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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine Public Meeting Minutes for January 13, 2022 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118-6110 9:30 a.m.

### **Board Members:**

Dr. Stephanie Kube, Chair

Dr. Karen Patti, Member (arrived at 9:39am)

Dr. David Diamond, Secretary

Dr. Rachel Orlowski, Member

#### **Board Staff:**

Caitriona Taylor, Executive Director Danielle O'Neil, Director of Background

Checks

Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel Jen Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Meeting Called to Order at 9:33 AM

#### **Board Business**

- Caitriona Taylor was introduced to the Board as the incoming Executive Director.
- Public Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2021: Dr. Diamond motioned to approve the minutes. Dr. Orlowski seconded the motion. All in favor.

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#### Correspondence

The Board discussed an email to the Board dated 12.16.21 from Corrie Hawks regarding whether veterinarians can dispense office-use medications obtained from an outsourcing facility by issuing a patient specific prescription. The Board directed Counsel and staff to respond to Ms. Hawks in light of Board statutes.

The Board discussed an email to the Board dated 12.16.21 from Carrie Johnson regarding disposal of controlled substances. The Board advised Ms. Johnson to review information available on the State's website about the topic. Counsel and staff will respond to Ms. Johnson.

The Board discussed an email to the Board dated 12.19.21 from Mark Cushing regarding MA license reciprocity requirements. The Board read and filed the email.

#### **Discussion**

Board Counsel Jenna Hentoff addressed the Board regarding an updated draft of the Vet Telehealth Policy. The Board tabled the discussion to be continued at the next board meeting.

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to individuals with disabilities to participate in the meeting taking place on the date listed above. All requests should be directed to Cheryl Yebba at 617-727-4992 or TTY/TDD: (617) 727-2099 by no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. While the Board will attempt to honor all requests those requests received less than 48 hours prior to the meeting may not be provided due to feasibility.

The Board started a discussion regarding updates to the Board's regulations. Board Counsel noted amendments made to the draft regulations to emphasize the veterinarian's role in the supervision of veterinary technicians. The Board tabled the discussion for the next board meeting. Board Chair Dr. Kube will work with Board Counsel to create an updated draft for review.

# **Compliance Monitoring**

Olga Iglikova – The Board reviewed a compliance monitoring report submitted for compliance with a consent agreement entered into in Docket No. 2018-001201-IT-ENF. Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Dr. Orlowski seconded the motion. All in favor. The Board asked for an update on Ms. Iglikova's progress in the next report.

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

Board Chair Dr. Kube raised the topic of continuing education requirements and the types of courses offered. The topic will be included as an agenda item for the next month's Board meeting.

Board Chair Dr. Kube recognized a member of the public and her question regarding the Board's telemedicine policy. The Board stated that the Board's Covid-based telemedicine policy had expired and that a new policy will be posted soon.

At 10:19 AM, Dr. Diamond 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. Orlowski and passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

•	2021-000971-IT-ENF	Dismiss with Advisory
•	2021-000276-IT-ENF	Forward to Prosecutions
•	2021-000316-IT-ENF	Return to Investigations for follow-up
•	2021-000855-IT-ENF	Return to Investigations for follow-up
•	2021-000924-IT-ENF	Return to Investigations for follow-up
•	2021-000925-IT-ENF	Return to Investigations for follow-up
•	2021-000999-IT-ENF	Dismiss

**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 February 10, 2022

At 11:02 AM, Dr. Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

# **Meeting Notes Signed by:**

Board Chair, Dr. Stephanie Kube

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

- Agenda of January 13, 2022
- Draft public meeting minutes for November 4, 2021
- Email correspondence from Corrie Hawks
- Email correspondence from Carrie Johnson
- Email correspondence from Mark Cushing
- Draft Telemedicine Policy
- Draft regulation Section 8.00
- Compliance documents for Olga Iglikova