



The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6108



MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2021

Adjudication Hearing: Case#18-19-127, 20-20-036 *OVMLB vs Bharat Khemsara, DVM*

The Hearing was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. but due to technical difficulties in joining the TEAMS hearing, there was a delay by approximately one hour.

Mr. Russell Kubyn, Esq representing Dr. Bharat Khemsara, DVM made a prehearing motion to continue the hearing. Dr. O'Connor moved to deny his motion and to continue the Hearing. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. All members approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kubyn raised objections to the exhibits offered by Ms. Arko Zigler, Assistant Attorney General representing the Board. Dr. O'Connor overruled the motion and moved to continue with the proceedings.

Mr. Kubyn raised an objection to Exhibit F. Dr. O'Connor noted the objection and moved to continue the proceeding with the Exhibit F.

Dr. O'Connor moved to accept Exhibits A through L. Dr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Deliberative session – Dr. O'Connor announced the Board going into deliberative session to deliberate on File #18-19-127, 20-20-036 regarding Bharat Khemsara, DVM.

Dr. O'Connor announces that the Hearing back on record.

Dr. O'Connor moved in the matter of Case File #18-19-127, 20-20-036 Bharat Khemsara, DVM, We find Dr. Khemsara in violation of the allegations of the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing issued on May 20, 2020. The Board Orders that Dr. Khemsara's license to practice veterinary medicine be suspended for 30 days to be served between the dates of April 18 to May 17, 2021; Dr. Khemsara will pay a fine of \$1000 as well as the costs of the hearing to be paid by May 17, 2021; and to issue a Letter of Reprimand.

1. Call to Order: Teams Conference Meeting

After opening the meeting with the reading of the Board mission statement, Dr. O'Connor, President of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board called the April 14, 2021 conference call meeting to order at 08:34 a.m.

2. Roll Call:

Dr. Matthew Verbsky, DVM	present
Dr. Craig Miesse, DVM	absent
Ms. Dianne Jones, RVT	present
Dr. Nancy O' Connor, DVM	present
Dr. Kimberly Riker-Brown, DVM	present
Ms. Susan Pohler, JD	present
Dr. Scott Myers, DVM	present

3. Acknowledge Staff, AAG & Guests:

Dr. O'Connor acknowledged the attendance of Theresa Stir, Executive Director, Lydia Arko-Zigler, Assistant Attorney General, Joseph McClain, Licensure Coordinator and guests in attendance.

- 4. Meeting Minutes:** Dr. Riker-Brown moved to approve the March 10, 2021 board minutes. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

5. President's Report: None

6. Vice President's Report: None

7. Secretary's Report: None

8. OVMA Liaison: Jack Advent, OVMA Executive Director, provided an update on Legislation and Rules that impact the practice of veterinary medicine.

9. OAVT Liaison: None

10. Executive Director Report:

A. Directives – Ms. Stir reported that the March meeting Directives have been completed.

B. Fiscal – Ms. Stir presented the Quarter 3 FY 21 financial reports.

C. Rules – Ms. Stir provided a section of the rules for the mandatory five-year review. There will also be a public rules hearing for the recently enacted temporary military license at the May Board meeting.

Dr. Riker-Brown moved to file Rule 4741-1-23 as presented and the BIA with CSI of the Lt. Governor's office. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

D. 20-21-193, complainant Jennifer Hill – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to send the case to investigation. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll

call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

11. FYI: None

12. Requests for Licensure:

Dr. Verbsky moved to approve the following requests for licensure.

