



# 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**

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Board President, Dr. Steven Golla, called the meeting to order at 9:01 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, Dr. Lynn Criner, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, Dr. Randall Skaggs, Mr. Keith Pardue, and Ms. Sue Allen were present. Board member Ms. Raquel Olivier was absent. A quorum was seated. Ms. Olivier arrived at the meeting at 9:03 a.m. during agenda item 3.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 2., Consideration and Approval of October 17, 2023, Minutes. Board Member, Dr. Lynn Criner, seconded by Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 3., Public Comments. Jodi Ware, Jodi Long, Heather Kutya, and Anita Ross gave public comments. The Board also received twelve emailed public comments.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 14., Executive Session. The Board adjourned at 9:17 a.m., and returned at 10:25 a.m. No action was taken.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 15., Return from Executive Session to report or discuss further actions to be taken following Executive Session. Possible action or recommendations on items discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

The Board recessed for a break from 10:25 a.m. until 10:31 a.m.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 4., Director Reports. Executive Director, Brittany Sharkey, presented the Executive Director Report. Licensing Supervisor, Wendy Womack, presented the Licensing Report. Executive Director, Brittany Sharkey, presented the Enforcement Report for Enforcement Director, Mike Tacker. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, presented the Legal Report. Executive Director, Brittany Sharkey, presented the Compliance Report for Compliance Director, Jerod Honrath. Finance Director, Kandace Van Vlerah, presented the Finance Report.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 5., Board Committee Reports. Board Member, Dr. Skaggs, presented the Finance Committee Report.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 6., Discussion, recommendation, and possible action regarding the proposal of rules to be posted to the Texas Register. Executive



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Director, Brittany Sharkey, spoke on this item. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Dr. Lynn Criner, made a motion to publish the proposed Rule 573.83, Price Transparency for Emergency Care, for public comment. Board Member, Dr. Randall Skaggs voted against the motion. The motion passed with a six to one vote. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Keith Pardue made a motion to publish the proposed Rule 577.15, Fee Schedule with the changes noted. Board Member, Dr. Randall Skaggs voted against the motion. The motion passed with a six to one vote

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 7., Discussion regarding disciplinary practices for continuing education audit violations. Executive Director, Brittany Sharkey, spoke on this item.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 8., Contested Cases-consideration and possible action (heard before State Office of Administrative Hearings):

Docket Number CP20-371 & CP21-435/578-23-02297; Kody Kothmann. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, spoke on this item. Kody Kothmann's attorney, Robert Nebb, requested a continuance. Board Member, Dr. Randall Skaggs, seconded by Mr. Keith Pardue made a motion to approve continuance. The motion passed and a continuance was granted to Kody Kothmann.

Docket Number CP20-121 & CP22-059/578-22-2050; Ashlee Watts. Ashlee Watts's attorney, Donald Ferrill, requested a continuance. This item was tabled until after the Executive Session.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved again to agenda item 14., Executive Session. The Board adjourned at 11:09 a.m., and returned at 11:21 a.m. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Dr. Randall Skaggs made a motion to approve continuance. The motion passed and a continuance was granted to Ashlee Watts.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 9., Consideration and approval of Agreed Orders. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, spoke on this item. No cases were pulled for Executive Session. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Ms. Sue Allen, made a motion to approve the agreed orders. The motion passed.

Case #	Name	License #	Practice City
CP19-024	Emily Johnston, DVM	14647	Springs
CP19-332	Ashlee Watts, DVM	12437	College Station
CP19-349, CP19-400 & CP20-033	Robert Lee Garcia, DVM	8993	Kemp
CP20-066	Travis Dennett, DVM	8042	Mesquite
CP20-221 & CP20-222	Jason Anderson, DVM	7487	Marshal
CP20-346	Donna Baer, DVM	6821	Allen
CP21-004	Cynthia Carter, DVM	12459	Austin



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CP21-089	Jon Michler, DVM	10037	Jasper
CP22-005	Cameron Jacobs, DVM	15399	Canyon Lake
CP22-098	Caitlin Corbet, DVM	13287	Colleyville
CP22-237	Stacey "Katie" Hutson	-	Houston
CP22-335	Tyler Tipton, DVM	11875	Millsap
CP22-345	David Blonien, DVM	14754	Plano
CP22-349	Jonathan Jenkins, DVM	13615	Hutto
CP22-362	Mike Cason	-	Corpus Christi
CP23-010	John Echols, DVM	4299	Breckenridge
CP23-107	James Soper	-	Austin
CP23-137	Danielle Lassiter	-	McKinney
CP23-166	Aubrey Mercier	-	Austin
CP23-209	Trey Williams	-	Kilgore
CP23-224	Michael Down	-	Garland
CP23-311	Skyler Lemings	-	Arlington
CP24-001	John Kottenstette, DVM	8150	Conroe

*Dr. Skaggs was recused from CP22-349 and CP23-010.*

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 10., Consideration and approval of cases recommended for dismissal from Informal Conference. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, spoke on this item. No cases were pulled for Executive Session. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Mr. Keith Pardue, made a motion to approve cases for dismissal from Informal Conference. The motion passed.

*Dr. Skaggs was recused from CP19-384, CP22-083, CP22-335, CP23-018, CPCP23-081, and CP23-105.*

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 11., Consideration and approval of cases recommended for dismissal from Staff Conference. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, spoke on this item. No cases were pulled for Executive Session. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Raquel Olivier, made a motion to approve the cases recommended for dismissal. The motion passed.

*Dr. Skaggs was recused from CP19-206.*

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 12., Consideration and approval of cases recommended for dismissal from Medical Review. General Counsel, Kelly Phelps, spoke on this item. No cases were pulled for Executive Session. Board Member, Mrs. Victoria Whitehead, seconded by Ms. Raquel Olivier, made a motion to approve the cases recommended for dismissal. The motion passed.

*Dr. Skaggs was recused from CP17-375, CP22-070, CP22-114, CP22-124, CP22-143, and CP22-144.*



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President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 13., Discussion of possible agenda items for future Board meetings. President, Dr. Steven Golla, spoke on this item, regarding licenses associated with military transfers. Board Member, Sue Allen, spoke on this item, regarding the appointment of the EDP and LVT committees.

President, Dr. Steven Golla, moved to agenda item 16., Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Steven Golla", is written over a horizontal line.

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