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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2019
1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D
Boston, MA 02118-6110
9:30 a.m.

Board Members:

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

Board Staff:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Absent:

None

Public Present:

Dr. Robert Shurtleff, MVMA Board Liaison
Susan Curtis, Executive Director, MVMA

Meeting Called to Order

9:34 a.m.: Dr. Kube, Chair, opened the meeting.

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

Dr. Diamond made a motion to enter into a closed executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to review an applicant's character rather than her competence, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 9:36 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 9:49 a.m.

Public Comments

Dr. Robert Shurtleff discussed the shelter regulations meeting that he attended held by the Division of Animal Health, specifically the proposed requirement of a quarantine room and mandated vaccination schedules for animals entering the state.



Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019:** The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of March 14, 2019. Dr. Kube made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- **4.17.19 Email from L. Franklin re: AAVSB:** Read and reviewed.

Monitoring

- **Margo Roman, 20150113VT015-IT-ENF and 2015-001361-IT-ENF, 2d Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After discussion, Dr. Diamond made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and Supplement:** After discussion, Dr. Patti made a motion to accept the report and invite the licensee to a Board meeting for an interview with his monitor, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Practice Questions from the MVMA:** Susan Curtis from the MVMA discussed veterinary acupuncture, unlicensed practice, and how the MVMA can best communicate with the Board regarding practice issues. Mr. Bialas stated that the MVMA can always suggest policy changes for the Board to consider. Ms. Curtis also stated that the MVMA has proposed a veterinarian to fill the vacant seat on the Board to the Governor's Office.
- **Continuing Education in First Year of Licensure:** After discussion, Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the Continuing Education in First Year of Licensure policy with changes, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Monitoring Instructions:** After discussion, Dr. Patti made a motion to review a new draft of monitoring instructions that includes Dr. Diamond's input at the next meeting, and in the meantime provide that new draft to the monitors for Dr. Roman and Dr. Carson, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Quasi-Judicial Session CLOSED per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18

Dr. Patti made a motion to exit the public meeting and go into quasi-judicial session to consider a final decision and order, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 10:49 a.m.

The Board made the following decision while in quasi-judicial session:

- 2017-000312-IT-ENF (CN): Determined sanction for Final Decision and Order

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

Dr. Kaufmann made a motion to exit quasi-judicial session and go into investigative conference to consider open cases, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:54 a.m. The Board made the following decisions while in investigative conference:

Complaints:

- 2018-001243-IT-ENF (SS): Dismissed
- 2018-001343-IT-ENF (KR): Dismissed and open complaint for CE violation.
- 2018-001360-IT-ENF (CK): Dismissed.
- 2019-000052-IT-ENF (RS): Dismissed.
- 2019-000011-IT-ENF (DB): Rescind previous decision to close with no action taken and docket complaint.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on June 13, 2019.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of May 9, 2019 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019
- 4.17.19 Email from L. Franklin re: AAVSB
- Margo Roman, 20150113VT015-IT-ENF and 2015-001361-IT-ENF, 2d Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and Supplement
- Continuing Education in First Year of Licensure Policy
- Draft Monitoring Instructions