

MINUTES
UTAH VETERINARY PHYSICIANS LICENSING BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 9:00 A.M.
ROOM 475, 4TH FLOOR
160 E 300 S SALT LAKE CITY

Hybrid Meeting- In Person and Electronic

CONVENED: 9:04 AM

ADJOURNED: 10:45 AM

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Lisa Martin
Bureau Manager: Jim Garfield
Board Secretary: Tina Marshall

Compliance Specialist: Sharon Bennett
Research & Policy Consultant: Lauren Beheshti
Legal Analyst: Matt Johnson

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair: Tonya Hardy, DVM
Amy Knollinger, DVM
Jason Gibson, DVM

Justin Berkowitz, Public Member
Neil Moss, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Compliance Specialist: Bernice Palama

GUESTS ATTENDED ELECTRONICALLY:

Robert Simpson, MD, UPHP
Matt Larson, DOPL Investigator

Celle Sticka, LCSW, UPHP
Mark Anderson, DOPL Investigator

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Dr. Hardy called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

REVIEW AND APPROVE May 16, 2024 MINUTES *(Audio 02:47)*

Mr. Berkowitz motioned to approve the minutes, with corrections as discussed.

Dr. Moss seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS *(Audio 05:37)*

Ms. Martin explained that she will no longer be Bureau Manager. Jim Garfield will be the Bureau Manager and Tina Marshall will be the Board Secretary.

APPOINTMENT ITEMS:

COMPLIANCE REPORT—SHARON BENNETT *(Audio 039:06)*

Compliance Specialist Sharon Bennett presented the compliance report.

Dr. Joe Roundy completed two continuing education credits for Texas rule and federal laws pertaining to controlled substance. Two hours continuing education in opioid education has not yet been received.

Dr. Gary Durrant has had no missed check ins and no concerns have been received on the supervisor reports.

Dr. Michael Blotter will be required to complete ten continuing education credits, five of the continuing education credits will be related to charting and record keeping. This is in addition to the required continuing education per cycle. Dr. Blotter is required to be under indirect supervision. No supervisor has been obtained. Supervision reports are due at the 1st of each month.

GARY DURRANT, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 42:45)*

Dr. Hardy asked how many hours a week were being worked and if good support was being provided.

Dr. Durrant stated that he worked forty or more hours a week and had good support at work.

Dr. Hardy asked how the continuing education was going.

Dr. Durrant explained he had completed his continuing education along with the additional controlled substance continuing education that was required.

Dr. Hardy asked what Dr. Durrant has learned from being on probation and going through the process.

Dr. Durrant stated that it was easier than he thought it would be. Dr. Durrant explained he is grateful to be able to practice so the restrictions are easier to follow.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to find Dr. Durrant in compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Mr. Berkowitz seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

JOE ROUNDY, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 050:07)*

Dr. Roundy did not appear for his scheduled appointment.

The Board discussed the continuing education that was submitted and Dr. Roundy's compliance for not attending the scheduled meeting.

Dr. Gibson made a motion to accept the completed 2 continuing education credits for Texas rules & federal laws pertaining to controlled substance.

Dr. Moss seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Moss made a motion to find Dr. Roundy in non-compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Mr. Berkowitz seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed.

A role-call vote was taken:

Dr. Hardy voted for

Dr. Gibson voted against

Dr. Knolliger voted against

MICHAEL BLOTTER, INITIAL PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW *(Audio 58:18)*

Dr. Hardy asked if Dr. Blotter had found a supervisor.

Dr. Blotter stated he had not and had questions about supervision.

Dr. Gibson asked for clarification on indirect supervision.

Ms. Bennett explained that indirect supervision meant the supervisor was on the premises at all times.

Ms. Martin clarified that direct supervision meant that the supervisor was on premises and in the same room at the time services are being provided and indirect supervision meant they were on the same premises at the time services are being provided.

Ms. Martin asked if Dr. Blotter had any other questions about his stipulation.

Dr. Blotter stated he did not.

Dr. Gibson asked if Dr. Blotter had been a solo practitioner for most of his career.

Dr. Blotter stated he has been a solo practitioner for twenty-four years.

Dr. Gibson asked if Dr. Blotter worked full time.

Dr. Blotter stated yes.

The Board discussed with Dr. Blotter the importance of the supervisor rule, including the review of patient records by the supervisor. The Board went on to explain the ramifications that could occur if Dr. Blotter continued to practice without a supervisor and requested that all appointments be cancelled until a supervisor has been approved.

Dr. Gibson asked Dr. Blotter what instances brought about the stipulation and order.

Dr. Blotter explained the different cases that had been brought to the Division's attention, the investigation into those cases and the different findings that occurred during the investigation.

Dr. Moss made a motion to find Dr. Blotter in non-compliance with his Stipulation and Order.

Dr. Gibson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

UPHP – Dr. Robert Simpson (Audio 8:32)

Dr. Simpson provided the purpose of Utah Professional Health Program (UPHP), informing the Board that this program is an alternative pathway for individual's if they meet the qualifications of the program. Participation in the program is confidential. Dr. Simpson explained the different ways program participants are found.

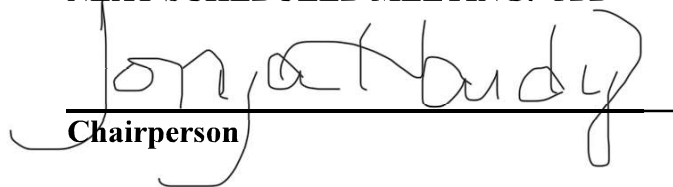
FOREIGN CREDENTIALING UPDATE, LAUREN BEHESTI (Audio 01:28:00)

Ms. Behesti explained that the Board met with Dr. Kalantari in the May 16, 2024 meeting, regarding the limited supervised training permit. Ms. Behesti stated that there are no further updates as the limited supervised training permit is still being developed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:45 A.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: TBD


Chairperson

01/16/2025
Date


Bureau Manager

01/17/2025
Date