

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting and Disciplinary Matters
November 5, 2015
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Board members present were:

Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M., Chairperson
Gretchen M. Love, D.V.M., Secretary
Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.
Elizabeth L. Fuller, D.V.M.
Katherine Ann George, D.V.M.
Brent R. Goodson, D.V.M.
W. Marshall, Liger, III, LV.T.
Bethany M. Tapp, D.V.M.

Board members with excused absences were:

Rebecca M. Hughes, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson
Rebecca I. Shealy, Consumer

Staff and others present were:

Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Lucy Dinkins, Esq.
Charles A. Henry, DVM
Mrs. C. A. Henry
Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
P.C. Faglie, OIE Investigator
Nancy Flores, LLR Administrative Assistant
Katherine M. Iguina, DVM
H. Fred Kuhn, Jr., Esq.
Stacey M. Levin, DVM
Cameron Levin
Jessica L. Price, LVT
James Ray, DVM
Marcia Rosenberg
Helen Smith, DVM
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney
Robin Thompkins, Court Reporter
Megan Whitman

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 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, Chairman Dr. Cribb called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted. Excused absences were noted and approved for Dr. Hughes and Ms. Shealy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to approve the Agenda. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept the August 12 and August 13, 2015 Minutes as printed. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided by P.C. Faglie.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Brooks to accept ten (10) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liger. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to authorize two (2) Dismissals with Cease & Desist. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Brooks to authorize one (1) Formal Complaint. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to authorize four (4) Letters of Caution. Dr. Brooks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and OGC Management Reports:

The OIE and OGC Management Reports were given for OIE and ODC by Mr. Faglie and Ms. Baldwin respectfully. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION HEARINGS:

It was noted all the Reinstatement Application hearings all will be heard before going into Executive Session.

Katherine M. Iguina, D.V.M.:

A reinstatement application hearing regarding her 2015 renewal application was held for Dr. Iguina. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Dr. Igunina was present and was represented by Lucy Dinkins, Esq. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Stacey M. Levin, D.V.M.:

A reinstatement application hearing regarding her 2015 renewal application was held for Dr. Levin. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Dr. Levin was present and represented herself. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Dr. Goodson joined the meeting at this point in the Agenda.

Jessica L. Price, L.V.T.:

A reinstatement application hearing regarding her 2015 renewal application was held for Ms. Price. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Ms. Price was present and represented herself. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Helen Smith, D.V.M.:

A reinstatement application hearing regarding her 2015 renewal application was held for Dr. Smith. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Dr. Smith was present and represented herself. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to go into Executive Session for legal advice for all the reinstatements. The motion was seconded by Dr. George. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the reinstatement application for Dr. Iguina and to reinstate Dr. Iguina immediately to the common renewal date of March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried. It was noted that Dr. Goodson did not vote on the reinstatement of Dr. Iguina.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the reinstatement application for Dr. Levin and to reinstate Dr. Levin immediately to the common renewal date of March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried. It was noted that Dr. Goodson did not vote on the reinstatement of Dr. Levin.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the reinstatement application for Ms. Price and to reinstate Ms. Price immediately to the common renewal date of March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goodson. The motion carried. Ms. Price asked to address the Board regarding licensure of veterinary technicians and the non-licensed veterinary assistants.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the reinstatement application for Dr. Smith and to reinstate Dr. Smith immediately to the common renewal date of March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUE:

MOTION for PETITION TO LIFT TEMPORARY SUSPENSION: Charles A. Henry, DVM

A motion hearing was heard regarding Dr. Henry to have the Board lift his Temporary Suspension Order and return him to practice. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Dr. Henry was present and was represented by H. Fred Kuhne, Jr. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to go into Executive Session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goodson. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to lift the Temporary Suspension Order on Dr. Henry, to place his license on a one year probation, to require his cooperation with RPP, to require that he meets all the requirements of this Order and of licensed practice, and to direct staff to immediately reinstate his license to the renewal date of March 31, 2017. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given with a staffing chart; licensure totals were given to be 1761 licensed veterinarians and 416 licensed veterinary technicians; and it was announced that two appointees for District 1 and District 2 are in the Senate for Advice and Consent in 2016. It was announced that Dr. Hughes and Mrs. Shealy attended the AAVSB meeting in Milwaukee, WI September 17-19, 2015; and they will report to the Board at the February 11, 2016. The FAQ written by Mr. Liger on dispensing pharmaceuticals without an established VCPR was read and accepted by the Board. It was reported that on-line applications are still being developed for the Board. Legislation for S. 687 was noted to be covered in the New Business discussion. For FYI: VINNews was mentioned for publishing information regarding California banning OTC Antibiotics in Food Animals. New security badges were noted as having been distributed to Board members and old ones were collected.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

PAVE and ECFVG:

The Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education (PAVE) was summarized. The Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) was summarized. These programs were compared; and the Board was given handouts for informational purposes on these two accepted and approved groups. Veterinary degrees accepted by the Board and the degrees recognized around the world were discussed. This report was accepted as information by the Board.

AAVSB Offering Veterinary CE Tracking (VCET):

For FYI: It was mentioned that AAVSB is offering Veterinary CE Tracking (VCET) for licensees who wish to participate. The Board was given the mail out for information purposes. Any interface with LLR would have to go under discussion with LLR for security and meet LLR security requirements.

Letter Regarding Guidance for Industry - Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Drug Substance:

A letter from Roadrunner Pharmacy was sent to the Board for their review regarding the compounding animal drugs from bulk drug substance; and it was reported that the AVMA has responded to this compounding information. The letter was accepted as information by the Board. No action was taken.

Senate Bill 687:

S. 687 was reviewed by the Board and accepted as information. No action was taken by the Board.

Election of 2016 Board Officers:

An election was called for new officers of the Board for 2016. By acclamation the Board elected Dr. Hughes as Chairperson for 2016, Dr. George as Vice Chairperson for 2016 and Dr. Fuller as Secretary for 2016.

LEGAL:

There was no report from legal.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Records and the ownership of records were discussed. Ownership of animals that are brought into offices without an owner on record or the owners are in a dispute was discussed. The value and authority of a microchip was discussed. The Board did not make any determinations on these discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Rosenberg commented on S.687 and thinks that the public is concerned about this bill. She commented that the Board has a public member and hopes that the public member would make a statement on their feelings.

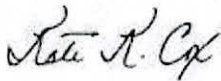
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the meetings for 2016 will be February 11, May 12, August 11, and November 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kate K. Cox".

Kate K. Cox
Administrator