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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine Public Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2018 1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D Boston, MA 02118-6110 9:30 a.m.

#### **Board Members:**

Dr. David Diamond, Chair Dr. Stephanie Kube, Secretary Dr. Sheri Siegel, Member Dr. Karen Patti, Member

#### **Board Staff:**

John High, Associate Executive Director James O'Connor, Board Counsel Alan Van Tassel, Investigator, Supervisor Brian Bialas, Executive Director

#### **Public Present:**

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) Theresa Shurtleff

## **Meeting Called to Order**

**9:37 am:** Dr. Diamond, Chair, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. James O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

## **Vote on Meeting Minutes**

The Board reviewed the public session and executive session meeting minutes from April 12, 2018. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes, with amendments. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

#### **Board Business**

**Correspondence - Jennifer Bouchard, CVT: Legality of Splitting Pills:** The Board provided guidance to staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

## Investigative Conference - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

**9:50 am:** A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

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- (a) Complaints:
  - (1) 2018-000170-IT-ENF (KP): Dismissed without prejudice.
  - (2) 2018-000177-IT-ENF (HP): Referred to the Office of Prosecutions.
  - (3) 2018-000187-IT-ENF (JF): Closed, no action.
  - (4) 2017-000598-IT-ENF (SR): Closed, no action.
  - (5) 2018-000053-IT-ENF (KA): Dismissed without prejudice.
  - (6) 2017-001169-IT-ENF (JG): Referred to the Office of Prosecutions.
  - (7) 2018-000110-IT-ENF (KA): Dismissed without prejudice.
  - (8) 2018-000350-IT-ENF (JG): Closed, no action.

**11:30 am:** Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

**12:30 pm:** Dr. Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on July 12, 2018.

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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

## **List of Documents**

- Agenda of May 10, 2018 Meeting
- Minutes of April 12, 2018 Meeting
- Correspondence from Jennifer Bouchard, CVT