FAC.00285	Ted Sprinkle
FAC.00288	Thomas Kerr
FAC.00289	N Joanne Hurley
FAC.00287	Madison Marie Schleibaum
FAC.00286	Bethany Hoffmann
FAC.00284	Duane C. Stewart
FAC.00281	Thomas Kerr
FAC.00290	Melanie Joanne Dehaan
FAC.00282	Kamaria Maseru-Catalan
FAC.00283	Kamaria Maseru-Catalan
FAC.00280	Thomas Kerr
LIM.50359	Rene Elizabeth Paschall
LIM.50358	Erin Carol Close
LIM.50360	Natalia Nicole Jurcak
RLIM.50329	Nicole Elizabeth Galano
RLIM.50328	Kathrin Ann O'Donovan
RVT.09121	Kristin Turner
RVT.09120	Madison S Findley
RVT.09112	Halie Gandee
RVT.09122	Jazmin Deserai Russell
RVT.09116	Alexandra Elizabeth Scott
RVT.09111	Olivia Mckena Naegele
RVT.09114	Jordan Christine Michalczyk
RVT.09118	Kortney Dahlston
RVT.09109	Katherine Fontaine
RVT.09117	Callie Shaefer Heard
RVT.09115	Jessica R Lynch
RVT.09110	Celia Garthwait
RVT.09119	Kayla Lynn Buehrer
RVT.09113	Danielle Ensell
VET.202357	Kyle Kerstetter
VET.202364	Cassandra Mae Allen
VET.202353	Benjamin Zucker
VET.202354	Kristen Nicole Hillard

VET.202365	Cynthia Ellen Wise
VET.202359	Chelsea Stevens
VET.202360	Parker Allen Wilcox
VET.202361	Kelsey Lee Fugere
VET.202356	Daniel Joseph Markwalder
VET.202358	Joyce Li
VET.202363	Maria Elaine Giorgi
VET.202352	Victoria LouMarie Johnson
VET.202362	Michele Pfannenstiel
VET.202355	Michael S. McGinley

Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

13. Renewals – Veterinarians: None

14. Correspondence Received: None

15. Consideration Of:

A. Medical Records –

1. 18-19-127, Bharat Khemsara, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records acceptable. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
2. 18-19-150, Donald Kaeser, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records minimally acceptable. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
3. 20-20-014, Tracy Leonard, DVM - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find the records acceptable. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

B. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

1. 17-17-007, Tina Lauria, DVM
2. 21-21-011, Amy Anliker-Rose, DVM

C. Hearing Scheduling Letters

1. 17-17-007, Tina Lauria, DVM
2. 20-20-007, Ronald Budz, DVM
3. 20-21-153, Rick Daugherty, DVM
4. 20-21-179, Dan Schramm, DVM

5. 20-21-186, Lonnie Davis, DVM
6. 21-21-011, Amy Anliker-Rose, DVM

16. New Complaints:

- A. 21-21-035, Complainant Mary Dirck - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no jurisdiction of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- B. 21-21-037, Complainant Kris Rowlands - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- C. 21-21-038, Complainant Michelle Middleton - Dr. O'Connor moved to find no jurisdiction of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- D. 21-21-043, Complainant David Eby - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no jurisdiction of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- E. 21-21-044, Complainant Stacy Jones – Dr. Verbsky abstained from the conversation. Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no jurisdiction of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – abstain, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye, Dr. O'Connor - aye.

17. Complaint Responses Received:

- A. 20-21-189, Complainant Julie Perelman - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- B. 20-21-191, Complainant Damon Hall- Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- C. 21-21-006, complainant Sarah Dunlap –The Board tabled the case due to lack of quorum.

- D. 21-21-013, complainant Mandy Dunlap - Dr. Verbsky moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- E. 21-21-014, complainant Kimberly Smith – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- F. 21-21-015, complainant William Toth – Dr. O’Connor moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- G. 21-21-016, complainant Edward Jandereski – Dr. Verbsky moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- H. 21-21-017, complainant Claire O’Brien – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- I. 21-21-018, complainant Alexis Patchen - Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- J. 21-21-021, complainant Ruth Lawson & Patricia Murray – Dr. Verbsky abstained from the conversation. Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – abstain, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye, O’Connor - aye.
- K. 21-21-022, complainant Katelyn Clour - Dr. O’Connor abstained from the conversation. Dr. Verbsky moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- L. 21-21-023, complainant Amanda Moore – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

- M. 21-21-026, complainant Douglas Sandhage – Dr. Verbsky abstained from the conversation. Dr. Myers moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – abstain, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye, Dr. O’Connor - aye.
- N. 21-21-029, complainant William Gore – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- O. 21-21-030, Complainant Barbara Petras – Ms. Jones moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- P. 21-21-032, complainant Rocky Pitoscia – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – no, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- Q. 21-21-033, Complainant Amy Kohn– Dr. Riker-Brown moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

