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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2022
1000 Washington Street,
Boston, MA 02118-6110
9:30 a.m.

Board Members:

Dr. Stephanie Kube, Chair, joined at 9:38am
Dr. Karen Patti, Secretary
Dr. David Diamond, Member
Dr. Rachel Orłowski, Member

Absent Board Members:

Dr. Candance Sloane

Board Staff:

Caitriona Taylor, Executive Director
Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel
Jen Fraga, Program Coordinator II

Meeting Called to Order at 9:31 AM

Board Business

- The Board discussed the April 14th public meeting minutes. Dr. Diamond motioned to approve the April 14th meeting minutes with one change of replacing “veterinarian” with “boarding facility” under the rabies vax correspondence, seconded by Dr. Orłowski. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed their upcoming meeting schedule. The Board discussed canceling its July meeting and tentatively holding the August meeting in person.

Executive Director Report, Including

- Executive Director Caitriona Taylor gave a report on the AVMA 2022 March accreditation national actions.

Board Counsel Report, Including

- Nothing noted.

Board Discussion

- The Board discussed proposed changes to the Board’s regulations at sections 2.00, 8.00 and 9.00. The Board heard public comment regarding the proposed definition of “Veterinary Assistant” in section 2.00 and discussed whether referring to “clinical support staff” instead may encompass everyone working in a veterinary facility rather than only those assisting the veterinarian. Dr. Kube reminded the group that the phrase

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would be defined in the regulations. The Board discussed an edit to the draft section 8.00 regulations as well as changes to the section 9.00 regulations on continuing education. The Board discussed allowing licensees to obtain credit for only the first instance of the instruction or presentation of a workshop or seminar; allowing participants in a residency to obtain credit for all required CE credits; and requiring specialists to take CE credits in their specialty. The Board will continue this discussion in future meetings.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting: No topics were addressed.


At 10:34 a.m., Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the public meeting and enter Closed Session for Investigative Conference to consider open cases, conduct investigative conferences and consider settlement offers pursuant to G.L. c. 112, s. 65C. The open meeting would not resume. The motion was seconded by Dr. Diamond and approved unanimously.

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

- **Cases**
 - 2021-001209-IT-ENF (DS) Refer to prosecutions
 - 2022-000001-IT-ENF (LN) Dismissed
 - 2022-000019-IT-ENF (RJ) Dismissed with advisory letter and open new complaint
 - 2022-000067-IT-ENF (VV) Refer to prosecutions
 - 2022-000257-IT-ENF (AD) Refer to prosecutions and open new complaint
 - 2022-000291-IT-ENF (AA) Dismissed. Dr. Diamond recused himself from this case.

At 11:47am, Dr. Kube made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Patti.

Meeting Minutes Signed by:



Board Chair, Dr. Stephanie Kube

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- 5.12.2022 Public Agenda
- 4.14.2022 Public Meeting Minutes
- AVMA Council on Education Report on March 2022 Accreditation Actions and email, dated April 27, 2022
- Draft of Board regulations, 256 CMR 2.00, 8.00 and 9.00