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**Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine**  
**September 12, 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. Rachel Orłowski, Board Chair; Dr. David Diamond, Member; Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member; Dr. David Tubman, Secretary

**Members Absent:** Dr. Candace Sloane, Public Member

**Staff:** Marjorie Campbell, Executive Director; Keith Gleason, former Executive Director; Philip Chan, 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 welcomed and informed the meeting was being recorded.

- **Read and Approve Minutes** – The Board reviewed the minutes from the Open Meeting of August 8, 2024, and agreed to accept the minutes as written.
  - Motion made by Dr. Diamond to accept the August 8, 2024, Board meeting minutes
  - Seconded by Dr. Tubman
  - Roll Call vote
  - In Favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Tubman, Dr. Kube
  - Opposed: none
  - Abstain: Dr. Orłowski
  - Motion passes
- **Executive Director Report**
  - Introduction of new Board Counsel, Philip Chan.
  - Reminder to Board members to bring their calendars to the October Board meeting, so that we can set the Board meeting dates for 2025.
- **Board Counsel Report:** No new items to report.
- **Continuing Education Review:** The Board reviewed documents submitted by the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association, outlining a 2 ½ day conference



presented by the Pacific Northwest Veterinary Conference in Tacoma, WA. The conference is scheduled for 9/27/24, and there will be 176 Hours to choose from, by 64 speakers. If someone attended the entire weekend, they could receive a total of 17 CE credits. Board members agreed that this conference was acceptable for CE credit for Massachusetts Veterinarians who attend.

- Motion by Dr. Tubman to accept the Conference course for CE credit
- Seconded by Dr. Diamond
- Roll Call vote
- In Favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Tubman, Dr. Orlowski, and Dr. Kube
- Opposed: none
- Motion passes

- **Discussion Items:**

1. Question from the public was posed as to whether it is cause for a complaint against a Veterinarian, if the Veterinarian refers a patient out to emergency services if that Veterinarian is unable to manage the level of care required for whatever reason, or if the clinic is closed. The Board members discussed that this is not a cause for complaint. In general, if a patient does present at the Veterinarian's practice, attempts should be made to stabilize the patient; however, if for whatever reason, the practice cannot manage the required care at that time, it would be acceptable to refer that patient to another facility who could manage the necessary care, after stabilizing the patient. No vote was taken.
2. Question from the public was posed about opening an Aquamation Facility in Massachusetts. This is a facility that would offer water euthanizing services to pets. Board members discussed and stated that this facility can be allowed to operate in Massachusetts so long as all the other facility requirements under the Board's regulations are adhered to. No vote was taken.
3. Question from the public was posed as to whether a Veterinarian can write a prescription for a controlled 2 medication for their own pet. Board members discussed and stated that yes, Veterinarians can write a controlled 2 prescription for their own pets. No vote was taken.

- **Request for Extension of Temporary Permit:** Dr. Augusto Freitas Junior requested an extension of his temporary permit, which is set to expire on 9/25/24. Dr. Freitas was present at the meeting with his supervisor. He is scheduled to take the CPE exams but is concerned that the scores may be delayed, thus the request to have his permit extended. Board members discussed and voted as follows

- Motion by Dr. Diamond to extend the temporary permit for six months, provided that Dr. Freitas pass the CPE exams. If Dr. Freitas should not pass the exams, the temporary permit will be rescinded.
- Motion seconded by Dr. Orlowski
- Roll Call vote
- In favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Tubman, Dr. Orlowski, and Dr. Kube
- Opposed: None
- Motion passes

- **Matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting:** No Items
- **Public Comment:** No Items

- At this time, there were no further matters for the Public Session. At 9:55 am, a motion was made by Dr. Tubman to close the Public Session and enter closed Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21 (a)(7). It was noted that the Board did not anticipate reentering public session but would remain in closed session, with the Investigative Conference session following the Executive Session, after which the Board would adjourn.
  - Motion by Dr. Tubman to close the Public Session of the Meeting and enter into the Closed Executive Session
  - Motion seconded by Dr. Diamond
  - Roll Call vote
  - In favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Tubman, Dr. Orlowski, and Dr. Kube
  - Opposed: None
  - Motion passes

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

The following actions were taken during the Investigative Conference:

**Cases:**

- 2024-000573-IT-ENF: Close
- 2023-000079-IT-ENF: Dismiss with Advisory
- 2024-000065-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecution (Dr. Tubman recused)
- 2024-000156-IT-ENF: Refer back to OI (Dr. Diamond recused)
- 2024-000240-IT-ENF: Dismissed (Dr. Kube recused)
- 2024-000265-IT-ENF: Dismissed (Dr. Diamond recused)
- 2024-000271-IT-ENF: Dismissed (Dr. Kube recused)
- 2024-000281-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecution (Dr. Diamond recused)
- 2024-000512-IT-ENF: Dismissed
- 2024-000511-IT-ENF: Refer to Prosecution

**Adjournment:** At 11:56 A.M., a motion to adjourn meeting was made.

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

**Meeting minutes signed by:**

  
 Board Chair, Dr. Rachel Orlowski

**Documents Used During the Public Meeting:**

- Agenda for the September 12, 2024, Open Meeting
- Minutes from the August 8, 2024 Open Meeting
- CE Request for the Pacific Northwest Veterinary Conference
- Email question from the public regarding Emergency care of pets

- Email question from the public about opening an Aquamation Euthanizing facility
- Email question from the public about the prescribing of Controlled 2 substances for a Licensee's own pet
- Written request for extension of Temporary Permit from Dr. Augusto Freitas Junior

## **Executive Session Minutes of the September 12, 2024 Board of Veterinary Medicine**

At the September 12, 2024 Board meeting, the Board reviewed the following request to terminate probation case: **2018-001201-IT-ENF**

- Motion by Dr. Diamond to terminate the Probation, and initiate an audit for this Licensee's CE's
- Motion seconded by Dr. Kube
- Roll Call vote
- In favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Orlowski, Dr. Kube and Dr. Tubman
- Opposed: None
- Motion passes