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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for August 12, 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
Lisa Kaufmann, Public Member

Board Staff:

Danielle O'Neil Executive Director
Eboni Lewis Associate Executive Director
Charles Kilb Acting Board Counsel

Absent:

Meeting Called to Order

9:31 AM

Board Business

- Dr Diamond made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes May 13, 2021 and June 10, 2021 second by Dr. Patti all in favor
- Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes June 10, 2021 with the amended pronoun herself to himself, second by Dr. Patti all in favor

Application Review

- Paul Berger- The board reviewed Dr. Berger's discipline in the states of Minnesota. Lisa Kaufmann made a motion to approve the applicant second by Dr. Kube all in favor.

Compliance Monitoring:

- 2018-001201-IT-ENF [Olga Iglukova] - The board reviewed and accepted report #4 by unanimous consent.

Correspondence

- Scope of Practice [Neda Bajalo]- The Board reviewed a request from Neda Bajalo, who inquired as to the rules regarding work in academic settings. The board suggested review of MGL Chapter 112 Section 58, the board's scope of practice. If the individual is practicing within the scope of Veterinary Medicine,



licensure is needed. By unanimous consent, staff will convey this to the requestor. No additional action taken.

- Practice Operations [MVMA]- The Board reviewed a request from Jamie Falzone, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) enquiring as to whether a practice could be open for reception duties without a doctor on the premises. The members agreed that this practice was generally acceptable. By unanimous consent, staff will convey this to the requestor. No additional action taken.

Discussion

- NAVLE application MA Deadline: The board discussed the NAVLE deadline for vendor registration as it corresponds to MA Board approval to sit for the exam. Concerns raised by the administrative office in regards to applicant submission too close to the Aug 1 deadline which do not allow the applicant nor reviewer enough time to process the application. Dr. Diamond made a motion to set a deadline of July 1 for submission of approval to sit for the NAVLE. While, application submissions after the July 1 deadline will be accepted post July 1 applicants cannot be guaranteed approval for the subsequent testing window. Second by Dr. Kube. All in favor.
- Jurisprudence Exam: The board discussed concerns of frequent similarities in answers to test questions. The board determined they will keep the current exam as is with the following updated information:

“Please remember that per Massachusetts law (M.G.L. c. 112, s. 55), to become registered as a Veterinarian, applicants must be of good moral character. Accordingly, please ensure all work on this examination is yours and not the result of any unfair or dishonest advantage. Failure to adhere to this could lead to a licensing application being denied and/or loss of any issued licenses.”

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

At 10:05 AM Dr. Kube made a motion, seconded by Dr. Diamond to adjourn the public meeting, and to enter into 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 passed unanimously.

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

The Board made the following decisions while in closed session:

Complaints:

- 2021-000058-IT-ENF Refer to Investigations for additional records
- 2020-000306-IT-ENF Refer to Prosecutions
- 2021-000127-IT-ENF Dismiss

- 2021-000163-IT-ENF Fwd to Prosecutions
- 2021-000164-IT-ENF Fwd to Prosecutions
- 2021-000196-IT-ENF Dismiss
- 2020-001250-IT- ENF Update Referral to Prosecutions

Settlement Conference *[closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C]*

- 2020-000240-IT-ENF Approved to reinstate
- 2019-001303-IT-ENF Dismissed
- 2019-001271-IT-ENF Dismissed W/ Advisory

At 12:06 p.m., Dr. Kube motioned to adjourn the meeting, approved by unanimous consent.



Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of August 12, 2021
- Paul Berger MN Consent Agreement
- Scope of Practice [Neda Bajalo]
- Practice Operations [MVMA]