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Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine
Open Board Minutes for October 8, 2015

Present:

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

Board Staff:

Ann Barry, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Elizabeth Regan, Board Administrator

9:34 AM: Dr. Diamond called the Open Session to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Atty. Jim O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Vote on Minutes: September 10, 2015

The Board reviewed the Minutes from September 10, 2015. Motion was made by Atty. Turley to approve the minutes. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Investigative Conference – Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112 § 65 C:

Dr. Diamond moved to suspend the Open Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112 § 65 C and enter into Closed Session so the Board could enter into Investigative Conference to discuss cases. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

VT-2015-1326 (LH): A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

VT-2015-1331 (CM): A motion was made by Atty. Turley to dismiss the case. The motion was seconded by Dr. Diamond. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Executive Session - Closed Session pursuant to MGL. c. 30A, sec 21(a)(7); GL. C. 4, sec (7)(26)(c): VT-08-051 (VJ) – Request to terminate Voluntary Surrender Agreement:

Dr. Diamond moved to suspend the Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(7); G.L. C. 4, sec. (7)(26)(c) and remain in Closed Session so the Board could enter into Executive Session to discuss VT-08-051 (VJ). The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley and a roll call vote was taken.

In Favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Patti, Dr. Siegel, and Atty. Turley
Recused: None
Against: None



A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to terminate the voluntary surrender and allow the Licensee to reinstate the license. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Quasi-Judicial Session - Closed Session pursuant to MGL ch. 30A, Section 18:

VT-11-050 (MR) – Motion to Reconsider

Dr. Siegel moved to suspend Open Session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 30A, Section 18 so the Board could enter into Quasi-Judicial Session to discuss VT 11-050 (MR). The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Patti to deny the Licensee's Motion to Reconsider. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Atty. Turley to reject the Licensee's counteroffer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to resume the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Executive Director's Report to the Board:

- **Board 2016 meeting calendar:** Ann Barry presented the Board with a list of proposed 2016 Board meeting dates. Atty. Turley motioned the Board approve all dates. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Board Business Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair:

- **Reciprocity Applications:** The Board's staff sought guidance from the Board on the processing of reciprocity applications. The Board discussed an application from a veterinarian, licensed in New York, for a Massachusetts veterinary license. A motion was made by Dr. Patti to approve the reciprocity application. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Atty. Turley voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Diamond opposed the motion as the Applicant's initial foreign education was not from an accredited program. A motion was made by Dr. Siegel for Dr. Patti to be the designated Board Member to review reciprocity applications. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Report from Office of Investigations: None

Board Counsel's Report to the Board:

- Atty. Jim O'Connor began the Regulations review per Executive Order 562. Review continued all afternoon, after a short lunch break.

Atty. Turley moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 PM. Motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel and approved unanimously by the Board.

List of documents:

- Draft Minutes of September 10, 2015 meeting
- List of 2016 Board meeting dates
- Correspondence for VT 08-051
- Correspondence from John J. Finn, Esq. for VT 11-050
- Draft Board regulations

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Diamond', written over a horizontal line.

Dr. David Diamond, Chair
Board of Veterinary Medicine