



**NEW MEXICO BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
RULES HEARING AND BOARD MEETING**

**IN PERSON AT RLD
2550 CERILLOS ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87505**

**MINUTES
November 20, 2024**

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Call to Order: The Rule Hearing and Board Meeting of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order by Dr. Lawrence Young, the Board Chair, at approximately 1:45 p.m. The Board’s Director, Deborah Schenk conducted a roll call.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

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

Agency Representatives: Deborah Schenk, Director to the Board

Legal Counsel: Blaine Moffatt, NM Department of Justice

Approval of Proposed Agenda

Dr. Young asked if the members had reviewed the proposed agenda and if he could get a motion to approve. Dr. Walker approved the motion with member Rabinowitz making a second. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

25 Chair, Dr. Lawrence Young,

26 **Discussion and possible decision on proposed rule regarding Disbursements from the**
27 **Animal Care and Facility Fund:**

28 Dr. Favis asked if we were to make an amendment to the rule/s, what would the process be.

29 Counsel, Mr. Moffatt, said that if it was minor and didn't necessarily change the rule inside of
30 the scope, we could make the amendment and move forward.

31 Ms. Stacie Voss said that the statements Judy Wolf gave are in line with SB57.

32 Dr. Walker moved to amend 16.25. 3. C. under **OBLIGATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL**
33 **APPLICANTS:** to read; *certification that the recipients of the services performed by non-profit*
34 *organizations have household incomes not exceeding 200% of the federal poverty guidelines;*

35 Dr. Favis seconded the motion.

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

37 The second amendment to the Animal Care and Facility Fund rule is under DEFINITIONS: Dr.
38 Walker moved to amend 16.25 F. to read "**Qualified service provider**"; *means a veterinarian in*
39 *good standing licensed to provide spay/neuter services to eligible New Mexico applicants in the*
40 *jurisdiction where the services are rendered.*

41 Member Rabinowitz mentioned that we could form a small committee to talk about the above
42 rule and fine tune it later. Dr. Walker agreed and said that would be another rules hearing.

43 Dr. Zimmerman seconded the motion.

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

45 Member Rabinowitz made a motion to pass the rules as amended for Disbursements From the
46 Animal Care and Facility Funds.

47 Dr. Walker seconded the motion.

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

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50 Chair, Dr. Lawrence Young,

51 **Deliberation and possible decision on proposed rule regarding the following:**

52 License fee adjustments.

53 Dr. Walker said that she feels that the Veterinary Technicians do have a valid point as to whether
54 to raise the licensing fees.

55 A letter should have been sent out from the Board office to facilities who advertise Veterinary
56 Technicians on their website, but the employees are Veterinary Assistants. The letter would
57 have been sent out by the prior Director. Deborah Schenk was going to investigate this further to
58 see if any documents could be found. Dr. Walker said that this is a misrepresentation. She also

59 said that our language is very unclear when it comes to Veterinary Technicians. These would
60 have to be amended through statutes.

61 Dr. Walker moved to keep the Veterinary Technician state jurisprudence examination at \$100,
62 the reduced fee examination at \$75 and the annual renewal fee at \$75. All other fees relating to
63 the Veterinary Technicians will increase.

64 Dr. Favis seconded the motion.

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

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

68 **Emergency Services**

69 Chair Dr. Young opened the floor for discussion regarding Board rules on emergency services.

70 Dr. Walker made a motion to change the language of Rule 16.25.9.9 B to the language on the
71 August 28, 2024, board meeting minutes, with Ms. Wolf making a second. The wording shall
72 read, every veterinary facility shall provide information regarding the availability of the nearest
73 emergency services and make that information easily available to the public.

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

75 **Shelter Medicine Committee**

76 Ms. Wolf brought up a request to form a shelter medicine committee to look at rules that pertain
77 to shelter medicine, consisting of 1 or 2 Board members plus community members.

78 Counsel, Padilla said we should discuss whether to put this item on a subsequent agenda.

79 Ms. Wolf there is interest from the public to look at the rules that apply to shelter veterinary
80 medicine. Dr. Walker asked if this would be necessary as we already have a shelter committee
81 in place. Ms. Voss said this was news to her and she had not heard about the request, though she
82 is not opposed to it, but it is probably not a priority of the Board right now with all the other
83 items being discussed and worked on. Ms. Voss also said that the minimum standards and the
84 complaint process for the sheltering board have not been completed and that should also be a
85 priority. Ms. Wolf's request will be added to the October 16, 2024, board meeting agenda.

86 • Ms. Wolf asked what happened regarding the technical issues we had with the computer
87 and zoom, because she is sure she will be getting calls from people, and she wants to
88 know how to respond. Mark Humble, DoIT, he wanted to make sure the computer was
89 ready and on Monday, the 9th, it gave him the blue screen of death, so he had to wipe
90 everything off and reinstall.

91 He also said that the Board of Veterinary Medicine office is in desperate need of new equipment,
92 including desktops and a new laptop as all are over 4 years old. When we moved over to DoIT,
93 they gave us newer desktops, but they are still older than most agencies have.

94 **There being no further business before the Board, Chair, Dr. Young adjourned the meeting**
95 **at approximately 3:25 p.m.**