



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

**IN PERSON AT RLD
5500 SAN ANTONIO DR. NE, ALBQ, NM 87109**

APPROVED MINUTES

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January 22, 2025

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Young, the Board Chair, at approximately 1:08 p.m. The Board’s Executive Director Deborah Schenk conducted a roll call.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

- Dr. Amanda Favis
- Dr. Lawrence D. Young, Board Chair
- Dr. Ralph Zimmerman
- Dr. Emily Walker
- Ms. Jennifer Rabinowitz

Agency Representative: Deborah Schenk, Executive Director to Board

Approval of Proposed Agenda:

Dr. Favis approved the agenda and Dr. Walker seconded the motion.

Roll Call to Approve:

- Dr. Amanda Favis
- Dr. Lawrence D. Young, Board Chair
- Dr. Ralph Zimmerman

26 Dr. Emily Walker
27 Ms. Jennifer Rabinowitz
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29 **State Veterinarian Update**

30 Update provided by our State Veterinarian, Dr. Samantha Holeck.

- 31 a. NM is finally TB free as of August 2024.
- 32 b. Making progress on trichomoniasis, more quarantines released in 2024 than placed.
- 33 c. Trich Committee met in 2024 and reviewed the rules. Rules change recommendations
34 provided to the Livestock Board. Hopefully if there are no major changes, they'll be able
35 to adopt those changes in the March meeting.
- 36 d. Avian influenza came in big and bold in 2024 nationwide and NM was affected very
37 early on. The first cases showed up in mid-March. Things have settled down.
- 38 e. Equine infectious anemia the fall was very busy. 17 quarantines were placed. Three were
39 false positives but the remainder were positive. More than 20 horses had to be euthanized
40 in NM. NMRC did institute 30-day Coggins requirements in the racetracks. We
41 supported that at the Livestock Board. We are gradually finally getting ahead of that and
42 I'm hoping that we can encourage the NMRC to lift the 30-day requirement.
- 43 f. We cooperated with an investigation from the USDA, a veterinarian who is licensed in
44 NM who had multiple violations of her accreditation. Dr. Holeck to get together with
45 Director Schenk to get together to discuss maybe to make a complaint against said
46 person.

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48 The Chair, Dr. Young, moved that the Board move into closed session to discuss item 9 on the
49 agenda, pursuant to the open meetings act, limited personnel matters.

50 The motion to enter the closed session has been made by the Chair, Dr. Young, and Dr. Favis
51 seconded.

52 The motion passes unanimously. Let the record show that the Board entered closed session at
53 approximately 1:20 pm.

54 Chair, Dr. Young said the Board is back in open session at approximately 2:27 pm. Let the
55 record show that the matters discussed in closed session were limited to only those specified in a
56 motion for closure and no votes, or official or official action were taken during the closed
57 session.

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59 **Disciplinary Actions**

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61 Complaint #24-03 - Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
62 motion and Dr. Walker seconded the motion to make this a reportable violation and to require 4
63 hours of continuing education related to Soft Tissue Abdominal Surgery. The vote was taken,
64 and the motion passed unanimously with Dr.'s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

65 Complaint #24-04 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
66 motion to make this a reportable violation and to require 4 hours of continuing education on
67 Veterinary Ethics and 4 hours of continuing education on Pharmacy Law. Dr. Walker making a
68 second. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously with Dr.’s Young and
69 Zimmerman abstained.

70 Complaint #24-05 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
71 motion to dismiss the complaint Dr. Walker seconded the motion with Dr’s Young and
72 Zimmerman abstained.

