



## **SD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**

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### Minutes

SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025  
Best Western Plus Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
Conference Room #1  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A meeting of the SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board (the Board) was called to order at 8:11 AM CST by Board President Dr. Alice Harty.

Present were Board Members: Dr. Alice Harty, Dr. Joseph Spoo, Dr. John Bode, and Carter Johnson. Also attending were Dr. Beth Thompson, State Veterinarian and Executive Director of the Board, and Legal Counsel Drew Duncan.

The agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Carter Johnson.

Minutes of the January 14, 2025 Board meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Carter Johnson.

Due to two new and recent appointments of Board members, the members of the Board and staff went through brief introductions. Board and staff noted that the length of time between meetings was reflective of the time it took for new Board appointments. The Board expressed its thanks to former Board members.

Dr. Thompson presented the financial report showing total actual expenditure of \$67,602.16 for fiscal year 2025. There was a discussion of other items in the financial report.

Dr. Thompson informed the Board members that the Joint Powers Agreement with the Animal Industry Board will continue per the Agreement language.

President Harty opened the floor for nominations of officers. Dr. Bode nominated Dr. Harty for President of the Board; the motion was seconded by Dr. Spoo. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously. Carter Johnson nominated Dr. Spoo for Vice-President of the Board; the motion was seconded by Dr. Bode. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered executive session at 8:35 am upon motion by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Carter Johnson to consult with legal counsel. Motion was approved unanimously. The Board exited executive session at 9:39 am.

The Board commenced review of open cases:

**Case(s) #0229 and #0233** Dr. Thompson will be talking with complainant and the Area Veterinarian in Charge and report to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

**Case #0240** The investigatory committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Thompson met on August 6, 2025 and considered all submissions and recommends to the Board that the case be dismissed with no finding that South Dakota law or the statewide standard of care has been violated. Dr. Spoo made a Motion to adopt the investigatory committee's finding, seconded by Carter Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Case #0241** The investigatory committee of Drew Duncan, Dr. Thompson, and Dr. Spoo will meet on August 12, 2025 immediately following the Board meeting to consider the submissions in the case, and report recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. No action was taken.

**Case #0242** Dr. Spoo made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an investigatory committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Bode. The Motion passed unanimously, and the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet in early September.

**Case #0243** Dr. Spoo made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an investigatory committee of Dr. Thompson and Dr. Harty. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet informally.

**Case #0244** Mr. Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an investigatory committee of Drew Duncan and Dr. Thompson. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will meet on August 12, 2025 and report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Case #0245** Carter Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an investigatory committee of Dr. Spoo and Dr. Thompson. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet informally.

**Case #0246** Dr. Spoo made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an investigatory committee of Drew Duncan and Carter Johnson. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet in early September.

**Case #0247** Dr. Spoo made a Motion, seconded by Carter Johnson to appoint an investigatory committee of Dr. Harty and Drew Duncan. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet informally in late August.

**Case #0248** Carter Johnson made a Motion, seconded by Dr. Bode to appoint an investigatory committee of Dr. Spoo and Dr. Thompson. The Motion passed unanimously, the investigatory committee will report findings and recommendations at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The investigatory committee has scheduled a time to meet informally.

**Case #0249** Dr. Spoo made a Motion, Dr. Bode seconded to move the matter to the next regularly scheduled meeting to await responses from the parties and to allow Drew Duncan to communicate with the parties. The Motion passed unanimously.

**Case(s) #0230 and #0231** With regard to contested cases #0230 and #0231, at 10:44 am. a statement from the subject of the two cases was read to the Board.

The Board entered into executive session immediately after, with Hearing Examiner Catherine Williamson. The Board came out of executive session at 11:40 am. Board members made statements relative to their decision making in the case. The Board adopted the attached Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order upon unanimous vote upon motion made by Dr. Spoo and seconded by Dr. Bode.

**Other Business:**

There was a discussion of the Missouri Veterinary Medical Board recent case and procedure.

Dr. Harty called for public comment; there were no comments.

Dr. Harty called for additional staff comments and Board comments.

Upon Motion by Dr. Spoo seconded by Carter Johnson the Board adjourned at 12:10 PM CST.

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Dr. Alice Harty, President  
SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board

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Dr. Beth Thompson, Executive Director  
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