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Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
May 8, 2025, Public Meeting Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine (“the Board”) was held remotely *via* video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public.

Attending Members: Dr. Rachel Orlowski, Board Chair; Dr. Stephanie Kube, Vice Chair; Dr. Candace Sloane, Public Member; and Dr. David Diamond, Member

Members Absent: Dr. David Tubman, Secretary

Staff: Colleen Maloney, Acting Executive Director; Nirit Eriksson, Board Counsel; John Hill, Board Administrative Staff

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 A.M. Board members, Board staff, and members of the Public were introduced and welcomed, and all present were informed the meeting was being recorded.

Board recognized Paula Garland, inquiring about a current enforcement case. Board Counsel advised that we do not comment on open cases.

- **Review and Approve Minutes:**
- The Board reviewed the minutes from the Open Meeting of April 10, 2025. Board members agreed to approve the Public Session minutes, as written:
 - Motion to approve the minutes by Dr. Orlowski, seconded by Dr. Diamond
 - Roll Call vote
 - In Favor: Dr. Orlowski, Dr. Diamond, Dr. Kube
 - Opposed: none
 - Motion passes
- **Executive Director Report**
 - Introduction of Acting Executive Director, Colleen Maloney. Acting ED provided an overview of the new office space and noted the Agency is looking for a new ED.
- **Board Counsel Report**



9:37 AM public member Dr. Candace Sloane joined the meeting.

- **Action and Discussion Items**
 - None
- **Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting:**
 - Jamie Falzone, MassVMA provided an update on three pieces of legislation her organization is working on and tracking. The first would change the renewal period from every year to every two years. Additionally, legislation regarding the creation of a Veterinary Technician license under the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Finally, Ms. Falzone mentioned a bill her organization plans to oppose which would allow for the electronic establishment of VCPR (Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship)
 - Dr. Kube inquired about liability insurance.
 - Board Counsel noted Agency guidance that Boards do not discuss pending legislation.
 - Dr. Sloane asked for clarification regarding a technician license and its independence.
 - Chair Orłowski inquired about the proper avenue for weighing in on pending legislation.
 - Board Counsel will obtain Agency guidance as to what avenues exist for provision of input on pending legislation and report back.
 - Ms. Walsh offered to provide a briefing to interested parties, offline and for the general public.
- At this time, there were no further matters for the Public Session. At 9:45 am, a Motion was made by Dr. Sloane and seconded by Dr. Diamond to close the Public Session and enter into the closed Quasi-Judicial session, followed by Investigative Conference, to discuss open cases, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C. There are no items for discussion under the Executive Session and the Board does not anticipate re-entering the public session.
 - Board Chair called for a roll call vote
 - In favor: Dr. Orłowski, Dr. Diamond, Dr. Kube, Dr. Sloane,
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion passes

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

Dr. Tubman joined the meeting at 10:00AM

Cases:

- 2025-201402-FI-ENF: refer to Prosecutions
- 2024-000969-IT-ENF: refer to OI
- 2025-000012-IT-ENF: refer to OI
- 2025-000105-IT-ENF: dismissed
- 2025-000109-IT-ENF: refer to Prosecutions
- 2025-000117-IT-ENF: refer to Prosecutions
- 2025-000214-IT-ENF: refer to OI
- 2025-000292-IT-ENF: refer to Prosecutions
- 2025-000317-IT-ENF: refer to Prosecutions

- 2025-000150-IT-ENF : dismissed

Adjournment: At 11:00 am, a Motion to Adjourn meeting was made.

- Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Dr. Tubman
- Motion seconded by Dr. Sloane
- Roll Call vote
- In favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Kube, Dr. Sloane, and Dr. Tubman
- Opposed: None
- Motion passes, meeting Adjourned

Meeting minutes signed by:



Acting Executive Director, Colleen Maloney

Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for the May 8, 2025 Meeting
- Minutes from the April 10, 2025, Open Meeting