73 Complaint #24-06 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
74 motion to make this a reportable violation, with a fine of \$5,000.00 and require 4 hours of
75 continuing education on Aseptic Technique and 4 hours in a combination of Pain Management
76 and IV Fluid Therapy with Dr. Walker making a second. The vote was taken, and the motion
77 passed unanimously with Dr.’s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

78 Complaint #24-07 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
79 motion to dismiss, Dr. Walker seconded the motion with Dr’s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

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81 Complaint #24-08 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
82 motion that this is a non-reportable violation of the practice act with a fine of \$2,000.00. Dr.
83 Walker seconded the motion with Dr’s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

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85 Complaint #24-09 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
86 motion that this is a reportable violation of the practice act with a fine of \$2,000.00. Dr. Walker
87 seconded the motion with Dr’s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

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89 Complaint #24-11 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
90 motion that this is a reportable violation of the practice act with a fine of \$1,000.00 and
91 continuing education that will include 4 hours in Anesthesia, 4 hours in Record Keeping and 4
92 hours in CPR. Dr. Walker seconded the motion with Dr’s Young and Zimmerman abstained.

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94 Complaint #24-12 – Dr. T. Young presented the case. After Board discussion, Dr. Favis made a
95 motion that this is a non-reportable violation of the practice act with a fine of \$500.00 and 4
96 hours in continuing education on Record Keeping. Dr. Walker seconded the motion with Dr’s
97 Young and Zimmerman abstained.

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99 **Approval of October 16, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes**

100 Dr. Walker said that on page 2 under telemedicine rather than doctor client relationship it should
101 read veterinarian client patient relationship. On page 7, third paragraph, Dr. Walker believes that
102 the idea needs to be separated from the idea that a time limit was decided on because Mr. Trujillo

103 was going to be in attendance, that is not why it was decided on a time limit, and it is dangerous
104 to imply that was the case. Chair, Dr. Young asked for approval of October 16, 2024, minutes as
105 amended. Dr. Walker approved and Dr. Favis seconded.

106 A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

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108 **Approval of November 20, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes**

109 Dr. Young asked for approval of November 20, 2024, minutes. Dr. Walker approved and Dr.
110 Favis seconded.

111 A roll call was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

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113 **Executive Director Report – Deborah Schenk**

- 114 a. Complaint 23-17 has been signed by the veterinarian and the Chair, Dr. Young. CE and
115 fee of \$2,500.00 have been received by the Board. This case is now considered complete.
- 116 b. Complaint 24-01 has been signed by the veterinarian and Chair, Dr. Young. CE and a
117 fine of \$5,000.00 have been received by the Board. This case is now considered
118 complete.
- 119 c. Complaint 23-15 has been signed by the veterinarian and Chair, Dr. Young. CE has been
120 received by the Board. This case is now considered complete.
- 121 d. Introduced Martha Rivera, the new Executive Assistant.
- 122 e. We are going to look into how much is left in contractual, and begin the process to hire
123 an inspector. I'm hoping to have the paperwork done so that the person can start on
124 March 1st. The contract is only going to be for 4 months through June 30th. Come July 1st,
125 we will look at the budget and make a decision on the inspectors and investigator.
- 126 f. House Appropriations & Finance Committee meeting is tomorrow at 1:30 in Santa Fe.
127 They are also going to be looking at the supplemental and it doesn't appear that they
128 voted to give us any supplemental monies that was requested.
- 129 g. There is one complaint still pending from December 2023. The reason I'm bringing it up,
130 is because we only have 2 years to complete. Dr. Tracy submitted it and it will be
131 presented at the April Board meeting.
- 132 h. We are hoping to have a demo with InLumon the end of January to the beginning of
133 February on our client database. I told them that's the main thing they need to be working
134 on. I'm hoping by March 1st, it will be working so the March licensees will be able to do
135 everything online.
- 136 i. Stacie Voss left the Farmington Animal Welfare. Stacie was on zoom and stated she is
137 still in the state of NM and does not want to resign from the shelter committee. If the
138 Board chooses, she suggested moving her to one of the two open positions. Stacie stated
139 she would love to remain on the committee.

