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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2019
1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D
Boston, MA 02118-6110
9:30 a.m.

Board Members:

Dr. David Diamond, Chair
Dr. Sheri Siegel, Member
Dr. Karen Patti, Member
Lisa Kaufmann, Public Member

Board Staff:

Brian Bialas, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel

Absent:

Dr. Stephanie Kube, Secretary

Public Present:

Dr. Robert Shurtleff, MVMA Board Liaison
Susan Curtis, Executive Director, MVMA
Dr. Jessica Huwa
Mike Keiley, MSPCA
Dr. Cynthia Cox, MSPCA
Michael Cahill, Division of Animal Health
Dr. Lorraine O'Connor, Division of Animal Health

Meeting Called to Order

9:35 a.m.: Dr. Diamond, Chair, opened the meeting.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018:** The Board reviewed the public session meeting minutes of December 13, 2018. After discussion, Dr. Siegel made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes with changes, seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Election of Officers:**
 - Dr. Patti nominated Dr. Kube to be Chair through February 2020, seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously.



- Dr. Siegel nominated Dr. Patti to be Secretary through February 2020, seconded by Dr. Diamond. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- **1.8.19 Email from B. Shryock re: Chiropractic Care:** The Board discussed the email and directed staff to respond that all veterinary regulations apply if the licensee maintains a veterinary license.
- **1.9.19 Email from L. Franklin re: AAVSB:** The Board discussed the email and directed staff to ask the AAVSB specifically what it wants board staff to do under Resolution 2018-1.
- **1.14.19 Email from M. Keiley re: Shelters Dispensing Medications; Joint Policy Statement on Pet Shops:**
 - Mike Keiley and Dr. Cynthia Cox of the MSPCA asked the Board whether shelters can provide medications that have been properly prescribed to an animal to an animal's new owner when the animal is adopted. The Board answered yes, provided the medications are properly labeled and all documentation is in order.
 - Michael Cahill and Dr. Lorraine O'Connor of the Division of Animal Health discussed the same issue with the Board, and stated that the Division may have to regulate when shelters and pet shops can release animals to new owners while the animals are on medication. The Division also may want to propose a new Joint Statement on Pet Shops and Shelters for the Board's consideration.

Monitoring

- **Margo Roman, 20150113VT015-IT-ENF and 2015-001361-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report:** Accepted. Staff to remind the monitor that the corrective actions to be made detailed in the report should be passed on to the licensee.
- **Stephen Caldwell, 2016-000078-IT-ENF and 2017-000533-IT-ENF, Proposed Monitor:** Dr. Siegel made a motion to accept the proposed monitor, seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board directed staff to ask the monitor for the specific issues that were addressed with the licensee.

Executive Session CLOSED under M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with M.G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and M.G.L. c. 214, s. 1B

Dr. Siegel made a motion to enter executive session to review CE extension requests and sensitive medical information, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 11:10 a.m.

During the executive session, the Board made the following decisions:

- **1.9.19 Letter from W. Sager re: CE Extension:** The Board allowed the licensee a two-month extension to complete his CEs if he sends proof of completion to the Board.
- **1.25.19 Letter from K. Shea re: CE Waiver:** The Board allowed the licensee to count the CEs that he completed in 2019 toward his 2018 requirement.

Investigative Conference CLOSED under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit executive session and go into investigative conference to consider open cases, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:19 a.m. The Board made the following decisions while in investigative conference:

Complaints:

- 2018-000965-IT-ENF: Referred to Office of Prosecutions.
- 2018-001026-IT-ENF: Referred to Office of Prosecutions.
- 2018-001119-IT-ENF: Close case, no action taken.
- 2018-001127-IT-ENF: Dismissed.
- 2018-001096-IT-ENF: Dismiss with advisory letter.
- 2019-000011-IT-ENF: Close case, no action taken.
- 2018-001362-IT-ENF: Close case, no action taken.
- 2018-001134-IT-ENF: Dismissed.
- 2018-001136-IT-ENF: Dismissed.
- 2018-001201-IT-ENF: Referred to the Office of Prosecutions.
- 2018-001208-IT-ENF: Dismissed.
- 1.2.19 Email from K. Patti re: 2018 CEs: Dr. Patti recused herself from this matter and left the room. The Board did not consider the matter because Mr. Bialas was notified by the licensee that she had completed her CE requirements for 2018 in time.

Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit investigative conference and return to the open meeting, seconded by Ms. Kaufmann. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to the open meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on March 14, 2019.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of February 14, 2019 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2018
- 1.8.19 Email from B. Shryock re: Chiropractic Care
- 1.9.19 Email from L. Franklin re: AAVSB
- 1.14.19 Email from M. Keiley re: Shelters Dispensing Medications
- Joint Policy Statement on Pet Shops
- Margo Roman, 20150113VT015-IT-ENF and 2015-001361-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report
- Stephen Caldwell, 2016-000078-IT-ENF and 2017-000533-IT-ENF, Proposed Monitor
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