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Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Disciplinary Hearings, and Application Hearings
May 24, 2012

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211

Board members present were:

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

Board members with excused absences were:

Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.
Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Erin Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)
Darra J. Coleman, LLR Chief Advice Counsel
Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Lori Graham, LLR Investigator
Dean Grigg, Deputy Director of POL
Gary Hagood, PPR Court Reporter
David J. Howard, D.V.M.
David Love, OIE
Krystal McFaddin, OGC Office
Melina Mann, General Counsel for LLR
Debra A. Matthews, Attorney
Steven Moon, Attorney
Mag Moton, LLR Administrative Assistant
Jennifer L. O'Brien, D.V.M.
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ott
Holly G. Pisarik, Director LLR
Marcia Rosenberg
Sheridon Spoon, Esquire, LLR Advice Attorney
Terri Stephens, LLR Investigator
Margie S. Stoppelbein, L.V.T.
Rogers Townsend, Attorney
Edward G. Verville, Jr., D.V.M.
Lindy K. Wang, D.V.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, 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. Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:07 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. King to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Cribb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to accept the February 2, 2012 Minutes of the last meeting as printed. Dr. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made for Director Holly G. Pisarik and Chief Advice Counsel Darra J. Coleman.

COMPLAINT PROCESS PRESENTATION:

Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Love, and Mr. Spoon reviewed the complaint process, as well as the Freedom of Information Act. Members of the IRC were in attendance. Questions were asked.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to accept the IRC Report for seven (7) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to accept the IRC Report for one (1) Dismissal with a Letter of Concern. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to accept the IRC Report to authorize three (3) Formal Complaints. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

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:

Ms. Baldwin asked for a motion to hear the MOA hearings together for one transcript for Dr. Howard and Dr. Verville. Respondents' counsel agreed. The Board approved.

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS: David J. Howard, D.V.M. and Edward G. Verville, Jr., D.V.M.

A hearing was held at 11:40 a.m. regarding Memorandums of Agreement with Stipulations for Dr. Howard and Dr. Verville. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Erin Baldwin represented the State. Steven Moon represented Dr. Howard and Dr. Verville. 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. Cribb. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Oliver to accept the Memorandums of Agreement with Stipulations for each veterinarian and issue a Final Order for public reprimands for each veterinarian, collection of costs of \$852.50 to be shared equally between the veterinarians, and a list of all documents for corrective measures be submitted to the Board with an update of the Practice Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion passed. A Final order will be drafted with specific language noted.

DISCIPLINARY HEARING: Lindy K. Wang, D.V.M.

A hearing was held regarding a Memorandum of Agreement with Stipulations for Dr. Wang. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Erin Baldwin represented the state. Debra A. Mathews represented Dr. Wang. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

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

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with Stipulations and issue a Final Order for a public reprimand, collect investigation fees within 60 days, and require a course in record keeping to be completed within 180 days. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

APPLICATION HEARINGS:

APPLICATION HEARING: Jennifer L. O'Brien, D.V.M.

An application hearing was held regarding licensure for Jennifer L. O'Brien. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Dr. O'Brien was not represented by counsel. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Robinson to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. King to grant a license to Dr. O'Brien and to require that any findings by the North Carolina Board of Veterinary Medicine be reported immediately to the South Carolina Board with the right reserved by the South Carolina Board to take further action as needed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion carried.

APPLICATION HEARING: Margie S. Stoppelbein, L.V.T.

An application hearing was held regarding a licensure for Margaret S. Stoppelbein. Mr. Spoon advised the Board. Ms. Stoppelbein was not represented by counsel. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

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

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to license Ms. Stoppelbein. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given with a staffing chart and included the statistical report on number of licensees and licensing actions. Reports were also given on status of bills regarding the Veterinary Board and legislation regarding Congressional District 7. Travel to AAVSB was approved for two members and the administrator to attend the meeting. The Disciplinary Monitor Log report was given.

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:

DHEC requirements for veterinary facilities were discussed by Dr. Brooks. Discussion followed. The Board suggested a letter be written to DHEC inquiring about the education provided to veterinarians on the DHEC requirements for veterinary facilities.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Rosenberg addressed the Board regarding Board processes for complaints and possible sanctions regarding licensees.

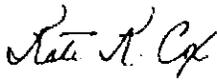
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate K. Cox".

Kate K. Cox
Administrator