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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for October 14, 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
Dr. Rachel Orłowski, Member
Lisa Kaufmann, Public Member

Board Staff:

Danielle O'Neil, Executive Director
Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel
Jen Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Meeting Called to Order at 9:31 AM

Executive Director Report:

- Executive Director Danielle O'Neil addressed the Board with administrative changes to occur over the next few months as she will be transitioning to another position within the agency. In the interim, Jen Fraga will act as Board Administrator until a new Executive Director is hired.

Board Business:

- Public Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2021, and September 9, 2021: Dr. Patti motioned to approve both sets of minutes. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Review and Approve 2022 Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed and revised the following meeting dates of April 7, 2022, to April 14, 2022, and July 7, 2022, to July 14, 2022. Dr. Patti motioned to approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule as revised. Dr. Orłowski seconded the motion. All in favor.

Correspondence

Email dated 8.26.21 to Veterinarian Board from DPH regarding veterinarians prescribing medications to their own animals: The Board discussed the correspondence and collectively agreed that this issue requires further discussion. The Board tasked staff to research the standard that physicians of human patients are subject to. This discussion will remain on the next available agenda.



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

At 9:51 AM, Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session for 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 was seconded by Dr. Kube and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

The Board made the following decisions while in closed session:

Complaints:

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| • 2021-000482-IT-ENF | Dismiss |
| • 2020-000481-IT-ENF | Dismiss with Advisory Letter |
| • 2021-000076-IT-ENF | Dismiss with Advisory Letter. Board opened new complaint. |
| • 2021-000490-IT-ENF | Dismiss |
| • 2021-000480-IT-ENF | Dismiss. Board opened new complaint. (Dr. Kube recused herself.) |
| • 2021-000459-IT-ENF | Dismiss |
| • 2021-000058-IT-ENF | Dismiss |
| • 2021-000477-IT-ENF | Forward to Prosecutions |
| • 2021-000348-IT-ENF | Dismiss. Board opened new complaint. (Dr. Kube recused herself.) |
| • 2021-000432-IT-ENF | Dismiss. Board opened new complaint. |
| • 2021-000616-IT-ENF | Closed No Action |

Settlement Conference *closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C*

N/A

The Board confirmed that the next scheduled meeting will commence on November 4, 2021.

At 11:20 AM, Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Jen Fraga, Program Coordinator

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of October 14, 2021
- DRAFT Minutes for August 12, 2021
- DRAFT Minutes for September 9, 2021

- 2022 Meeting Schedule
- Email Correspondence from DPH