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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for June 9, 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 Orlowski, Member

Absent Board Members:

Dr. Candance Sloane

Board Staff:

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

Meeting Called to Order at 9:30 AM

Board Business

- The Board discussed the May 12th public meeting minutes. Dr. Orlowski motioned to approve the May 12th meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed their upcoming meeting schedule. The Board noted its intention that its next meeting will take place on August 11, 2022 at the DOL offices at 1000 Washington St, Boston MA 02118. The exact room location will be noted on the posted meeting agenda.

Executive Director Report, Including

- Executive Director Caitriona Taylor thanked the Board and introduced Keith Gleason as the incoming Executive Director for the Board.

Board Counsel Report, Including

- Board Counsel Jenna Hentoff reviewed the conflict of interest law for state employees with Board members as well as any disclosures required pursuant to the law.

Board Discussion

- Board Counsel Jenna Hentoff reviewed the provision in the Open Meeting Law which will allow Board members to attend a meeting remotely if their physical attendance would be unreasonably difficult. A Board member would be permitted to attend a meeting remotely if a quorum of the Board is physically present, including the Board

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Chair or the person designated to chair the meeting. Dr. Kube motioned to adopt the remote meeting procedures for future Board meetings held in person, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

- Board Counsel Jenna Hentoff discussed updates to the draft regulations. After a discussion of proposed edits to Sections 2.00 and 8.00 of the Board's regulations, no Board members had any additional comments. The Board discussed proposed edits to Section 9.00 of the Board's regulations. The Board discussed requiring licensees to take continuing education courses "applicable to their specialty." The Board also clarified the number of continuing education credits applicable to an individual actively participating in a residency or internship program. The Board tabled discussion of other sections of its regulations for a future meeting.
- Dr. Kube asked if any members of the public had any suggestions in regard to the Board's regulations. No members of the public had any comments.

Correspondence

- Vets to Pets House Call Service letter from Morgan Guiffre, received May 13, 2022 – This correspondence was marked read and filed by the Board.
- Massachusetts Veterinary Teletriage Regulations email from Alina Sobolik, dated May 5, 2022 – After discussion, the Board advised counsel and staff to advise Ms. Sobolik of the Board's statutes and regulations regarding the definition of practicing veterinary medicine and establishing a VCPR.

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

No topics were addressed.

At 10:04 a.m., Dr. Orlowski 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. Kube and approved unanimously.

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

- **Cases**
 - 2021-000316-IT-ENF (BM) Refer to prosecutions
 - 2021-001007-IT-ENF (TM) Refer to prosecutions
 - 2021-001137-IT-ENF (AF) Dismissed
 - 2022-000100-IT-ENF (ZQ) Refer to prosecutions
 - 2022-000125-IT-ENF (GM) Return to investigations
 - 2022-000182-IT-ENF (BS) Dismissed

At 11:51am, Dr. Orlowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Diamond.

Minutes Signed by:

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- 6.9.2022 Public Agenda
- 5.12.2022 Public Meeting Minutes
- Draft of Board regulations, 256 CMR 2.00, 8.00 and 9.0
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