18. Compliance Inspections: None

19. Request for Reconsideration:

- A. 20-21-190, complainant Kim Pfahl– Dr. Riker-Brown moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC to both veterinarians involved in the case. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

20. Tabled Cases:

- A. 20-21-186, Complainant R. Hamilton, Additional information was submitted by the subsequent veterinarian. No action was taken against the subsequent veterinarian.
- B. 20-21-168, complainant Amy Gladstone – Dr. Verbskt moved to find no violation of Chapter 4741 ORC and to send an advisory letter. Dr. O’Connor seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

- C. 21-21-001, Complainant Constance Cashen – The Board tabled the case due to lack of quorum.

21. Assistant Attorney General Report:

At 2:45 a.m., Dr. Verbsky made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending legal matters. Ms. Pohler seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

Dr. O'Connor announces that the meeting is back in public session at 3:35 a.m.

- A. 19-20-196, 19-20-196(B), 20-20-070, 20-20-076 Brian Williams, DVM - Dr. Verbsky moved to ratify the Settlement Agreement as presented. Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- B. 21-21-145, complainant Jillian Hohenbrink – Dr. Riker-Brown moved to withdraw the Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing that was issued on December 15, 2020 and issue an Advisory Letter. Dr. Verbsky seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- C. 20-21-186, The Board approved the representation by Gregory Meihn, Esq of Dr. Lonnie Davis, DVM as presented in the matters of case file #20-21-186.

22. Investigative Reports:

- A. 20-21-171, complainant Anonymous – Dr. Verbsky moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.
- B. 21-21-012, complainant Anonymous – Dr. Verbsky moved to issue a Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for violation of Chapter 4741 ORC. Dr. Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

23. Continuing Education Approval Requests:

Ms. Jones moved to approve the following CE with changes.

- A. Royal Canin – Expanding Role of Nutrition in Dx/Tx of GI Disease, Breed Specific Nutrition – 2/2/21 = 2 hours

- B. Charles River Laboratories – Animal Personality: Managing Animals at the Level of the Individual – 2/18/21 = 1 hour
- C. American Association for Laboratory Animal Science – AALAS 71st National Meeting – 10/25-12/31/20 = hour for hour
- D. Zoetis – Feline Disease Update and Vaccine Recommendations – 4/27/21 = 2 hours
- E. Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital –
 - 1. Meningoencephalomyelitis – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 2. Cranial Cruciate Ligament Tears with Medical Patellar – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 3. Pancreatitis in Dogs – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 4. Seizures – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 5. Managing Complex Brachycephalic Obstructing Airway – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 6. Wound Management – 4/18/21 = 1 hour
 - 7. Ophthalmology Emergencies: Glaucoma, Ulcers, Uveitis – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
 - 8. Hydrocephalus and Ventriculoperitoneal Shunting – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
 - 9. Pancreatitis in Cats – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
 - 10. Hepatocutaneous Syndrome – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
 - 11. Urinary Tract Infectious, Episioplasty, and Urinary tract Anatomic Abnormalities – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
 - 12. Adrenalectomies- Specifically Perioperative Medical Management – 5/2/21 = 1 hour
- F. Care Center – ECG Interpretation – 3/2/21 = 1 hour
- G. Dairy Cattle Welfare Council – 2021 Virtual Dairy Cattle Welfare Symposium – 5/25-27/21 = **Hour for Hour**
- H. San Diego Global Academy – Safe Capture Chemical Immobilization Training On-line – 2/27-28/21 = hour for hour

Dr. Riker-Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote: Dr. Riker-Brown – aye, Dr. Verbsky – aye, Dr. Myers – aye, Ms. Jones – aye, Ms. Pohler – aye.

24. Euthanasia Course: None

25. Old Business: None

26. New Business: None

27. Adjournment: The Board adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

28. Next Board Meeting:

Dr. O'Connor acknowledged that the next Board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021, beginning at 8:30 a.m. via TEAMS meeting.

Nancy O'Connor, DVM/ SU
Dr. Nancy O'Connor, President

5/12/2021
Date

Attested to by:

Theresa Stir
Theresa Stir, Esq.
Executive Director