

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Business Meeting and Disciplinary Appearances  
January 27, 2011  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 204  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211

Board members present were:

Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M., Chairman  
David M. Oliver, D.V.M., Vice-Chairman  
Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M., Secretary  
Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M.  
James M. Harris, D.V.M.  
Christine Hartman, L.V.T.  
Oswald H. "Sonny" King, D.V.M.  
Walter C. Robinson, D.V.M.

Board member with excused absence was:

Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

Staff and Others present were:

Patricia Glenn, LLR Administrator  
P.C. Faglie, LLR Investigations and Enforcement  
Pat Hanks, Esquire, LLR Litigation Attorney  
Sheliah Jones, LLR Administrative Assistant  
Tracey McCarley, Office of Board Services (OBS)  
Janice Meetze, LLR Administrative Assistant  
Jamie Saxon, LLR Hearing Advisor  
Marcia Rosenberg  
Terri Stephens, LLR Investigations and Enforcement  
Tami I. Watters, RPR, Court Reporter

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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 204, 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. Chairman Dr. Platt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted. One excused absence was noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. King to approve the Agenda as presented. Ms. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Harris to accept the October 8, 2010 Minutes of the last meeting as printed. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS:

Dr. Platt had no comments for the Board at this time.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was given by the Chairman, Dr. Platt. The IRC Report, as per the January 12, 2011 IRC meeting, was to dismiss three (3) complaints, to issue (3) Cease & Desist Orders, and to authorize one (1) Formal Complaint. One (1) Letter of Caution was reported to have been sent. It was reported there was an expert review for more information on responding to calls and it was reported there is nothing pending on this matter.

Discussion followed on Letters of Caution; and it was reported Letters of Caution are kept on file and are considered as dismissals, non disciplinary. It was suggested that not only statute/regulation references of concern should be mentioned but also the wording of the statute/regulation.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the IRC Report for three Dismissals as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the IRC Report to issue three Cease & Desist Orders as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the IRC Report to authorize one Formal Complaint as presented. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the IRC Report to issue one Letter of Caution as presented and discussed. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Complaint Status Log:

Mrs. Glenn presented the Complaint Status Log as information to the Board.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Scott A. Gregory, D.V.M. Agreement to Relinquish License:

An Agreement to Relinquish License to Practice Veterinary Medicine was presented by Pat Hanks which had been by the Respondent, Dr. Gregory. Dr. Gregory was not present and was not represented. The Board was represented by Mr. Hanks; a court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present and the Agreement, which is equivalent to revocation of a license, was presented. It was reported to be as a permanent, disciplinary action forevermore.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the Agreement of Relinquishment from Dr. Gregory. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Donald M. Rothgeb, D.V.M. Agreement to Relinquish License:

An Agreement to Relinquish License to Practice Veterinary Medicine was presented by Pat Hanks which had been by the Respondent, Dr. Rothgeb. Dr. Rothgeb was not present and was not represented. The Board was represented by Mr. Hanks; a court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present and the Agreement to Relinquish was presented, which is equivalent to revocation forevermore of a license, was presented.

Jamie Saxon reported that an additional Order of Relinquishment will be drafted by the Office of Hearing Advisors on both of these relinquishments.

**Motion:** A motion was made to accept the Agreement of Relinquishment from Dr. Rothgeb with a scrivener's error correction of missing month in the date of signature. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

The new Director for LLR was announced to be Catherine B. Templeton. The statistics for licensees was reported to be: Licensed Veterinarians - 1530 and Licensed Veterinary Technicians - 280 for a total of 1810 licensees. It was reported that renewals are underway with the common renewal deadline of March 31, 2011 for all licensees of the Board. Notifications were sent in January 2011. It was reported 368 veterinarians and 42 veterinary technicians have renewed on-line to date. It was noted there is no practice after the renewal deadline if you have not made a renewal; it is a professional responsibility to renew; and it is a professional requirement to keep contact information current.

OIE/ OGC/ OIS Management Reports:

OIE/ OGC/ OIS Management Reports were given. The Office of Investigations and Enforcement Statistical Report (OIE) was reported by P.C. Faglie with 14 active cases open to date. Fifty (50) cases were worked last year on licensees and ten (10) additional cases were worked on non licensees. It was reported for the Office of Information Services' Report (OIS) that twenty (20) veterinarian licenses were issued, eight (8) veterinary technician licenses were issued, one (1) temporary license was processed for a veterinarian, and one (1) license for a veterinarian was reinstated since the last meeting of the Board. The Office of General Counselor Report (OGC) report was given by Pat Hanks to report that Legal had five (5) open cases at the beginning of this meeting and two of them were disposed today.

Legislation 2011:

Pre-filed Bill 3125 was reported to be in legislature and is in regards to the transfer of the state veterinarian from Clemson University to the Department of Agriculture with all assets and liabilities

Dr. Philip Fidler, D.V.M.:

It was reported Dr. Fidler was named the 2010 [South Carolina Association of Veterinarians' Veterinarian of the Year Award](#) and was recognized by the SC House of Representatives.

Administrative Financial Report:

The report was provided by Tracey McCarley, OBS, and was provided as information. Revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period. The Board is audited annually and has been found financially sound with no audit exceptions being noted.

LEGAL:

Ms. Dantzler, LLR's Advice Counsel discussed questions on investigations, fact gathering, and record keeping requirements. Discussion was held on reporting complaints to the Board and stated no Board member should discuss possible complaint matters with any person.

Discussion was held on records such as if a client owns an animal then records need to be kept and if a shelter owns an animal, then records are not required. Herd animal paperwork was also discussed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Robinson for members to get together and find out what the veterinary community wants for records on certain animals. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda. It was noted that RACE has not sent additional information on RACE approval and RACE timelines.

NEW BUSINESS:

2011 Board Officer Election:

The Board conducted an election for officers for the Board for 2011. The Board elected David M. Oliver, D.V.M. as Chairman, Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M. as Vice Chairman, and Oswald H. "Sonny" King, D.V.M. as Secretary. Dr. Platt thanked everyone for their service on the Board and for working with him.

It was noted that Investigative Review Committee will be affirmed at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was no discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Rosenberg thanked the Board's Advice Attorney, Sharon Dantzler, at her retirement on March 31, 2011, for all her work and advice to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be April 14, July 14, and October 27, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator