

7. Respondent's continued practice of veterinary medicine constitutes a continuing of imminent threat to the public welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 801, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules.

Respondent has violated Section 801.402(3) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, A person is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 if the person: (3) is chronically or habitually intoxicated, chemically dependent, or addicted to drugs.

2. Respondent is subject to temporary license suspension under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.409 and Board Rule 575.35.

TERMS OF ORDER

Now, therefore, the Board orders that Respondent comply with the following terms:

1. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

- a. Respondent's license shall be temporarily suspended, effective immediately upon signature by the EDC's presiding officer. The temporary suspension shall remain in effect until superseded by a subsequent Order or by operation of law. During the period of the suspension, the following terms shall apply:
 - i. Respondent shall not practice nor give the appearance of practicing veterinary medicine.
 - ii. Respondent shall not supervise nor give the appearance of supervising other licensees or unlicensed employees in the practice of veterinary medicine.
 - iii. Respondent's clinic and facilities may be used by Respondent for administrative purposes only. Administrative purposes include opening mail, referring patients, accepting payments on accounts, and general office tasks. Respondent shall exercise extreme caution and not be persuaded, coerced, or otherwise drawn by anyone to practicing or even giving the appearance of practicing veterinary medicine.

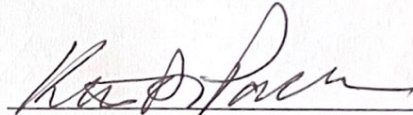
2. NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

- a. The Board shall promptly provide a copy of this Order to Respondent's attorney.

The Board shall also provide a copy of this Order to Respondent electronically or by facsimile, as necessary.

- b. Pursuant to Section 801.409, Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rule 575.35, an informal conference will be scheduled not later than the 14th day after the effective date of this Order to determine if formal disciplinary proceedings should be initiated against Respondent. The informal conference will be conducted pursuant to Board Rules 575.35 and 575.29. The Board shall notify Respondent of the informal conference at least 72 hours prior to the informal conference.

THEREFORE, the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, through the Executive Disciplinary Committee, does hereby adopt this Order. This Order is effective and final on this 2nd day of November, 2022.



Keith A. Pardue, J.D., Presiding Board Member