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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2019
1000 Washington Street, Conference Room 1D
Boston, MA 02118-6110
9:30 a.m.

Board Members:

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

Board Staff:

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

Absent:

Lisa Kaufmann, Public Member

Public Present:

Dr. Robert Shurtleff, MVMA Board Liaison
Susan Curtis, Executive Director, MVMA

Meeting Called to Order

9:39 a.m.: Dr. Kube, Chair, opened the meeting.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019:** The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of May 9, 2019. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the public meeting minutes, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of May 9, 2019:** The Board reviewed the executive session minutes of May 9, 2019. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the executive session minutes, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Permit Application

The Board interviewed Dr. Maram Shenouda with her proposed supervisor Dr. Lisa Teixeira. After discussion, Dr. Kube made a motion to approve Dr. Shenouda for a six-month temporary permit to work under the supervision of Dr. Teixeira while she completes the ECFVG program, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.



Discussion

- **Monitoring Instructions:** After discussion, Dr. Patti made a motion to approve the proposed instructions with changes, seconded by Dr. Kube. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Proposed Joint Policy Statement on Pet Shops, Animal Shelters, and Rescues from Division of Animal Health:** Tabled until the next meeting.

Monitoring

Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and Supplement

The Board interviewed Dr. Carson with his monitor Dr. Michael Frost. Dr. Frost expressed concerns regarding Dr. Carson's performance during the monitoring period so far, including his recordkeeping and decision-making. He also noted concerns from Dr. Carson's staff. Specifically, he did not believe Dr. Carson was improving. The Board asked Dr. Carson to transmit records he created from a recent surgery for its review.

Public Comments

Sue Curtis from the MVMA discussed USP 800, hazardous materials guidelines, and how they may or may not affect veterinarians.

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. Patti made a motion to enter into a closed executive session 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, to review medical records, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:26 a.m.

The Board returned to open session at 10:57 a.m.

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

Dr. Patti made a motion to exit open session and go into investigative conference to consider a settlement offer and open cases, seconded by Dr. Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:58 a.m.

The Board made the following decisions while in investigative conference:

Settlement:

- 2019-000381-IT-ENF (WS): Direction given to prosecutor.

Complaints:

- 2018-001343-IT-ENF (KR): Do not open complaint for CE violation.
- 2019-000149-IT-ENF (LL): Refer to office of prosecutions.

- 2019-000162-IT-ENF (CV): Dismissed with advisory.
- 2019-000155-IT-ENF (Bay State Veterinary): Closed, no action taken.
- 2019-000288-IT-ENF (LO): Dismissed.
- 2019-000249-IT-ENF (MF): Dismissed.
- 2019-000250-IT-ENF (MC): Dismissed.
- 2019-000282-IT-ENF (MW): Dismissed.
- 2019-000438-IT-ENF (ST): Refer to office of prosecutions.
- 2019-000272-IT-ENF (AS): Dismissed.
- 2019-000268-IT-ENF (MC): Dismissed.
- 2017-000118-IT-ENF (SC): Refer to office of prosecutions.

Dr. Kube made a motion to exit investigative conference and return to open session, seconded by Dr. Patti. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to open session at 12:26 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

The above Minutes were approved at the public meeting held on August 8, 2019.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of June 13, 2019 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2019
- Temporary Permit Application of Maram Shenouda
- Samuel Carson, 2017-000118-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report and Supplement