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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine  
Public Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2019  
1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D  
Boston, MA 02118-6110  
9:30 a.m.**

**Board Members:**

Dr. Stephanie Kube, Chair  
Dr. Karen Patti, Secretary  
Dr. David Diamond, Member  
Lisa Kaufmann, Public Member

**Board Staff:**

Ana Garcia, Executive Director  
Eboni Lewis Associate Executive Director  
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

**Absent:**

None

**Public Present:**

Dr. Robert Shurtleff, MVMA Board Liaison  
Susan Curtis, Executive Director, MVMA  
Cynthia Cox, Director, Community and Shelter Medicine MSPCA

**Meeting Called to Order**

**9:34 a.m.:** Dr. Kube, Chair, opened the meeting.

Ana Garcia informed board of Evacuation Plan in regards to temporary changes to the building while under construction.

**Board Business**

- **Public Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019:** The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of June 13, 2019. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Meeting Minutes June 13, 2019:** The Board reviewed the executive session meeting minutes of June 13, 2019. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the executive session meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director Report**

- **2019 AAUSB Annual Meeting & Conference:** The board members regretfully are unavailable to attend to the conference.



## Discussion

- **Proposed Joint Policy Statement on Pet Shops, Animal Shelters and Rescues from Division of Animal Health:** Lisa Kaufman raised concerns with language in regards to animals who are ready for adoption who would be required to stay in shelter environment if on medication. Susan Curtis of the MVMA also raised concerns to the policy defining standard of care not specified by licensing authority ultimately becoming problematic for veterinarians. Cynthia Cox (MSPCA) reiterated both points and also added that over regulating within the policy can ultimately be more harmful to the animals leading to more unnecessary cases of euthanasia. Dr. Diamond suggested removing, “*Veterinarians caring for animals in a pet shop, animal shelter or rescue shall not declare an animal fit for sale/adoption while it is receiving a prescribed course of medication.*” The Board members as well as Susan Curtis and Cynthia Cox have offered to review and edit the policy, before any further discussion on approval.

## Application Review

- **Joseph Marchell Reference form:** A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to accept the reference form from the applicant’s mother as she is a licensed veterinarian. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

## Compliance Monitoring

- **Stephen Caldwell, 2016-000078-IT-ENF and 2017-000533-IT-ENF, Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report dated 6/19/19:** After discussion, the board would like to see the report resubmitted based on the approved Instructions for Monitoring from the June 13, 2019 board meeting.
- **James Lear, 2018-000813-IT-ENF, Review of Required CE’s for Consent Agreement:** Dr. Patti motioned to approve the Brachycephalic Airway CE and not accept the Update on Analgesia/Anesthesia CE for surgical and post-surgical complications course content. The motion was seconded by Lisa Kaufman and passed unanimously with the exception of Dr. Diamond who recused himself from the discussion.
- **Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report dated 6/25/19.** After discussion, the board would like to see the report resubmitted based on the approved Instructions for Monitoring from the June 13, 2019 board meeting.

## Investigative Conference CLOSED under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

Dr. Patti made a motion to go into investigative conference to consider open cases, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:43 a.m. The Board made the following decisions while in investigative conference:

### Complaints:

- 2019-000435-IT-ENF [Iglukova]: Dismissed and open a complaint for record violations
- 2019-000423-IT-ENF [Cahalane]: Dismissed with Advisory Letter on client communication

- 2019-000336-IT-ENF [Pavane]: Dismissed.
- 2019-000445-IT-ENF [Knapp]: Dismissed.
- 2019-000446-IT-ENF [Griffin]: Dismissed.
- 2019-000567-IT-ENF [Delgado-Lecaroz]: Dismissed with Advisory Letter on using caution.

### **Quasi-Judicial Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18**

Dr. Diamond made a motion to exit the Investigative Conference and go into quasi-judicial session to consider a final decision and order, seconded Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 11:25 a.m.

The Board returned to open session.

### **Correspondence**

- Dr. Kube confirmed the ECVIM is branch under the same entity as the ECVS who were approved as CE providers at the November 8, 2018 meeting.

**Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting:** Susan Curtis received a call from a licensee who will be on a medical leave of absence inquiring for out of state licensees to work temporarily in her practice. The Board reinforced the regulations which would require MA licensure to practice in this jurisdiction.

The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.




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Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

### **List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting**

- Agenda of August 8, 2019 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2019
- Executive Session Meeting minutes of June 13, 2019
- 6.28.19 Email from L. Franklin re: AAVSB Conference
- Proposed Joint Policy Statement on Pet Shops, Animal Shelters and Rescues from Division of Animal Health
- Stephen Caldwell, 2016-000078-IT-ENF and 2017-000533-IT-ENF, Review of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Report dated 6/19/19
- James Lear, 2018-000813-IT-ENF, Review of Required CE's for Consent Agreement
- Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report resubmission.