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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine  
Public Meeting Minutes for February 11, 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  
Jennifer Romeo- Porcaro Board Counsel  
Alan VanTassel, Investigative Supervisor

**Absent:**

**Meeting Called to Order**

9:34 AM

**Board Business**

- Board Elections  
Chair: Dr. Patti made a motion to nominate Dr. Kube as the Chair. Lisa Kaufmann second the motion. All in favor.  
Secretary: Dr. Kube made a motion to nominate Dr. Diamond, second by Lisa Kaufmann. All in favor
- Public Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2021: Dr. Patti motioned to approve Dr. Diamond second the motion. All in favor.
- Executive Session Minutes of January 14, 2021: Dr. Patti motioned to approve Dr. Diamond second the motion. All in favor.

**Board Counsel Report**

- The Board counsel will defer reports on Vet Tech policy to the discussion portion of the agenda.

**Compliance Monitoring**

- 2019-000318-IT-ENF [Wilbur Salter]- Dr. Patti made a motion to deny request to acquire a licensed pharmacist as a monitor for Dr. Salter. Suggested AMI reach out to the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) to broaden their search of a MA



licensed Veterinarian to monitor Dr. Salter. The motion was second by Lisa Kaufmann All in favor.

### **Discussion**

- Vet Technician Policy Draft / MVTA Letter Vet Tech Scope- The Board discussed adding additional duties to the policy regarding the supervision of the veterinary technician. Dr. Patti motioned to table the discussion and to continue to delegate authority to Dr. Kube to continue to work with Board Counsel on the policy. Second by Dr. Diamond. All in favor.
- Veterinary COVID19- Vaccinations DPH- After discussion the board decided; If licensed Veterinarians are called upon by the Commonwealth to administer COVID-19 vaccines, then, on a voluntary basis, licensed Veterinarians may do so.

### **Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of 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 executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1) to review an applicant's character rather than competence, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10: 05 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:08 a.m.

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

Dr. Patti made a motion to go into closed session, for the purpose of conducting investigatory and settlement conferences. Dr. Kube second the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered closed session at 10:08 AM. The Board made the following decisions while in closed session:

#### **Complaints:**

- 2020-001016-IT-ENF Dismissed
- 2020-001045-IT-ENF Dismissed
- 2020-001055-IT-ENF Table for additional documentation
- 2020-001095-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions

#### **Settlement Offers:**

**2020-569-IT-ENF**

**Guidance Given to Prosecutor**

By unanimous consent, the board exited closed session and entered open session at 11:18 AM.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eboni Lewis", is positioned above a horizontal blue line.

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Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

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

- Agenda of February 11, 2021
- Public/Executive Session minutes January 11, 2021
- VT Tech Policy draft/MVTA Response Letter
- Compliance monitoring Question: AMI Wilbur Salter
- MVMA email Veterinarians and COVID19 Vaccines