a motion to oppose the bill as written based on the need for further clarification of definitions contained in the bill and the vagueness of the bill as to how it applies to veterinarians and their employees. Dr. Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Following this discussion, Dr. Kendrick joined the teleconference.

**SB3060/HB3491** – This bill expands the scope of practice for veterinarians and establishes specific requirements for consulting veterinarians and for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Dr. Lyons recognized and received comments from Dr. Walter Clark, DVM. Dr. Clark stated that SB3060 was introduced by the Tennessee Veterinary Medical Association (TVMA) and that the language contained in the bill was taken from the model practice act of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

Upon discussion, Ms. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to support the bill as written as the Board felt that it modernized the practice act and resolved existing ambiguities in current law. The motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

**These minutes were ratified at the meeting held on April 21, 2010.**