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143 **Old Business**

- 144 a. Member Rabinowitz presented a draft on the spay/neuter program website for comments
145 and observations from the Board.
- 146 b. Discussion on possible action on opening of grant application for spay/neuter program.
147 The Board agreed to open the grant application for the spay/neuter program. Stacie Voss
148 and Deborah will work on the process.
- 149 c. Discussion on the sheltering committee to review guidelines to make sure that any
150 updates or changes to the application need to be made and approved by the Board, Stacie
151 Voss believes that it can possibly go live in April. The committee needs time to have
152 the application period open and then review the applications. This gives Deborah time to
153 get the W9 kinks worked out. If there are any changes, legal representation and the
154 Board will have to review. Stacie and Deborah will get together to discuss.
- 155 d. Discussion and action to assign new shelter committee members. Dr. Walker made a
156 motion to move Stacie Voss to the position of the representative of an animal advocacy
157 group. Dr. Favis seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed by majority
158 rules with member Rabinowitz having said no. Dr. Walker made a motion to appoint
159 Jackie Roach in the position of manager or director of an animal shelter position and Dr.
160 Favis seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Walker
161 made a motion to approve LaVaughn Hart to the position of public member. Dr. Favis
162 seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Deborah to
163 send out letters to the new members from the Chair and the Board stating they were
164 nominated and approved to serve on the shelter committee and what their term and role
165 is to be.
- 166 e. Discussion and possible action on the time limit for public comments at board meetings.
167 3 minutes is the appropriate time for the public comments for Board meetings. The
168 Board will follow legal's advice on what the appropriate time is for comments at the
169 Rules Hearings.
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171 **New Business**

- 172 a. AI/PD Examiners – Dr. Walker made a motion to allow both individuals to take the
173 test for AI/PD certification. and Dr. Zimmerman seconded. A roll call was taken and
174 the motion passed unanimously.
- 175 b. Continuing Education Approval Requests.
- 176 1. Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Instruction for Your Clinic.
177 2. Update in Dairy Calves Health.
178 3. Justice Clearinghouse-Online, live webinars and recorded classes.
179 All three approved as a block. Dr. Favis made a motion to approve all three. Dr.
180 Walker seconded. A roll call was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- 181 c. Discussion and possible action on choosing new complaint review committee
182 members. Dr. Walker and Dr. Favis will be the new complaint review committee
183 members.
- 184 d. Complaint process, certified mail vs. email. Complaints can be emailed to the doctor
185 and if action is to be taken, it needs to be certified mail. Dr. Walker and Dr. Favis
186 will try to present at the next meeting an established protocol to hold people
187 accountable to a timeline on complaints.

- 188 e. Tribal land Veterinary Clinics (Espanola). Board members agreed the Board has no
189 jurisdiction to stop a free tribal land veterinary clinic anywhere in the state. The
190 Board stated that they feel it will not make a difference in their practices if facilities
191 are on tribal land.
- 192 f. Kelly Barker from Barkworks asked about the monies from the SB57 funds, as she
193 would like to request funds for a build-out of a mobile unit. They would be working
194 in conjunction with Bissell, the carpet cleaning organization. The Board stated that
195 an application needs to be submitted and it will go through the proper process.

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197 **Shelter Committee Update**

198 Stacie will get together with Deborah to get contact information of the new members and try to
199 assemble the meeting of the committee as soon as possible.

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201 **Announcements**

202 Chair, Dr. Young got a letter from a lady that helps elderly people, asking if she could get in
203 trouble if she administers the medication incorrectly. Chair, Dr Young said he told her he would
204 bring it up at the meeting and ask the Board Members. The Board Members agreed they have no
205 jurisdiction if she is not licensed in the state as an RVT, but as long as she is administering the
206 medication the way it was prescribed, she should be okay.

207 Member of the public thanked the Board for letting her train with her dog at the meeting.

208 Member of the public thanked the Board for opening up the Animal Care and Facility Fund
209 money for distribution.

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211 **Next Scheduled Meeting**

212 April 23, 2025, at the Regulation and Licensing Department in Albuquerque.

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214 **There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Young adjourned the meeting at**
215 **approximately 4:24 p.m.**