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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for September 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
Ann Barry, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Shara Benedetti, Prosecuting Counsel

Public Present:

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

Meeting Called to Order

9:32 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 August 10, 2017. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes, with amendments. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board reviewed the executive session meeting minutes from August 10, 2017. Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the minutes, with amendments. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Board Business

- (a) **Discussion of Continuing Education Requirements for the 2018 license renewal period, pursuant to recent regulation changes/ (1) Correspondence - Susan Curtis (MVMA) Request for clarification on continuing education calendar, expectations and flexibility**

The Board discussed its recent regulation changes as they relate to annual continuing education requirements and the 2018 license renewal period.



(b) Review and Approval of Revised Veterinary Medicine Inspection Form for Clinics/Hospitals

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised Veterinary Medicine Inspection Form for Clinics/Hospitals. Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the revised Inspection Form. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

(c) Update on Reinstatement Request for Dr. Jennifer Herndon

The Board staff provided an update to the Board regarding alternative examination options for Dr. Jennifer Herndon, an applicant for license reinstatement, previously discussed at the August 10, 2017 meeting.

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

9:58 am: A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to enter closed, Investigative Session. Dr. Siegel 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): The Board reaffirmed its decision to dismiss the original complaint(s) but will issue an Advisory Letter.
- (2) 2017-001003-IT-ENF (PBCS): Complaint dismissed with an Advisory Letter.
- (3) 2017-000659-IT-ENF (KR): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (4) 2017-000239-IT-ENF (CS): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (5) 2017-000744-IT-ENF (MA): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (6) 2017-000533-IT-ENF (SC): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (7) 2017-000351-IT-ENF (SK): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.
- (8) 2017-000373-IT-ENF (AA): Complaint dismissed with an Advisory Letter.
- (9) 2017-001069-IT-ENF (DAB): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.
- (10) 2017-000992-IT-ENF (WS): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (11) 2017-000663-IT-ENF (JR): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.

(b) Prosecutors:

- (1) 2016-000684-IT-ENF (MM): Prosecutor Shara Benedetti: The Board provided guidance to Prosecutor Benedetti.

12:05 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Session. Dr. Diamond seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

12:10 pm: 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 September 14, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of August 10, 2017 Meeting
- Revised Veterinary Medicine Inspection Form for Clinics/Hospitals

Karen Patti, DVM

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