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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Motion before the Board, and Disciplinary Hearings
February 2, 2012

Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211

Board members present were:

David M. Oliver, D.V.M., Chairperson
Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson
Oswald H. "Sonny" King, D.V.M., Secretary
Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M.
Christine Hartman, L.V.T.
Rebecca Hughes, D.V.M., Interim Appointee
Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.
Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M.
Walter C. Robinson, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Larry Atkins, LLR Investigator
Erin Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)
Gary Hagood, PPR Court Reporter
Carolyn Coats, LLR Administrative Assistant
Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Lillia Ann Gray, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)
Larry Griffin, RPP
Pat Hanks, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)
Charles A. Henry, D.V.M.
H. Fred Kuhn, Attorney
David Love, OIE
Marcia Rosenberg
Mark Sanders, LLR Investigations and Enforcement (OIE)
Sheridon Spoon, Esquire, LLR Advice Attorney
Terri Stephens, LLR Investigator
Richard Wilson, RPP

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 108, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairperson Dr. Oliver called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/veterinary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Nord seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to accept the October 27, 2011 Minutes of the last meeting as printed and the November 22, 2011 Teleconference Minutes. Dr. Platt seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to accept the IRC Report for three (3) Dismissals, authorization for two (2) formal complaints, accept the Cease & Desist Order, and accept one (1) Dismissal with a Letter of Caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion carried.

OIE and OGC Management Reports

The OIE and OGC Management Reports were given for OIE and OGC. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

HEARING FOR MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD:

William John Fuller, D.V.M.

A hearing was held at 9:20 a.m. for a motion to withdraw a formal complaint and dismiss the initial complaint against Dr. Fuller. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Lillia Ann Gray represented the state. Dr. Fuller chose not to be present and chose not to be represented by counsel. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Nord to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to accept the Motion dismissal for the formal complaint and dismiss the initial complaint. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

John D. Cottingham, Jr., D.V.M.

A hearing was held at 9:40 a.m. regarding a formal complaint against Dr. Cottingham. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Patrick Hanks represented the State. Dr. Cottingham and his attorney were sent notice of the

hearing and chose not to appear. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing proceeded.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brooks. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to revoke the license. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed with one dissenting vote by Dr. Hughes.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING:

Charles A. Henry, D.V.M.

A hearing was held at 11:15 a.m. to consider a formal complaint against Dr. Henry with a Memorandum of Agreement with Stipulations of Facts. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Erin Baldwin represented the State. Dr. Henry was present and was represented by H. Fred Kuhn. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Nord to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to come out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to dismiss the complaint and issue a Letter of Caution regarding record keeping. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given and included the statistical report on number of licensees and licensing actions; the Legislative Report regarding bills, Congressional District 7 report, report of need to postpone the election for Congressional District 3 and 5 seats terms, announcement of Statement of Economic Interest due date, and the Disciplinary Monitor Log Report.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

LEGAL:

There was no legal business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of 2012 Board Officers:

The Board elected Dr. Brooks as Board Chairperson, Dr. King as Board Vice Chairperson, and Dr. Cribb as Secretary.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Dr. Platt asked for a meeting for the Board and Investigative Review Committee to go over their roles and processes. The Board agreed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

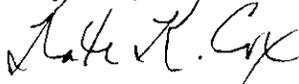
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for 2012 will be May 24, August 2, and November 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate K. Cox
Administrator