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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2018

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
Christopher Carroll, Chief of Investigations
Robert Williams, Investigator

Public Present:

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)

Meeting Called to Order

9:36 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 December 14, 2017.

Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the public session minutes, with amendments. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the executive session minutes. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

- (1) **Medical Records of Adopted Pets:** Susan Curtis of the MVMA inquired as to how the Board would view a veterinarian contacting the prior veterinarian of a pet up for adoption, regarding prior medications prescribed to the pet. The Board provided guidance to Ms. Curtis.
- (2) **Legislation Creating a Two Year License Cycle:** Susan Curtis of the MVMA notified the Board of the Association's intent to propose legislation amending the Board's statutes to create a two year license cycle.
- (3) **Board Reciprocal License Applicants & Continuing Education Exemption Policy:** The Board discussed issues surrounding the definition of a reciprocal license applicant



and its applicability to the Board's policy continuing education policy for new licensees. Board staff will report back at a future meeting regarding possible changes to the license application intended to clarify the definition.

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

10:39 am: A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to enter closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Complaints:

- (1) 2017-000961-IT-ENF (MK) / 2017-000962-IT-ENF (LS): Complaints dismissed without prejudice.
- (2) 2017-000980-IT-ENF (EG): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (3) 2017-001027-IT-ENF (HM): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (4) 2017-001083-IT-ENF (TS): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (5) 2017-001150-IT-ENF (WVE/SK): Complaint closed, no action taken.
- (6) 2017-000983-IT-ENF (GC) (Second Review): Prior referral to Prosecutions Unit affirmed; no further action taken.
- (7) 2017-001226-IT-ENF (CC): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.

(b) Request for Reconsideration of Complaint Dismissal(s):

- (1) (KM)/2017-000571-IT-ENF (TJ) / 2017-000572-IT-ENF / (CKH)/2017-000573-IT-ENF (MM): Request denied. Prior dismissal of complaints affirmed.

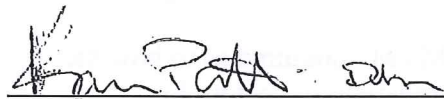
11:24 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

11:25 am: Dr. Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

List of Documents

- Agenda of January 11, 2018 Meeting
- Minutes of December 14, 2017 Meeting



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