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Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine
Open Board Minutes for May 14, 2015

Present:

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

Board Staff:

Erin LeBel, Executive Director
Rachael Pauze, Board Counsel
Pam Mogavero, Investigator
Leija Meadows, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Regan, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

James O'Connor, Board Counsel

9:35 AM: Dr. Diamond called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Rachael Pauze reviewed evacuation plans in the event of an emergency. Board acknowledged presence of two members of the public who were in attendance. Robert L. Fortes, Deputy Director for Policy and Boards, Division of Professional Licensure, was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

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

9:41 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 SA VT 15-006, VT 15-019, and VT 15-1304**. Dr. Diamond estimated that the conference would last approximately 1 hour. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Diamond recused himself during discussion of **SA VT 15-006**. Donna T. assumed responsibility for discussion of this case during Closed Session.

10:10 AM: Board meeting returned to Open Session. Mr. Fortes departed the meeting. Two members of the public returned. The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

SA VT 15-006	Closed with Advisory (Dr. Diamond recused)
VT 15-019	Refer to Prosecutions
VT 15-1304	Moved to Dismiss

10:30 AM: Another member of the public joined the meeting.



10:48 AM: Dr. Diamond moved to suspend the Open meeting pursuant to C. 30A § 21 (a) (1) so that the Board could enter Executive Session to deliberate on **VT reinstatement #5126 (M.L.)**. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti and a roll call vote was taken.

In favor: Donna Turley, Dr. Diamond, Dr. Siegel, and Dr. Patti.
Recused: none
Against: none

The Board indicated that the open session would resume in approximately 30 minutes.

11:07 AM: Board meeting returns to open session.

Other Board Business

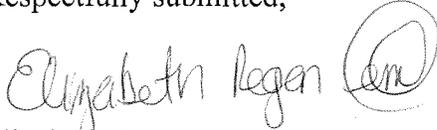
1. **E-licensure Update:** E-licensure is up and running.
2. **Confirmation of Degree:** For all new applications going forward, sealed transcripts will be required for confirmation of degree. Electronic submissions directly from school to DPL will be accepted as well. Copy of a notarized diploma will only be accepted from those who received a letter (early 2015) offering option.
3. **VT #3733 Reinstatement:**
The Board reviewed and tentatively approved license #3733 for license reinstatement pending receipt of all required materials.
4. **Travel Vouchers:** Travel vouchers and receipts need to be submitted by 6/19. Bring all vouchers and receipts to next Board meeting (June 11, 2015).
5. **Invitation from International Assoc. of Equine Dentistry (IAED):** Dr. Patti will attend at least one day of the workshop (June 4-6 in Easthampton, MA) as IAED's guest. The Board agreed that this is an education benefit. Dr. Patti will submit appropriate ethics disclosure forms, after review with Board Counsel.
6. **American Assoc. of Veterinary State Boards Annual Meeting** (September 17-19 in Milwaukee, WI): Dr. Diamond will attend.
7. **Executive Order 562:** Rachael Pauze discussed criteria for each Board to review its regulations. First requirement is to have an open Board meeting (per EO 562). There will be a 'listening session' at the August Board Meeting to allow the public to submit oral or written testimony or both. EO 562 has a deadline of March 31, 2016.
8. **Correspondence from Dr. Aimee Dalrymple:** Erin LeBel will write to Dr. Dalrymple to clarify regulations regarding attendance of veterinarian prior to commencement of treatment.
9. **Shot Vet Correspondence:** Letter from Darren Caputo, General Counsel for *Shot Vet* was reviewed and discussed. Letter was in response to Erin LeBel's letter of 4/2 inviting a representative of *Shot Vet* to attend an upcoming Board meeting. Board agreed *Shot Vet* practices and procedures appear to adhere to Massachusetts professional standards as set forth in 256 CMR and no other correspondence is warranted at this time.

10. Delegation for reviewing reinstatement applications: Board agreed that reinstatement review can be delegated to one Board member to approve on behalf of the Board. Dr. Patti will take responsibility for reviewing all reinstatement requests/applications going forward.

11. VT application #2411. Practicing veterinarian (in CA) only took NBE; no PAVE/ECFVG. He has been practicing since 1984. Considering the CA exam that he needed to take, the Board agreed to waive this requirement for this applicant.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Regan" followed by a circled "E" or similar mark.

Elizabeth Regan
Administrative Assistant

List of documents: Draft Minutes of April 9, 2015 meeting