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**Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2020
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

Board Staff:

Eboni Lewis Associate Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Absent:

Public Present:

Bob Shurtleff, MVMA
Mary Ann Walsh MVTA

Meeting Called to Order

9:38 a.m.: Dr. Kube, Chair, opened the meeting.

James O'Connor informed board of Evacuation Plan in regards to temporary changes to the building while under construction.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020:** The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of January 9, 2020. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes with a correction to the spelling of Dr. Rousseau's name and Dr. Shurtleff, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of January 9, 2020:** The Board reviewed the executive session minutes of January 9, 2020. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Open Meeting Law and Conflicts Of Interest-** The board reviewed the documents and signed all forms as acknowledgment of receipt per DPL policy.
- **Delegations of Authority-** The Board reviewed the current delegations which were last approved September 9, 2015. Dr. Diamond made a motion to continue the with all current delegations and added delegated authority to the Board Counsel, Associate Executive Director and Executive Director direction to review and grant CE extension



requests with a maximum extension of 90 days. The motion was seconded by Lisa Kaufmann

Compliance Monitoring

- **2016-000132-IT-ENF [Linnell]** Dr. Patti made a motion to remove the probation as the compliance terms were met. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kube. All in favor

Correspondence

- **Seeking Extension Request CE [Horah]:** The Board decided to have the AED and Board Counsel review under newly approved delegations of authority.
- **Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved “Society of Critical Care Medicine Symposium” [Duffy]:** Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the course for CE approval 2020, seconded by Lisa Kaufmann. All in favor
- **Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved course “Narrative Medicine [Fine]:** Lisa Kaufmann made a motion to approve the course for 9 CEUs, seconded by Dr. Diamond All in favor.
- **Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved course “Pulmonary and Critical Care [Tobleman]:** Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the course for CE approval 2020, seconded by Dr. Kube. All in favor

Discussion

Regulations – The Board began discussions of the staff assistant section of the previous regulations. 256 CMR Section 8.0. The Board members will compile a list of tasks to discuss what is or isn't permissible for staff assistants.

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

Dr. Patti made a motion to leave Open Session and go into Closes Session, investigative conference to consider open cases, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:06 a.m. The Board made the following decisions while in investigative conference:

Complaints:

- 2019-001271-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
- 2019-001071-IT-ENF Dismiss
- 2019-001284-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory
- 2019-001272-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory
- 2019-001303-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions
- 2019-001370-IT-ENF Dismiss with Advisory
- 2019-001270-IT-ENF Forward to Prosecutions

Dr. Patti made a motion to exit the Investigative Conference and return to open meeting, seconded Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 1:10 PM

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

- 2019-000381-IT-ENF [Salter] - Read and filed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM



Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of February 13, 2020 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2020
- Executive Session Minutes of January 9, 2020
- Open Meeting Law and Conflicts Of Interest documents
- Delegations of Authority documents
- Dr. Linnell request to lift Probation
- Seeking Extension Request CE [Horah]
- Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved “Society of Critical Care Medicine Symposium ” [Duffy]
- Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved course “Narrative Medicine [Fine]
- Seeking CE Approval for non-RACE Approved course “Pulmonary and Critical Care [Tobleman]