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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for December 14, 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
Robert Williams, Investigator

Public Present:

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Theresa Shurtleff

Meeting Called to Order

9:32 am: Dr. Patti, Chair, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. Dr. Patti reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Vote on Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the public and executive session meeting minutes from November 9, 2017. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Correspondence

(a) Kristine Burgess, DVM, DACVIM (Oncology): Inquiry Regarding Website Tool

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding a new diagnostic website tool. The Board declined to take a position on the matter and provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

(b) Susan Curtis, MVMA: Inquiry Regarding Enforcement of First Time Inspection Violations

The Board discussed an inquiry from the MVMA regarding enforcement policies for first time violations of Board regulations on medications, resulting from onsite inspections. The Board provided verbal guidance to Susan Curtis of MVMA.



Compliance Monitoring

(a) Request to Terminate Probation: Michael L. Katz, VT-10-032 / 20091019VT032-IT-ENF

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

Other Board Business

(a) Grace Period for 2017-2018 License Renewal Cycle Continuing Education Requirements

The Board discussed implementing a grace period to address concerns from licensees regarding the recent change to the time frame for completing the annual continuing education requirement in 256 CMR. 9.00, ahead of the 2018 license renewal deadline. The Board agreed to implement a one-time grace period allowing licensees to utilize continuing education courses completed between January 1, 2017 and February 28, 2018 towards to annual requirement for the 2018 license renewal. The Board clarified that this grace period is limited and that licensees may not “double-dip” by utilizing continuing education courses completed within the specified time frames that were previously used towards the annual requirement for the 2017 license renewal. The Board also directed staff to post a notice on the Board’s website regarding this grace period.

Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the grace period and website notice. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

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

10:01 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Executive Session. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.

10:10 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to exit closed, Executive Session. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.

Quasi-Judicial Session - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18

10:11 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Quasi-Judicial Session. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.

10:28 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to exit closed, Quasi-Judicial Session. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.

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

10:29 am: A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Complaints:

- (1) 2017-000983-IT-ENF (GC): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (2) 2017-001160-IT-ENF (JW): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (3) 2017-001097-IT-ENF (MR): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (4) 2017-000976-IT-ENF (RN): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (5) 2017-001320-IT-ENF (JL): Complaint closed, no action.
- (6) 2017-001332-IT-ENF (VCA-BRAH): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (7) 2017-000351-IT-ENF (SK): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.

(b) Prosecutor(s):

- (1) 2016-000692-IT-ENF (EM) - Prosecutor Shara Benedetti: The Board provided guidance to Prosecutor Benedetti.
- (2) 2017-000123-IT-ENF (RB) - Prosecutor Paul Franzese: Complaint tabled to a future meeting.
- (3) 2015-001361-IT-ENF / 20150113VT015-IT-ENF (MR) - Prosecutor Julie Brady: The Board provided guidance to Prosecutor Brady.
- (4) 2016-000028-IT-ENF (MC) - Prosecutor Seth Henderson: The Board provided guidance to Prosecutor Henderson.

12:45 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

12:46 am: Dr. Siegel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

List of Documents

- Agenda of December 14, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of November 9, 2017 Meeting
- Correspondence from Dr. Kristine Burgess
- Correspondence from Susan Curtis, MVMA



Dr. Karen Patti, Chair

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine