

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 111
COLUMBIA, S.C.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008, 9:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Stephen G. Colquhoun, D.V.M.; Vice-Chairman, Paul D. Patrick, D.V.M.; Secretary, James M. Harris, D.V.M.; Albert W. Platt, D.V.M.; David M. Oliver, D.V.M.; Glen B. Haynes, D.V.M.; Christine Hartman, L.V.T.; and Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sondra Stephenson - Board Administrator; Pat Hanks – LLR Legal Counsel; Krystal McFadden – Assistant, Division of Legal Services; P.C. Faglie – LLR Investigations and Enforcement; George Patterson – LLR Investigations and Enforcement; Ruby Brice – OHMRP Assistant Deputy Director; James Saxon - LLR Advice Attorney; Sharon Dantzler - LLR Legal Counsel; Mag Moton – Veterinary Board Administrative Assistant; Annie Heyward – Chiropractic Board Administrative Assistant; Adrienne Otto, D.V.M. – Expert Witness; Rodney Ashcraft – Witness; Deborah Ashcraft – Witness; Eric Gore – Gore Court Reporting; and Marcia Rosenberg.

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at the S. C. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29210 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Colquhoun called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present to conduct business.

Motion: With no objections, an adjustment to the January 24, 2008 agenda was made, moving Item V (Approval of January 10, 2008 IRC Recommendations) to Item IV and adding “Board Elections” to the agenda.

The opening session of the meeting began with the approval of the October 25, 2007 Board Minutes.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 25, 2007 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Ms. Hartman moved to accept the minutes of the October 25, 2007 Board meeting as printed. Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting proceeded with the Review of Applicant.

REVIEW OF APPLICANT

Elizabeth Chirite, L.V.T., an applicant for licensure, did not appear before the Board. Ms. Chirite requested the Board's permission to sit for the South Carolina State Veterinary Technician Examination. The applicant does not meet the requirements of Section 40-69-230 of the Veterinary Practice Act that requires an applicant to be a graduate of an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited school of animal technology. The applicant has successfully completed a fifty-two (52) hour training program in Medical Terminology; a ninety-one (91) hour course in Pharmacy Technology; and is a member of the New Jersey Veterinary Technicians Association.

Motion: Ms. Hartman moved to deny Ms. Chirite permission to sit for the South Carolina State Veterinary Technician Examination.

Motion to Vote: Dr. Colquhoun moved to conduct an individual Board member vote. Board members seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board's individual votes unanimously favored the denial of accepting applicant Elizabeth Chirite as an examination candidate for the South Carolina State Veterinary Technician Examination.

The meeting proceeded with the January 10, 2008 IRC Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JANUARY 10, 2008 IRC MEETING

Motion: Dr. Harris moved to accept the January 10, 2008 IRC recommendations with one correction (incorrect case number listed) to be made to a Cease and Desist. Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved to take a five (5) minute recess. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed: 9:22 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting proceeded with Rules and Regulations Update.

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

Sondra Stephenson, Board Administrator, stated that the veterinary regulations were submitted to be posted in the February State House Register with an April 2008 timeout date. Ms. Stephenson thanked everyone for their contributions, comments and review in preparing the regulations. Ms. Stephenson informed the Board that language pertaining to the direct supervision and indirect supervision of licensed veterinary technicians were corrected; and formatting changes to the flow of information were made.

The meeting proceeded with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

IRC OPERATIONAL TRAINING UPDATE

Sondra Stephenson, Board Administrator, thanked Dr. Platt for his suggestions for the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Operational Training. An IRC Operational Training is needed to provide technical training for the members of the IRC to improve communication between the IRC members and Board members; to identify and determine appropriate sanctions for disciplinary issues. The projected date for the IRC Operational Training is March 2008.

The meeting proceeded with Board Elections.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved to elect officers for the positions of chairman, vice chairman and secretary. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Harris moved to nominate Dr. Patrick as Board Chairman. Dr. Platt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Patrick moved to nominate Dr. Harris as the Board's Vice Chairman. Dr. Platt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Dr. Haynes moved to nominate Dr. Platt as the Board's Secretary. Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Patrick thanked Dr. Colquhoun for services rendered to the Board during his tenure as Board Chairman.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved to take a fifteen (15) minute recess. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed: 9:45 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting proceeded with a hearing.

HEARING

Dr. Colquhoun gave the Hearing Opening Statement in Case# 2006-27. The meeting proceeded with Case# 2006-27.

Ms. Hartman recused herself from Case# 2006-27.

Case# 2006-27

Pat Hanks, Department's Litigation Attorney, summarized Case# 2006-27. The Respondent in Case# 2006-27, who was not represented by legal counsel, gave an opening statement. The Respondent stipulated and admitted to the facts of the Notice of Charges and petitioned the Board for the appropriate sanctions for his conduct.

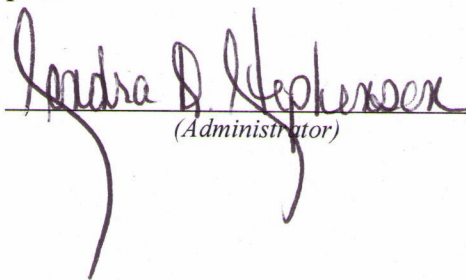
Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved to convene to Executive Session to deliberate Case# 2006-27. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed 12:06 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

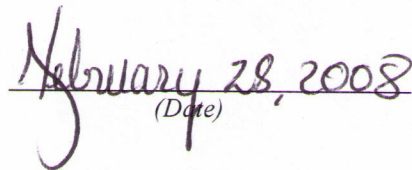
Motion: The Board determined that the Respondent was in violation of the Practice Act. The Board ruled that within one (1) year of the date of the Order, the Respondent, in addition to the continuing education requirements for license renewal, attend and successfully complete a course in "Heartworm Disease" approved in advance by the Board. The Board also ruled that within fifteen (15) days of completing the required course, the Respondent must file written proof of compliance with the Board. Further, the Respondent's professional records will be subject to periodic review by Board representatives for two (2) years from the date of the Order. Finally, the cost of such reviews shall be the responsibility of the Respondent. Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Colquhoun added that the Board expressed concerns in reference to Respondent's choice of medications and recommended that the Respondent seek further education in heartworm disease.

The next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008. With no further business, the Board adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



(Administrator)



(Date)