



**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine  
7301 Jefferson Street, N.E., Suite H  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109**

**MINUTES**

**August 15, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order by Dr. Rebecca J. Washburn, Chair, at approximately 2:03 p.m. Roll call and introductions were made.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Rebecca J. Washburn, Chair  
Dr. Manuel A. Garcia  
Dr. Edward J. Fallen  
Dr. Lawrence D. Young  
Dr. Samantha R. Uhrig  
Marybeth Brown-Pirrone, Public Member

**BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:**

Frances Sowers, Executive Director

**BOARD CIVIL COUNSEL:**

Lesley Lowe (Telephonically)

**GUESTS:**

No guests present.

**OPENING STATEMENT:** Dr. Washburn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Dr. Fallen moved and Dr. Garcia to accept the Agenda with flexibility. Dr. Washburn requested a roll call vote. Dr. Uhrig-yes; Dr. Garcia-yes; Ms. Brown-Pirrone-yes; Dr. Fallen-yes; Dr. Young-yes; Dr. Washburn-yes. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Dr. Fallen moved and Dr. Young seconded to enter Executive Session where only matters pursuant to the Open Meeting Act NMSA 1978, Chapter 10-15-1 H. (2) will be discussed. Dr. Washburn requested a roll call vote. Dr.

33 Uhrig-yes; Dr. Garcia-yes; Ms. Brown-Pirrone-yes; Dr. Fallen-yes; Dr. Young-yes; Dr.  
34 Washburn-yes. Motion passed.

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36 Dr. Fallen moved and Dr. Garcia second to exit Executive Session where only matters  
37 pursuant to the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, Chapter 10-15-1 H. (2) were discussed.  
38 Dr. Washburn requested a roll call vote. Dr. Uhrig-yes; Dr. Garcia-yes; Ms. Brown-  
39 Pirrone-yes; Dr. Fallen-yes; Dr. Young-yes; Dr. Washburn-yes. Motion passed.

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41 Dr. Fallen moved and Dr. Garcia seconded to direct the Board's Executive Director to  
42 begin the process of hiring a new FTE, Admin/Operations Manager II with a proposed  
43 compensation of \$55,000 *per annum*. Dr. Washburn requested a roll call vote. Dr. Uhrig-  
44 yes; Dr. Garcia-yes; Ms. Brown-Pirrone-yes; Dr. Fallen-yes; Dr. Young-yes; Dr.  
45 Washburn-yes. Motion passed.

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47 **LOVELACE BIOMEDICAL COMPARATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
48 **SERVICES:** The Board discussed the request of Lovelace Biomedical Comparative  
49 Veterinary Medicine Services to apply for licensure by the Board of Veterinary Medicine  
50 as a veterinary facility.

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52 The LBCVMS ensures that animals are taken care of and provides medical care as needed  
53 post-research prior to the animals being adopted out. It is the Board's opinion that the  
54 services that LBCVMS provides to the animals do not fall under automatic exemption as  
55 set out in the Veterinary Practice Act because it is not conducting research on the animals  
56 nor is it a Federal or State entity. Dr. Garcia moved and Ms. Brown-Pirrone seconded to  
57 approve and accept an application from Lovelace Biomedical Comparative Veterinary  
58 Medicine Services for a veterinary facility license. Dr. Washburn requested a roll call vote.  
59 Dr. Uhrig-yes; Dr. Garcia-yes; Ms. Brown-Pirrone-yes; Dr. Fallen-yes; Dr. Young-yes; Dr.  
60 Washburn-yes. Motion passed.

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62 **REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNCIAN EXEMPTIONS:** The Board  
63 discussed the request from large animal veterinarians at the meeting held on July 20, 2018  
64 to allow registered veterinary technicians to go out on an emergency call to begin specific  
65 procedures on an animal without direct supervision. The indirect supervision would be  
66 based on written or oral instructions from the veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client-  
67 patient relationship. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that it is not possible,  
68 under the current Board rules, to allow registered veterinary technicians to administer  
69 services without direct supervision. The Board directed the Executive Director to send a  
70 letter to Drs. Alison Berkley Chesen and Dr. Stuart McCall informing them of the Board's  
71 determination.

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73 **EUTHANASIA TECHNICIANS:** Ms. Sowers reported that the jurisprudence  
74 examination for euthanasia technicians was previously supplied to applicants along with  
75 the application form. The examination is comprised of 25 questions that address licensing  
76 rules for euthanasia technicians only; no other New Mexico regulations concerning animals  
77 are on the examination.

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79 Ms. Sowers asked the Board if examinations for euthanasia professionals could be  
80 administered once a year. Dr. Washburn stated that it might be better if the examinations  
81 could be administered in the Board office rather than just once a year. The Board will re-  
82 visit the matter at the October 19, 2018 Board meeting.  
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84 The Board requested copies of the veterinarian, registered technician and euthanasia  
85 technician jurisprudence examinations so that a new examination can be created for  
86 euthanasia technicians by the Board and a new procedure establish for examination.  
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88 **COMPOUNDING DRUGS:** Dr. Garcia informed the Board that he had been invited  
89 by the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association to attend the Board of Pharmacy's next  
90 Board meeting as a representative of the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Garcia  
91 further stated that the NMVMA is seeking definitive guidance from the Board of  
92 Pharmacy concerning compounding drugs. The Board determined that it would be good  
93 for Dr. Garcia to attend the meeting for informational purposes and report back to the  
94 Board.  
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96 **NON-VETERINARIAN PRACTICING EQUINE DENTISTRY:** Ms. Sowers  
97 reported that the Board's administrative prosecutor informed her that he cannot go  
98 forward with prosecuting until the Board receives a formal written complaint(s). Dr.  
99 Washburn stated that the two witnesses aware of the unlicensed individual's practice of  
100 equine dentistry and veterinary medicine are fearful of community retribution. Ms.  
101 Sowers explained that the administrative prosecutor told her that subpoenas could be  
102 issued; however, the witnesses are not bound by them. A motion to force testimony would  
103 have to be secured through the district court.  
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105 **ANIMAL SHELTERING COMMITTEE:** Ms. Sowers asked the Board for  
106 direction on how the Committee can begin working on the shelter minimum standards.  
107 Ms. Lowe opined that the Committee's initial meeting should be a noticed meeting with  
108 training in the Open Meetings Act; determination of one member to spearhead the  
109 Committee; and for assignment of segments of the minimum standards to be created. The  
110 Board directed Ms. Sowers to contact Dr. Nicole Vigil, Committee member, and inform her  
111 of the Board's initial direction to begin work on the minimum standards.  
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113 There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Fallen moved and Dr. Garcia  
114 seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:10  
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119 Dr. Rebecca J. Washburn, Chair

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119 Dr. Edward J. Fallen, Secretary

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