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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for November 9, 2017

Board Members:

Dr. Karen Patti, Chair
Dr. David Diamond, Secretary
Dr. Stephanie Kube, 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)

Meeting Called to Order

9:37 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 public meeting minutes from October 12, 2017. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Correspondence

(a) Dr. Lorraine O'Connor (MDAR-DAH): Inquiry on Microchipping

The Board discussed correspondence received from Dr. Lorraine O'Connor, Chief Veterinarian for the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health (MDAR-DAH), regarding whether the practice of microchipping constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine. The Board discussed the inquiry and provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

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

9:55 am: A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to enter closed, Executive Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.

10:05 am: A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to exit closed, Executive Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously, via roll call vote, by the Board.



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

10:05 am: A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to enter closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Complaints:

- (1) 2017-000679-IT-ENF (BNB): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (2) 2017-000820-IT-ENF (LS): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (3) 2017-000907-IT-ENF (LH): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (4) 2017-000875-IT-ENF (VCA-RH): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (5) 2017-001225-IT-ENF (JM): Complaint returned to the Office of Investigations for follow-up.
- (6) 2017-001226-IT-ENF (CC): Complaint returned to the Office of Investigations for follow-up.
- (7) 2017-001064-IT-ENF (ST): Complaint referred to the Office of Prosecutions.
- (8) 2017-00918-IT-ENF (HHW): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (9) 2017-000571-IT-ENF (TJ) / 2017-000572-IT-ENF (CKH) / 2017-000573-IT-ENF (MM): All complaints dismissed without prejudice.
- (10) 2017-000983-IT-ENF (GC): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.

11:15 am: Dr. Diamond made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Conference. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

11:16 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 November 9, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of October 12, 2017 Meeting
- Correspondence from Dr. Lorraine O'Connor



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