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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine  
Open Board Minutes for March 9, 2017

**Board Members:**

Dr. Sheri Siegel, Chair (\*remote participation)  
Dr. Karen Patti, Member  
Dr. David Diamond, Member  
Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member

**Board Staff:**

James O'Connor, Board Counsel  
Doris Lugo, Investigator

**Public Present:**

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)  
Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)  
Theresa Shurtleff  
Thomas Moss, Horse Trainer  
Doug Raucher, Horse Trainer/Farm Owner  
David Ribeiro, Equine Floater  
Dr. Sarah Reynolds, DVM

**9:37am: Meeting Called to Order**

Dr. Diamond, Acting Chair at behest of the Board, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. James O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

**Regulation Review**

- (a) The Board discussed proposed change to its regulations that would create an exemption from the practice of Veterinary Medicine for equine floating using hand-held rasps. After much discussion and input from both the public and members of the Board, Dr. Diamond made a motion to remove the exemption. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Dr. Diamond, Dr. Kube, and Dr. Siegel voted in favor of removing the exemption. Dr. Patti abstained. Exemption removed.

(\*Dr. Siegel ceased remote participation at 10:37am)

**Vote on Meeting Minutes**

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from January 12, 2017. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.



## Other Board Business

- (a) Correspondence: Susan Brogan (Tufts): Request for Continuing Education Exemption for BEE Conference at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University: Dr. Diamond made a motion to deny the request. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Dr. Diamond, Dr. Kube voted in favor of denying the request. Dr. Patti voted against. Motion passed by the Board. Request denied.

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

10:56 am: Dr. Patti made a motion to go into closed session. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Complaints:

1. VT-2016-0661 (KJ): Complaint dismissed with Advisory Letter.
2. VT-2016-0691 (KR): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
3. VT-2016-0692 (EM): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
4. Greyhound Friends (MA-DAR): Open a complaint.
5. VT-2016-0600 (JA): Complaint tabled, due to recusal, lack of quorum.
6. VT-2016-0885 (EY): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
7. VT-2016-0922 (MP): Complaint dismissed without prejudice

Dr. Patti made a motion to re-open the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Diamond. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

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

1:20pm: Dr. Patti made a motion to go into closed session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

- (a) VT-11-050: The Board voted to deny a motion for reconsideration, via a motion by Dr. Patti. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.


## Meeting Adjournment

1:25 pm: Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kube. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

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## List of Documents

- Agenda of March 9, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of January 12, 2017 Meeting

  
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Dr. Sheri Siegel, Chair  
Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine