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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine**  
**Public Meeting Minutes for August 13, 2020**  
**1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D**  
**Boston, MA 02118-6110**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Board Members:**

Lisa Kaufmann, Chair  
Dr. Karen Patti, Secretary  
Dr. David Diamond, Member  
Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member at 9:34AM

**Board Staff:**

Danielle O'Neil Executive Director  
Ebony Lewis Associate Executive Director  
Peter Kelley Board Counsel

**Absent:**

**Public Present:**

**Meeting Called to Order**

9:31AM

**Board Business**

- Public Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2020 Approved by motion of Dr. Diamond seconded by Dr. Patti. Unanimous.

**Board Counsel Report**

- Attorney Peter Kelley formally introduced himself as the Board's assigned counsel.

**Compliance Monitoring**

- 2016-000078-IT-ENF 2017-000533-IT-ENF [Stephen Caldwell] – Accepted by unanimous consent.

**Correspondence:**

CE Question Define "Interactive" [Dave Kestenman] - Adapting AAVSB RACE Standards, § 5.01 (2020)

- A continuing education activity is interactive, for the purposes of 256 Code Mass. Regs. § 9.01(1), where it is either a lecture, broadcasted interactive event (live webinar), seminar, class, lab/wet lab, conference, or workshop and the event takes place in real time, i.e., the same timeframe for all participants.



- ECFVG Program completion [Lauren Bean] - Dr. Patti made a motion to allow the applicant to apply for the temporary permit license, along with a letter from each supervisor. The motion was seconded by Dr, Diamond, all in favor.
- Controlled Substance [Stacy Bennett]
  - Transporting controlled substances across state lines is a matter of federal law, thus beyond the Board's scope of authority. Should consult federal law or obtain advice from own legal counsel.
  - Removal of dead animals is beyond the scope of veterinary practice, this also beyond the Board's scope of authority.
  - Other than the two above-referenced issues, for which the Board cannot advise or approve, animal euthanasia in the Commonwealth is within the scope of practice of veterinarians.

### **Discussion**

- AAVSB Vault Transfers: The Board conditionally approves the premium transfers received directly from the AAVSB pending a decision from the DPL legal department.
- Re-applying for licensure- Applicants who fail the exam and are beyond one year of the CORI must be submit new CORI documents for processing before any additional approvals to sit for the exam.
- Board approves graduation certifications submitted on schools' own letterhead and bearing indicia of authenticity.

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

Dr. Patti made a motion to go into closed session, for the purpose of conducting investigatory and settlement conferences. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered closed session at 10:08 AM. The Board made the following decisions while in closed session:

#### **Complaints:**

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| • 2020-000421-IT-ENF | Dismissed                                      |
| • 2020-000461-IT-ENF | Fwd to Prosecutions (Dr. Kube recused)         |
| • 2020-000481-IT-ENF | Open formal Complaint                          |
| • 2020-000490-IT-ENF | Dismissed                                      |
| • 2020-000506-IT-ENF | Dismissed with Advisory (Open other Complaint) |
| • 2020-000574-IT-ENF | Fwd to Prosecutions (Open other complaint)     |

Dr. Diamond moved and Dr. Kube seconded to exited closed session and return to open session. All in favor.

The Board returned to open session at 12:24 PM

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 PM



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Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

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

- Agenda of August 13, 2020 Meeting
- Compliance monitoring reports 2016-000078-IT-ENF 2017-000533-IT-ENF
- Correspondence email [Dave Kestenman]
- Correspondence email [Catherine Buck]
- Correspondence email [Lauren Bean]
- Correspondence email [Stacy Bennett]