

**Veterinary Medical Board**

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
Veterinary Medical Board  
Sacramento, California

*Via Teleconference:*

*Escondido, California; Fresno, California; Laguna Beach, California; La Canada Flintridge, California; Los Angeles, California, Paso Robles, California; and Torrance, California*

**Monday, March 17, 2014**

**Call to Order**

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Del Mugnaio called roll; all members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Tom Kendall, DVM, President  
Kim Williams, RVT, Vice-President  
Mark Nunez, DVM  
Richard Sullivan, DVM  
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM  
Patti Aguiar, Public Member  
Elsa Florez, Public Member  
Judie Mancuso, Public Member

Staff Present

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board  
Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer  
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel  
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Coordinator  
Karen Robison, Administrative Analyst

**I. Review Amendments to RVT AVMA School Approval Regulations**

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated the purpose of this meeting is to clarify the intent of the Board regarding the proposed regulatory change to California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 2064-2066.1.

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained that the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) disapproved the rulemaking file citing clarity issues with the proposed language specifically as referred to institutions exempt from approval by the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE).

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained the proposed language acknowledges the program accreditation of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and also sets forth the curriculum requirements for Board approved Registered Veterinary Technician programs. The proposed

amendments require that non-AVMA accredited schools must meet specified curriculum standards and must have appropriate state approval to operate a degree granting school.

She stated that OAL identified clarity problems with CCR Section 2065(i) and (k) where statutory exemptions are referenced in the proposed changes. OAL noted that the exemptions are not clearly identified in the statutory references and thus the regulation text must make clear what programs and/or sites are exempt from the stated rule.

Rebecca Bon explained the CA Education Code (CEC) statutes related to public versus private institutions and the role of the BPPE.

Dr. Mark Nunez stated he wanted to make sure all programs were legitimate and comply with the Education Code. Dr. Richard Sullivan wanted to ensure the Board has the ability to deny schools if needed. Ms. Del Mugnaio noted this language was intended to capture non-AVMA accredited schools.

Discussion as to who gives the authority to schools to grant degrees ensued and it was noted that Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) grants authority to public schools and the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) grants authority to private schools.

- **Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse seconded the motion to give the Executive Officer and legal counsel the authority to work on amending the proposed language and to make any technical and non-substantive changes that might be required in completing the rulemaking file. The motioned carried 7-0**
- **Ms. Kim Williams moved and Ms. Judie Mancuso seconded the motion to adopt the proposed amendments to the approved registered veterinary technician school regulations and grant authority to the Executive Officer to notice the proposed changes for a 15-day public comment period and to adopt the proposed regulatory changes as modified if there are no adverse comments received during the public comment period. The motion carried 7-0**

## **CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION**

### **II. Closed Session - Deliberations on Disciplinary Cases (Government Code section 11126(c)(3))**

There were no closed session deliberations.

### **III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

*There were no comments from public/outside agencies/associations.*

### **IV. Adjourn**

- **Ms. Judie Mancuso motioned and Dr. Mark Nunez seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motioned carried 7-0**