

**FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
of the  
**Montana Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
**301 South Park Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room, Helena, MT**  
**8:31 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.**  
**February 14, 2019**

- 1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present (00:00:11)**  
Dr. McCann, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**Board Members Present by Phone:**

Dr. Paul McCann, Board President  
Dr. Jean Lindley  
Dr. Rebecca Mattix  
Dr. Tia Nelson  
Dr. Barbara Calm  
Ms. Kim Baker

**Board Staff Present:**

Ms. Lucy Richards, Executive Officer  
Ms. Michele Peterson-Cook, Board Counsel  
Ms. Jennifer Stallkamp, Department Counsel  
Ms. Jodi Koehnke, Administrative Specialist

**Guests Present by Phone:**

Ms. Marcia Cantrell  
Dr. Steve Watters

- 2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:01:56)**

**Motion (00:02:46):** Dr. Lindley moved to modify the agenda as discussed. Dr. Nelson seconded. Discussion ensued. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Review Minutes (00:03:38)**

- 4. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:04:25)**

The president read the statement of public participation. No members of the public in attendance wished to comment.

- 5. Board Action**

- a. Proposed Settlement Agreement – *Montana Board of Veterinary Medicine v. Michelle Sudan, DV-17-453(B)* – Eleventh Judicial District Court (01:10:38) (Held in Executive Session)**

**Executive Session Summary (01:13:24):** Michelle Peterson-Cook reported that the Board considered the possible settlement agreement on Michelle Sudan, DV-17-453(B) in the Eleventh Judicial District Court. The Board voted to accept the settlement agreement.

- b. Legislation – 2019 Session**

- i. LC 293 – Create Veterinary Retail Facilities (00:54:17)**

**Motion (01:02:03):** Dr. Mattix moved to for the Board to track LC 293. Dr. Lindley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- ii. LC 2453 – Generally Revise the Board of Veterinary Medicine (01:02:31)**

- iii. LC 1359 – Clarify Cost of Care for Animals Seized (01:03:50)**

**Motion (01:04:41):** Dr. Mattix moved to for the Board to track LC 1359. Ms. Baker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**iv. LC 2026 – Generally Revise Pet Breeder Laws (01:05:05)**

**v. LC 2230 Generally Revise Animal Protection Laws (01:05:47)**

**vi. LC 2234 – Generally Revise Commercial Pet Breeding Laws (01:06:10)**

**vii. LC 1175 – Remove Restrictions on Possession of Certain Animals as Pets (01:06:30)**

**Motion (01:09:13):** Dr. Lindley moved for the Board to continue to track LC 1175. Dr. Nelson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**viii. Other Legislation of Interest (01:09:49)**

**ix. HB 179 – Establish License and Qualifications for Veterinary Technicians (00:05:03)**

**Motion (00:28:12):** Dr. Calm moved for the Board to request permission from the Governor's office to support HB179 if the bill is amended to require that all veterinary technician applicants be required to pass an examination determined by the board. Dr. Mattix seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion (00:44:26):** Dr. Calm moved for the Board to request permission from the Governor's office to support HB179 if the bill is amended to reflect that the apprenticeship option is only valid as long as persons who have not completed an accredited degree program are allowed to register and take the national exam for veterinary technicians. Ms. Baker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Adjourn (01:16:23)**

**Motion (01:16:23):** Dr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mattix seconded. The motion carried unanimously.