

NDBVME Meeting Minutes

ND Heritage Center

June 10, 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, Attorney General's Office
- Maggie Seamands, ND Professional Health Program

The meeting was called to order at 9:02am by Dr. West. All those listed in attendance were present.

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve the agenda as presented with a second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Huckle to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2025, February 18, 2025, and March 18, 2025 meetings as presented with a second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Day to approve a license to practice veterinary medicine to the following applicants pending receipt of all required documentation with a second by Dr. Huckle.

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| • Borys Agarkov | • Kristen Larson |
| • Hannah Bakke | • Karissa Limesand |
| • Hayley Bentz | • Caitlin Mendiola |
| • Kylee Dockter | • Breanna Nelson |
| • Mark FitzSimmons | • Joel Teachout |
| • Alice Harty | • Akshay Verdema |
| • Eden Johannes | • Ally Wolf |

Motion by Ms. Morman to approve a license to practice veterinary technology to the following individuals with a second by Dr Behm.

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| • Kyla Gass | • Hilary Baskin |
| • Hannah Hartmann | • Jordan Schrupp |
| • Jordan Hill | • Maggie Kvaale |
| • Alivia McCarthy | • Brenna Boucher |
| • Megan Swanson-Jones | • Amelia Miller |
| • Alexis Anderson | • Zachary Nicholson |
| • Maria Jenkins | • Shelby Richards |
| • Sara Peltier-Pederson | • Rachel Nicholai |

Motion by Ms. Morman to accept the continuing education reported by Carey Ziegler, LVT with a second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Lyons will send a letter informing Ms. Ziegler of the continuing education requirements moving forward.

Motion by Ms. Morman to accept the submission of all required documents from Dr. Matt Heeb as completion of the settlement agreement with a second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Additional discussion was held regarding the complaint against Dr. Kathy Pfingsten by Alyssum Gilbert regarding her cat Annie and specifically, the labeling of medications sent home post-operatively. Motion by Dr. Huckle to send a letter of concern to Dr. Pfingsten regarding prescription labeling and request that she submit 30 days of surgical records and pos-operative medication labels for the board to review with a second by Ms. Morman. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

A complaint from Ms. Charleen Clapper against Dr. Bruce Pedersen and Dr. Samantha Zuck-Roscoe was discussed. The consensus of the board was that there should have been communication with Dr. Zuck-Roscoe and the client about the bloodwork results therefore allowing the client to decide if she would like to move forward with the procedure or pursue other diagnostics. Motion by Ms. Morman to dismiss the complaint against Dr. Pedersen with a second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Ms. Morman that Dr. Zuck-Roscoe is believed to be in violation of 43-29-14.1.i and 87-05-02-01.1 by not meeting the minimum standards for client communication and radiographic interpretation with a second by Dr. Huckle. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote. Motion by Dr. Huckle to offer Dr. Zuck-Roscoe a conditional dismissal upon completion of 10 hours of continuing education (6 hours on liver disease, 2 hours on client communication and 2 hours on radiographic interpretation), which can be completed through in-person or technology-based methods within 6 months at the expense of Dr. Zuck-Roscoe and will not count toward her regular continuing education credits with a second by Ms. Day. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Maggie Seamands provided an overview of the ND professional health program and how the program could be utilized by the board. The board was of the consensus that a program such as this is necessary and would like to move forward to determine the necessary administrative rules and fees for contracting with NDPHP.

A recap of the legislative session was provided by Dr. Lyons and Mr. Menge. Overall, the intent of the bill was achieved but areas of concern were raised by the legislators that will need to be addressed next session including equine dentistry, animal chiropractic and acupuncture.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 11:47am by Dr. West.

The meeting reconvened at 12:50pm.

The board spent the remainder of the meeting on proposed changes to Administrative Code including the addition of rules for participation in the NDPHP and for the use of veterinary telemedicine.

The following dates were set for upcoming meetings:

- August 12, 2025
- February 17, 2026
- June 9, 2026

The AAVSB annual meeting will be held in Cincinnati, OH September 28-30, 2025. AAVSB will pay for one voting delegate to attend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15pm by Ms. Day with a second by Dr. Behm. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes submitted by Sara Lyons, DVM