

**MINUTES**  
**NDBVME Special Meeting**  
**Via Zoom**  
**February 18, 2025**

Board members in attendance:

Dr. Lindy West

Dr. Russell Behm

Dr. Laurie Huckle

Ms. Janell Morman

Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary

Mr. Matt Menge, ND Attorney General's Office

The meeting was called to order at 2pm by Dr. West. All those listed in attendance were present.

Motion by Dr. Behm to approve the agenda as provided with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Huckle to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2025 meeting with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Morman with second by Dr. Behm to approve the continuing education submitted by veterinary technicians Ms. Traci Sprague and Ms. Miranda Ellingson with a reminder letter to follow the continuing education guidelines in the future. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The board reviewed a request for a continuing education waiver by veterinary technician Ms. Kelli Foss due to impaired health. Motion by Ms. Day with second by Dr. Behm to approve a 6-month continuing education waiver rather than waiving the requirement completely. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Dr. Huckle abstaining due to a professional relationship with Ms. Foss as her employer.

A complaint by Ms. Kelly Allen against Dr. Brookelle Bartsch regarding care of her dog, Maple was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the complaint with second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint by Ms. Kelly Allen against Dr. Lori Dethloff regarding care of her dog, Maple was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Huckle to dismiss the complaint with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint by Ms. Alyssum Gilbert against Dr. Kathy Pfingsten regarding care of her cat, Jupiter was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the complaint with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint by Ms. Alyssum Gilbert against Dr. Kathy Pfingsten regarding care of her cat, Annie was reviewed. The board had questions about the labeling of the prescription medication and the take home instructions. Motion by Dr. Behm to table the complaint pending additional information from Dr. Pfingsten with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint by Ms. Alyssum Gilbert against Dr. Kathy Pfingsten regarding care of her cat, Nimrod was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm to dismiss the complaint. Motion died for lack of a second. The board discussed concerns about medication labeling even if the medication is not a prescription. Motion by Dr. Huckle to dismiss the complaint with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

An application for licensure to practice veterinary medicine by Dr. Carter Braaflat was discussed. Dr. Braaflat was previously licensed in North Dakota, but his license expired in 2022, and he did not renew within the allowed two year time frame. Motion by Dr. Huckle to approve a temporary permit pending licensure with second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote with Dr. Behm abstaining due to a professional relationship with Dr. Braaflat. Dr. Lyons will request that Dr. Braaflat submit any continuing education that he has done during the past four years as well.

Dr. Lyons provided an update to the proposed revisions to North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29 (Senate Bill 2129). The bill has passed the committee with amendments as provided by the NDBVME, NDVMA and committee.

Discussion was held on SB2395 related to uniform occupational licensure. Mr. Menge does not feel that this bill will affect the board and submission of testimony by the board is not necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57pm.

Minutes submitted by Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary