



# TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation  
**TEXAS BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS MEETING**

**Summary of Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Board President, Dr. Steven Golla, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 1., Full Board Call to Order, Roll Call Vote on Absences. Board Secretary, Victoria Whitehead called roll. Board Members Dr. Steven Golla, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, Dr. Randall Skaggs, Mr. Keith Pardue, Ms. Sue Allen, and Ms. Raquel Olivier were present. Board Member, Dr. Lynn Criner was absent. A quorum was seated.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 2., Consideration and Approval of January 23, 2024, Minutes. Board Member, Ms. Raquel Olivier, seconded by Mr. Keith Pardue, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 3., Public Comments. Heather Kutymba gave public comment. The Board also received one emailed public comment.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 4., Executive Session. The Board adjourned at 9:09 a.m. The Board returned at 10:12 a.m.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 5., Discussion and Possible Action on Items discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 6., Contested Cases-consideration and possible action (heard before State Office of Administrative Hearings).

Docket Number CP20-371 & CP21-435/578-23-02297; Staff Attorney, Mark Lee, spoke on this item. Dr. Steven Golla recused himself from this item. Dr. Kody Kothmann's attorney, David Brown, spoke for Dr. Kothmann. Board Member, Dr. Randall Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Keith Pardue made a motion to approve Proposal for Final Decision with the following alterations: amending the conclusion of law 15 to include a one year of probated suspension, six hours of continuing education for record keeping, anesthesia, and pain management; no surgical procedures requiring anesthesia for three months; quarterly reports certifying compliance with probation terms including sample records of ten cases for review. The motion passed.

Docket Number CP20-121 & CP22-059/578-22-2050, Staff Attorney, Mark Lee, spoke on item number two. Dr. Ashlee Watts's attorney, Donald Ferrill, spoke for Dr. Watts. Mr. Ferrill provided the Board with a motion he filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings to recuse the Board. General Counsel for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Doug Jennings, asked that the Board go into Executive Session to review the motion. President, Dr. Steven Golla approved the request.



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President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to Item 4., Executive Session. The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The Board returned at 11:07 a.m. No action was taken. Board member, Raquel Olivier, left the meeting during Executive Session.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, proceeded with agenda item 6., Contested Cases-consideration and possible action (heard before State Office of Administrative Hearings).

Docket Number CP20-121 & CP22-059/578-22-2050, Dr. Ashlee Watts's attorney, Donald Ferrill, spoke for Dr. Watts. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Dr. Randall Skaggs made a motion to approve Proposal for Final Decision with the following alterations: to amend the conclusion of law 16 to change the sanction to full revocation of licensure and a \$15,000 administrative penalty. The motion passed.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 5., Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Golla", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Steven Golla, Presiding Officer  
Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiner