

**ELECTRONIC MEETING MINUTES  
UTAH VETERINARY PHYSICIAN LICENSING BOARD**

**JANUARY 20, 2022  
HEBER M. WELLS BLDG.  
ZOOM – 9:00 A.M.  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114**

**CONVENED: 9:12 AM    ADJOURNED: 11:04 AM**

**Bureau Manager:**    Jana Johansen  
**Board Secretary:**    Bobbie Loy

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Drew Allen  
Dr. Tonya Hardy  
Dr. Pamela Nichols, *Chairperson*  
Dr. Michael Walburger

**DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Jana Johansen, Bureau Manager  
Bobbie Loy, Board Secretary  
Tracy Naff, Compliance Manager  
Bernice Palama, Compliance  
Victoria Brooks, Investigations  
Tracy Taylor, Quality Assurance

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:**

Anna Hochstedler, DVM  
Dru Mellon  
Dean Taylor, DVM  
Amanda Price, DVM  
Camille Farley

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: (0:04:30)**

**RULE HEARING – DEBORAH BLACKBURN**

Ms. Blackburn held a Veterinary Rule Hearing electronically via Google Meets prior to this Board meeting being called to order. Audio of the rule hearing can be found on the public notice website. Audio or minutes of the rule hearing are not part of this Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. Allen made a motion to approve the May 13, 2021, meeting minutes as written. The motion, seconded by Dr. Nichols, passed unanimously.

**YEARLY CHAIRPERSON ELECTION**

Dr. Nichols nominated Dr. Tonya Hardy as chairperson. The nomination, seconded by Dr. Walburger, passed unanimously.

**INVESTIGATION REPORT/UPDATE**

Ms. Johansen reports there is no investigation report or update at this time.

**COMPLIANCE REPORT – TRACY NAFF**

Ms. Naff introduced the new compliance specialist, Bernice Palama, to the Board. Ms. Palama reports that Dr. Anna Hochstedler is here today for a probation review. Ms. Palama reviewed Dr. Hochstedler's compliance with the Board.

#### UPHP UPDATE – KELLI JACOBSEN

Ms. Johansen reports that Ms. Jacobsen and Dr. Simpson are both unavailable today so we will have them attend the May 19, 2022 meeting for an update.

#### **APPOINTMENTS: (0:13:25)**

##### ANNA HOCHSTEDLER – PROBATION REVIEW

Dr. Hochstedler attended her appointment with the board. Dr. Hochstedler asked the Board if her random testing could end in February 2022 since she has been compliant with her probation. Dr. Hochstedler answered questions from the Board regarding her probation and work since being issued a probationary license. Dr. Allen made a motion to amend Dr. Hochstedler's MOU to decrease the frequency of her testing to approximately 6 times per year. The motion, seconded by Dr. Hardy, passed unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION: (0:24:20)**

##### ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS – DR. AMANDA PRICE & DR. DEAN TAYLOR

Dr. Price discussed FDA changes to antibiotic prescriptions with the Board and how it may impact animal owners and veterinarians in Utah. Dr. Price informed the Board that changes to allow retail sales of antibiotic prescriptions at farm stores would need a law change. Dr. Price took questions and comments from the Board regarding the FDA change to antibiotic prescriptions that will be effective June 11, 2023.

##### CRIMINAL HISTORY GUIDELINES OVERVIEW – TRACY TAYLOR

Ms. Taylor presented the criminal history guidelines overview to the Board and explained why the guidelines need to be adjusted. Ms. Taylor answered questions from the Board regarding the drafted changes to the criminal history guidelines. The Board discussed changes they would like to the drafted guidelines. Dr. Allen made a motion to have animal cruelty to review all across and driving with measurable amounts be changed to review up to 1 year. The motion, seconded by Dr. Nichols, passed unanimously.

##### ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES – JANA JOHANSEN

Ms. Johansen informed the Board that legislation changes for e-prescribing controlled substances does not apply to veterinarians.

##### CONTINUING EDUCATION – VOLUNTEER HOURS

Ms. Johansen asked the Board if they would allow volunteer hours counting toward continuing education. The Board will not permit volunteer hours to count as continuing education.

##### CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INVESTIGATIONS – VICTORIA BROOKS

Ms. Brooks reviewed veterinarian controlled substance complaints and veterinarian controlled substance database registration with the Board. Ms. Brooks received guidance from the Board relating to controlled substance record keeping and education regarding controlled substances.

**ADJOURN: (1:52:40)**

The meeting officially adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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.

05/19/2022

Date Approved

*Tonya Hardy*

Tonya Hardy (May 19, 2022 10:27 MDT)

Chairperson, Veterinary Physician Licensing Board

05/19/2022

Date Approved

*J. Hansen*

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing