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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Open Board Minutes for August 10, 2017

Board Members:

Dr. Karen Patti, Chair
Dr. David Diamond, Secretary
Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member
Dr. Sheri Siegel, Member

Board Staff:

John High, Associate Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Seth Henderson, Prosecuting Counsel
Bruce Hopper, Chief Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Theresa Shurtleff
Dr. Caitlan Koontz
Dr. Emma Thomas
James San Giovanni

Meeting Called to Order

9:36 am: Dr. Patti, Chair, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. James O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Vote on Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from June 8, 2017. Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Compliance Monitoring

(a) Request to Terminate Probation: Socrates Tello, 2015-000018-IT-ENF

A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to terminate probation. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

(b) Request to Terminate Stayed Suspension: Ashraf Gomaa, 20130312VT035-IT-ENF

A motion was made by Dr. Kube to terminate the stayed suspension. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.



(c) Delegation of Authority for Staff to Terminate Discipline

A motion was made by Dr. Diamond reaffirming the ability for Board staff to administratively approve select compliance monitoring requests. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Other Board Business

(a) Discussion of Board Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Policy

The Board discussed revisions to the Board's Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) policy, regarding the review process for Operating Under the Influence (OUI) convictions disclosed by applicants for licensure.

Dr. Diamond made a motion to amend the policy. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

(b) Delegation of Signature Authority for Draft Board Minutes

The Board discussed delegating to staff the ability to post draft minutes to the Board's website, prior to formal approval of the minutes by the full Board. Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the delegation. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

(c) Discussion of Request for Reinstatement: Jennifer Herndon

The Board discussed the request for reinstatement by Dr. Jennifer Herndon. The Board provided guidance to staff, and requested an update at the September Board meeting.

(d) Discussion of Drafting Error in Revised Regulations

At the request of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA), the Board discussed scrivener's error(s) in section 256 CMR 7.00 CMR of the Board's recently revised regulations. The Board requested that Board Counsel draft a policy to address the scrivener's error(s) in the existing regulations.

Executive Session - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 30A § 21

10:10 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Executive Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

10:44 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to exit closed, Executive Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Investigative Conference - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

10:45 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Investigative Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Complaints

- (1) 2015-001421-IT-ENF/2015-001420-IT-ENF/2015-001418-IT-ENF - Request to re-open dismissed complaint(s) (JS): Request tabled to a future meeting.
- (2) 2017-000463-IT-ENF (ML): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (3) 2017-0000372-IT-ENF (MM): Complaint dismissed without prejudice. New complaint opened against a different licensee.
- (4) 2017-000312-IT-ENF (CN): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (5) 2017-000201-IT-ENF (ST): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit. New, separate complaint opened against licensee.
- (6) 2017-000118-IT-ENF (SC): Complaint referred to the Prosecutions Unit.
- (7) 2017-000373-IT-ENF (AA): Complaint referred back to Office of Investigations.
- (8) Undocketed Complaint/Correspondence (KW): Complaint closed, no action taken.

(b) Prosecutors

- (1) 2016-000021-IT-ENF (TF) - Prosecutor Seth Henderson: The Board provided Prosecutor Seth Henderson with guidance.

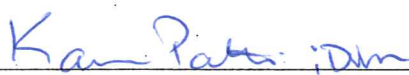
1:20 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Session. Motion seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

1:21 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kube. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

List of Documents

- Agenda of August 10, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of June 8, 2017 Meeting
- Board Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Policy



Dr. Karen Patti, Chair
Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine