

MINUTES

NDBVME Regular Meeting

March 10, 2023 via Zoom

Board members in attendance:

Dr. Tammy Weiland-Ness

Dr. Carolyn Woodruff

Dr. Russell Behm

Ms. Janell Morman

Ms. Naomi Day

Others in attendance:

Ms. Allyson Hicks, Attorney General's Office

Dr. Sara Lyons, NDBVME Executive Secretary

Dr. Troy Dutton, NDVMA representative

Ms. Miranda Langerud, NDVTA representative

Meeting called to order at 9:01am by Dr. Weiland-Ness. All persons listed except Ms. Day and Ms. Hicks were in attendance (Ms. Day joined at 9:30am and Ms. Hicks joined from 10am-11am and from 11:15am-11:20am).

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the agenda as provided with second by Dr. Woodruff. Motion passed unanimously (Ms. Day absent and not voting).

Motion by Dr. Woodruff to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting as read with second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously (Ms. Day absent and not voting).

The board began discussing proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29. Dr. Weiland-Ness opened the discussion and welcomed comments from the NDVMA, NDVTA and AVMA representatives in attendance.

A complaint against Dr. Matt Heeb by Dr. Carolyn Woodruff was reviewed. Motion by Dr. Behm that Dr. Woodruff be recused from discussion and voting on the Heeb case with second by Ms. Morman. Roll call vote passed unanimously (Dr. Woodruff not voting). Motion by Dr. Behm to allow Ms. Morman to participate in the discussion and voting on the Heeb case with second by Ms. Day. Roll call vote passed unanimously (Dr. Woodruff and Ms. Morman not voting). Motion by Dr. Behm that the board pursue establishment of a peer review committee for the Heeb case, consulting with the NDVMA for possible

candidates as well as having board members submit possible candidates. Second by Ms. Day. Roll call vote passed (Dr. Behm, Dr. Weiand-Ness and Ms. Day voting in favor and Ms. Morman voting against). Dr. Weiand-Ness requested that candidates are submitted by May 15th and that those names submitted should be asked if they are willing to serve on the committee.

Dr. Weiand-Ness adjourned the public meeting and the board convened in executive session at 10:20am to discuss the complaint against Dr. Shelley Lenz by Ms. Katharine Novotny with Ms. Courtney Titus, litigation attorney assigned to the case. Executive session adjourned at 10:55am and the public meeting resumed.

Motion by Ms. Morman to dismiss the case against Dr. Lenz and provide a letter of concern with second by Dr. Behm. Roll call vote passed unanimously.

The board resumed discussion on proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00pm.

Meeting reconvened at 12:45pm.

The board continued discussion on proposed revisions to the North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-29.

Motion by Dr. Behm to adjourn the meeting at 4:08pm with second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Sara Lyons, DVM

NDBVME Executive Secretary