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**Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
**Open Board Minutes for March 10, 2016**

**Present:**

Dr. David Diamond – Member  
Dr. Karen Patti – Member  
Dr. Sheri Siegel – Chair

**Not Present:**

Donna Turley, Esq. – Member

**Board and DPL Staff:**

Ann Barry, Executive Director  
Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro, Assoc. Executive Director  
James O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Robert Williams, Investigator

**Public Present:**

Dr. Robert Shurtleff - Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association  
Theresa Shurtleff

**9:35 AM:** Dr. Siegel called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Associate Executive Director, Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro, reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

**Vote on Minutes:** February 11, 2016

The Board reviewed the Minutes from February 11, 2016. Motion was made by Dr. Diamond to approve the minutes, Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

**Associate Executive Director Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro's Report to the Board:**

Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro will be assisting the Board members with any questions, comments, and concerns.

**Other Board Business:**

(a) **Report from Office of Investigations:** None

(b) **Applications:** Temporary Permit Interview/Email Correspondence of Doron Vardi  
The applicant withdrew his application for a temporary Permit.

(c) **Correspondence:**

- (i) Email from Susan Curtis (MVMA) regarding continuing education: Board Counsel will respond to Ms. Curtis. By unanimous consent, the Board found that a veterinarian is not able to receive 1 CE per licensing period for participation in the MVMA as a committee member. Secondly, a MVMA approved program for continuing education accreditation does not have to be physically in the state of Massachusetts.



- (ii) Email from Jerome Calvalido regarding international veterinary specialist: The Board Counsel will respond to Mr. Calvalido. By unanimous consent, the Board found that an international veterinary specialist is able to apply for licensure without having to justify a Board approved international veterinary graduate certificate or passing the Board approved veterinary licensing examination. He would just have to apply and pass the Jurisprudence examination.

**Investigative Conference – Closed Session under M.G.L. ch. 112, section 65C**

Dr. Patti moved to suspend the Open Session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 112, section 65C and enter into Closed Session so the Board could enter into Investigative Conference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Diamond. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

- (a) **VT-2015-019 (VJ)**: The Board provided the Board Counsel with guidance regarding a presented offer of settlement.
- (b) **VT-2015-1318 (HV)**: The Board provided the Board Counsel with guidance regarding a presented offer of settlement.
- (c) **VT-2015-1339 (JA)**: Dr. Patti recused and left room for discussions. A quorum was not met. Board Counsel referred the matter back to investigation.

A motion was made by Dr. Patti to suspend the Investigative Conference and resume Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

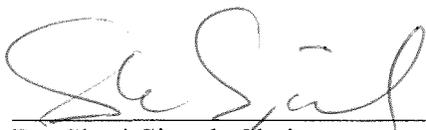
**Open Session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of meeting:**

Board Counsel reported an email from Bernard M. Flynn regarding consulting work as a Charles River Laboratories employee: Board Counsel will respond to Mr. Flynn. By unanimous consent the Board voted that it was acceptable performing consulting work with another Massachusetts licensed veterinarian. Referencing M.G.L. c. 112, §58(1) allows for a licensed Massachusetts Veterinarian to “call into” the Commonwealth licensed Veterinarians from other states for consultation on “any case” under the treatment of that Massachusetts Veterinarian.

Dr. Siegel moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 AM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

**List of documents:**

- Agenda dated March 10, 2016
- Minutes dated February 11, 2016
- Email from Susan Curtis (MVMA) regarding continuing education
- Email from Jerome Calvalido regarding international veterinary specialist



Dr. Sheri Siegel, Chair  
Board of Veterinary Medicine