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Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine  
*Open Board Minutes for April 9, 2015*

**Present:**

Dr. David Diamond – Member  
Dr. Karen Patti – Member  
Dr. Sheri Siegel – Member  
Donna Turley, Esq. – Member

**Absent:**

**Board Staff:**

Erin LeBel, Executive Director  
James O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Sarah Wilkinson, Assistant Chief Investigator  
Robert Williams, Investigator  
Leija Meadows, Board Administrator  
Elizabeth Regan, Administrative Assistant

**9:37 AM:** Donna Turley called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Jim O'Connor reviewed evacuation plans in the event of an emergency.

**9:40 AM:** The Board reviewed the Open Minutes from the March 12, 2015 meeting. Motion was made by Donna T. to accept Minutes as written. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

**9:41 AM:** Election of Officers: Dr. Diamond was nominated by Dr. Patti as Chair of the Board. Donna T. seconded the motion. Dr. Siegel was nominated by Dr. Patti as Secretary of the Board. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion for both nominations passed unanimously by the Board.

**9:45 AM:** Donna T. moved to suspend the Open meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 112 § 65 C so that the Board could conduct an investigative conference **to discuss cases SA VT 15-007 and VT 15-016**. Donna T. estimated that the conference would last approximately 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously.

**10:06 AM:** Donna T. moved to suspend review of matters in investigative conference to conduct a temporary permit interview with Dr. Daniela Vrabelova and supervising veterinarian, Dr. Cynthia Cox. The limitations of the temporary permit were explained to Drs. Vrabelova and Cox. After agreeing to adhere to these limitations, Dr. Vrabelova was granted a temporary permit to practice veterinary medicine.

**10:16 AM:** Dr. Diamond moved to suspend the Open meeting pursuant to G.L. c. 112 § 65 C so that the Board could conduct an investigative conference **to discuss cases VT 15-018, VT 15-020**. Dr. Diamond estimated that the conference would last approximately 1 hour. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously.



**11:06 AM:** Board meeting returned to Open Session. The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

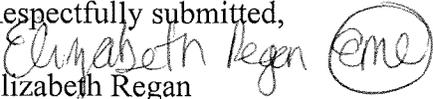
<b>SA VT 15-007</b>	Closed, No Action
<b>VT 15-016</b>	Refer to Prosecutions
<b>VT 15-018</b>	Refer to Prosecutions
<b>VT 15-020</b>	Refer to Prosecutions

### **Other Board Business**

1. VT #3586 Reinstatement: The Board reviewed and tentatively approved license #3586 for license reinstatement pending receipt of all required materials.
2. Wall certificate signed by Board.
3. Tufts inquiry regarding locum veterinarians: Dean wishes to discuss this issue with Erin LeBel in near future, and Erin wanted feedback from Board about reasonable screening expectations. Currently, locums are expected to submit an application for the Tufts Institutional License. Tufts wants to know if there are other, expedited application options allowing locum veterinarians to practice at Tufts. In general the Board feels as though Tufts Institutional licensee need to meet full expectation, but that the Board would review any suggestions made by Tufts to expedite the process, without compromising the requirements.
4. USDA Correspondence: Erin L. presented correspondence to the Board from USDA requesting one hour of continuing education for each APHIS approved Modules . Per 256 CMR 9.03 (2)(c) the Board unanimously approved the request.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Elizabeth Regan

Administrative Assistant

List of documents:

- Draft Minutes of March 12, 2015 meeting