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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for March 11, 2021
1000 Washington Street,
Boston, MA 02118-6110
9:30 a.m.

Board Members:

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

Board Staff:

Danielle O'Neil Executive Director
Eboni Lewis Associate Executive Director
Jennifer Romeo- Porcaro Board Counsel
Alan VanTassel, Investigative Supervisor

Absent:

Meeting Called to Order

9:33 AM

Board Business

- Public Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2021 : Dr. Patti motioned to approve Dr. Diamond second the motion. All in favor.
- Executive Session Minutes of February 11, 2021: Dr. Patti motioned to approve Dr. Diamond second the motion. All in favor.

Discussion

- Veterinary Technician Policy Update/MVTA Response Letter- After guidance from Board Counsel on the legal difference in a board policy vs regulation Dr. Kube made a motion to move from policy draft to regulation review. Motion second by Dr. Patti all in favor.
- AAVSB RACETrack Memo- The Board would like to invite an AAVSB representative into the April meeting to provide more information on the system and the approval they are seeking.
- Laurien Bean Temporary Permit Extension request- Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve 6 month extension effective 4/12/2021-10/13/2021 seconded by Lisa Kaufmann All in favor.



Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

A member of the public made a comment regarding an article involving a chiropractor. A member of the public asked a question regarding malpractice insurance for veterinarians and veterinary technicians.

Dr. Patti made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond, to adjourn the public meeting, and to enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to review an applicant's character rather than competence, after which the Board will enter in Closed Investigative Conference to consider open cases, conduct investigative conference, and consider settlement offers [closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C], and the Open Meeting would not resume. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Executive Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), Individual Character Rather Than Competence

The Board entered executive session at 10: 12 a.m.

Break: 10:13 AM- 10: 16AM

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

Dr. Patti made a motion to exit executive session, and to go into closed session, for the purpose of conducting investigatory and settlement conferences. Dr. Diamond second the motion and the motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered closed session at 10:24 AM. The Board made the following decisions while in closed session:

CE Audit 10/31/2021:

- 2020-8023-CE-SUB Approve W/Advisory
- AB Open Complaint
- EB Table for second contact attempt
- TC Open Complaint
- 2020-8254-CESUB Approve W/Advisory

Renewal Attestation:

- 2021-001606-VT-REN Open Complaint

Complaints:

- 2020-001055-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
- 2020-001077-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
- 2020-001079-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
- 2020-001145-IT-ENF Dismiss W/Advisory
- 2020-001250-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions (Board opened another Complaint)

- 2020-001362-IT-ENF Dismiss
- 2020-001733-IT-ENF Dismiss

A MOTION was made by Dr. Patti, seconded by Dr. Kube to adjourn, and by unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 12:41PM.



Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of March 11, 2021
- Public/Executive Session minutes February 11, 2021
- MVTA Response Letter
- AAVSB RACETrack Memo
- Correspondence Laurien Bean