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Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
June 13, 2024 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 2023, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public.

Attending Members: Dr. David Diamond, Member; Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member; Dr. David Tubman, Secretary

Members Absent: Dr. Rachel Orłowski, Board Chair; Dr. Candace Sloane, Public Member

Staff: Keith Gleason, Outgoing Executive Director; Marjorie Campbell, Incoming Executive Director; Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel; Milla Lewis; Katherine Azurdia-Silva; John Hill

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 A.M.

- **Read and Approve Minutes** – The Board tabled review of the minutes from the May 2024 Board meeting to the August Board meeting to allow for revisions.
- **Executive Director Report**
 - The Outgoing Executive Director provided an update to the Board on the transition to the new Executive Director, Marjorie Campbell, and her staff. Executive Director Campbell introduced herself and discussed her background.
 - It was also noted that the Board staff has made good progress on catching up with applications for licensure.
- **Board Counsel Report:** No new items to report.
- **Board Correspondence:** The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the use of FIP treatment by veterinarians and whether it would pursue claims against licensees who prescribe the treatment. Board Counsel advised the Board against making any sort of decision or recommendation outside of an actual complaint. The Board declined to make a recommendation or note a course of action given that there was no specific complaint before the Board involving this issue.
- **Application Reviews:**



- Dr. Divya Trivedi: Dr. Trivedi appeared before the Board in connection with her application for a Temporary Permit. Her proposed supervisor Dr. Patel was also present at the meeting and confirmed that he understands what his role as supervisor requires. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Diamond to grant the Temporary Permit to Dr. Trivedi, seconded by Dr. Tubman. After a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- Dr. Laetitia Duler: Dr. Duler appeared before the Board in connection with her application for a Limited Practitioner Veterinary License. Dr. Duler is seeking a Limited Practitioner Veterinary License which is limited to the practice of Cardiology. She is seeking to waive the requirement for the NAVLE and the international veterinary graduate certificate pursuant to 256 CMR 3.03(6), but it was noted that she will not meet the reciprocity requirement that she hold a license in another state and be engaged in practice for at least five (5) years until June 21, 2024. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Diamond to approve the requested waiver for the Limited Practitioner Veterinary License with the effective date of June 21, 2024, seconded by Dr. Kube.
- Roll Call Vote
- Members in Favor: Dr. Diamond; Dr. Tubman; Dr. Kube
Members opposed: None
- Motion passed.
- **Review and Discussion of Regulation Draft 256 CMR 5.00**: The Board members discussed the drafted revisions to this section of the Board's regulations as outlined by Board Counsel. The Board discussed revisions intending to clarify requirements for documentation in the medical record regarding vaccines, and other revisions which would require that the medical director of a veterinary practice has an established transition plan for the medical records and client care in place in the event of both planned and unplanned closure of the practice. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Tubman to approve the draft of 256 CMR 5.00 with the discussed revisions, seconded by Dr. Diamond. After a roll call vote, the motion passed.
- **Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting**: Keith Gleason suggested that Board members may want to review current Board policies and going forward the Board can discuss any that may need revisions.
- At this time, there were no further matters for the Public Session. There were no matters on the Agenda under the Executive Session. The Board therefore discussed going directly into the Investigative Conference session. At 10:06 A.M., a motion was made by Dr. Tubman to close the Public Session and enter closed Investigative Conference pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C, seconded by Dr. Diamond. It was noted that the Board did not anticipate reentering public session but would remain in closed session after which the Board would adjourn. After a roll call vote, the motion passed.

Investigative Conference (Closed per M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C):

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

Cases:

- 2024-000065-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000070-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecutions
- 2024-000135-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecutions

- 2024-000151-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000156-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000198-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000209-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory; open new complaint
- 2024-000240-IT-ENF: Tabled
- 2024-000298-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000300-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2024-000347-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000369-IT-ENF: Take no action

Adjournment: At 11:06 A.M., a motion to adjourn meeting the meeting was made by Dr. Tubman, seconded by Dr. Kube. After a roll call vote, the motion passed.

Meeting minutes signed by:

Board Chair, Dr. Rachel Orlowski

Documents Used During the Public Meeting:

- Agenda for the June 13, 2024 Open Meeting
- Email correspondence regarding use of FIP treatment
- Temporary Permit Application from Dr. Trivedi and related documents
- Limited Practitioner Veterinary License Application from Dr. Duler and related documents
- Draft regulations 256 CMR 5.00