

**INDIANA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington St., Room W064
Indianapolis IN 46204**

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2023

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC § 25-38.1-2-5 (c), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair
Natalie Goodwin, Consumer Member
Steven Sunbury, D.V.M., Member
Ashli Selke, R.V.T., Member
Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, BOAH,
Technical Advisor

Member(s) Absent: John Schnarr, D.V.M.
Paul Clemente, D.V.M, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Erin Sutton, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Clarence Leatherbury, J.D., Deputy Attorney
General, Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Goodwin/Sunbury, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

There Board voted to approve the February 8, 2023, minutes with corrections.

Goodwin/Sunbury, 5/0/0

Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

The following personal appearance(s) was continued:

- **Theresa Cattani, R.V.T., Probationary appearance**

Rachael Brunner, R.V.T., License No. 25002437A, Cause No. 2016 VB 0010

Ms. Brunner appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Ms. Brunner informed the Board that she is doing well. She is with the same employer Eastside Animal Hospital in Evansville; she has worked there for ten (10) years.

Her sobriety date is October 2020.

The Board thanked her for her appearance and information.

Christina Beers, R.V.T., License No. 25001455A, Cause No. 2019 VB 0006

Ms. Beers appeared in person without counsel regarding her probationary appearance scheduled before the Board.

Ms. Beers indicated she is still a stay-at-home Mom and works the farm with her husband. They had 3,500 acres they work. She also coaches T-Ball with her 5year old.

She indicated she is doing very well.

The Board thanked her for her appearance and information.

Kasey Sangster, VTNE Retake Application:

Ms. Sangster appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her request to retake the VTNE.

She informed the Board that she is working in Elkhart as an assistant in both the exam rooms and surgery.

She has a luncheon and review session scheduled today and she has attended trivia night to assist her in studying for the exam.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Sangster to retake the VTNE and wished her all the best in taking it.

Goodwin/Sunbury, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Allison Newell, R.V.T. Application with a Positive Response:

Ms. Newell appeared before the Board and was not represented by counsel regarding a positive response on her R.V.T. application.

Ms. Newell explained that she went to college in California and got involved in a bad crowd. She was arrested from stealing from a store and had alcohol issues.

She indicated that after getting into trouble, she moved back with her parents and cleaned up her act. She has been sober for seven (7) years now. She went to rehab for about a year. She indicated she goes to AA/NA meetings one (1) to two (2) times a week.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Newell's application.

Sunbury/Selke, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The following hearing was continued:

- **Kevin Russell Watkins, D.V.M., License No. 24005820A, Cause No. 2023 VB 0007**

Mary Marcotte, D.V.M., License No. 24006200A, Cause No. 2019 VB 0016

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Britney McMann, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this

matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Jody Edens, Board Director was sworn in as a witness.

Dr. Marcotte informed the Board that she is still with Animal Care Alliance and is doing well. She also indicated that they still have not discovered the cause of her illness and she will be going to Mayo Clinic for testing in a few weeks.

She was placed on indefinite probation due to an opioid addiction. She indicated her sobriety date is September 18, 2018.

Ms. Edens testified that all of Dr. Marcotte's hair follicle and Urine drug tests were all negative. She also indicated that there were letters from IVMA program indicating Dr. Marcotte is compliant with their program and appears every three (3) months. Overall, she is compliant with the terms of her probation order.

Respondents Exhibit 1 – Lab results.

The State does not object to Dr. Marcotte coming off probation.

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation from Dr. Marcotte's license.

Goodwin/Selke, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Rebecca McGovern, D.V.M., License No. 24008200A, Cause No. 2020 VB 0014

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Modify Terms of Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Brittany McMann, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Dr. McGovern is requesting to delete paragraph 9 of her order which indicates as follows: "Respondent shall not have access to controlled substances at her place of employment. After one (1) year from the date of final order, Respondent may request the Board to modify denial of access."

On May 6, 2022 an order granting motion to modify settlement agreement was issued allowing the Respondent access to Pentobarbital, a controlled substance, to euthanize animals at her place of employment.

She indicated that she wants mor controlled substance classes so she can see more patients. She needs them for surgery and critical cases that come in.

Her sobriety date is July 21, 2020, and since November 2021 she has been enrolled in the well-being program. She sees her addictionologist monthly. She attends AA/NA meetings three (3) times per week and sees Ann Kelly every three months and Dr. Farr monthly.

Her controlled substance registration (CSR) is currently expired, and she has previously surrendered her DEA registration. Ms. Edens informed the Board that only the Pharmacy Board has jurisdiction over the controlled substances registration. If the Board allows her to have access to all controlled substances, she will then have to go before the Pharmacy Board to get her CSR back.

The State objects to further access to controlled substances as they would like to see a letter of support from the well-being program and her employer.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to DENY the Respondent's request for modification.

Selke/Sunbury, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke

The following board members objected: none

The following board members abstained: none

Brittany Covert, R.V.T., License No. 25002296A, Cause No. 2022 VB 0007

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was not represented in this matter and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Ms. Covert's license was placed renewed on agreed probation at the time of renewal due to a positive response. She could request withdrawal of probation upon the completion of her court probation.

Ms. Covert submitted as part of her probation documents a copy of the court document showing that she completed her court probation on November 21, 2022.

She informed the Board that she has been going to therapy for the past year and feels she is doing well.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation from Ms. Covert's license.

Goodwin/Selke, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

Mary Susan Stuart, D.V.M., License No. 24005618A, Cause No. 2016 VB 0002

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Brittany McMann, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Jody Edens, Board Director was sworn in as a witness.

Dr. Stuart indicated to the Board that she has met all the terms of her probation order and is requesting to have her license placed back on active status.

Ms. Edens testified that according to Dr. Stuart's fine is has been compliant with her order of probation. She also indicated that the fine and costs have been paid.

State indicated they have no objection to Dr. Stuart's request to have the probation withdrawn.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation from Dr. Stuart's license.

Sunbury/Selke, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA:

Submitted continuing education application for Innovative Veterinary Solutions Data and Technology Seminar – 3 hours.

After reviewing the documentation, the moved to APPROVE the continuing education at requested hours.

Sunbury/Selke, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Jerry Rodenbarger, Natalie Goodwin, Steven Sunbury, Ashli Selke
The following board members objected: none
The following board members abstained: none

REPORTS

Attorney General's Report: The Board reviewed the report submitted by the AG's office.

Bret Marsh, D.V.M., State Veterinarian's Report: Dr. Marsh worked with the Board members to determine the next meeting date of July 26th as BOAH will be taking over the operations for the Board on July 1, 2023.

He also informed the Board that Denise has been working on the website for the Board listing the Board's new address, email and phone number.

He explained that they have offered the Director's position to an applicant, but at this time they can't reveal who it is.

Cindy Vaught, previous Board Director came into the meeting to wish the Board farewell.

The Board thanked Cindy, Dana, Jody, and Erin for all their support and work they have done over the years for the Board. They will be missed, but the Board is looking forward to the move to BOAH and what lies ahead.

There being no further business, the Board ADJOURNED at 12:25 p. m.

Laura A. Turner for

Jerry Rodenbarger, D.V.M., Chair