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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Business Meeting, Application Hearing and Disciplinary Matters  
August 11, 2016  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board members present were:

Rebecca M. Hughes, DVM, Chairperson  
Katherine Ann George, DVM, Vice Chairperson  
Elizabeth L. Fuller, DVM, Secretary  
W. Marshall, Liger, III, LVT  
Bethany M. Tapp, DVM  
Rebecca I. Shealy, Consumer Member  
Gretchen Love, DVM  
Ginger D. Macaulay, DVM  
Janet I. McKim, DVM

Board members with excused absences were:

Brent R. Goodson, DVM

Staff and others present were:

Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Board Administrator  
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney  
Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
P.C. Faglie, OIE Chief Investigator  
Jim Knight, LLR Program Director, Immigration Office  
Christina Barnes, LLR, Administrative Assistant  
Tina Behles, Court Reporter  
Cody Dressler, DVM, Public Attendee  
Ava Lemme, Public Attendee

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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, 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, Chairman Dr. Hughes called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted. Excused absences were noted.



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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to approve the agenda. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the May 12, 2016 minutes as printed. Mr. Liger and Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

There were none.

IRC Report:

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

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept six (6) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion passed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to authorize two (2) Cease and Desist. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion passed.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to authorize two (2) Formal Complaints. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to accept the recommendation for issuing one (1) Letter of Caution. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports:

The OIE and ODC Management Reports were given for OIE and ODC by Mrs. Erin Baldwin. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

APPLICATION HEARINGS:

There were none.

REPORTS/INFORMATION:

DACA Presentation:

A DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) presentation was given by Mr. Jim Knight. DACA applicants cannot be considered for licensure because it is a public benefit. This is the State Attorney General's opinion and only Congress can change the law. The presentation was accepted as information by the Board.



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Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given by Dr. Rita Melton with a staffing chart; licensure totals were 1852 licensed veterinarians and 462 licensed veterinary technicians in South Carolina to date. It was announced that the FAQs have been updated and any new updates from the meeting will be added.

Dr. Janet McKim, Board Member for District One (1) was welcomed to her first board meeting.

Many incoming veterinarians and veterinary technicians are using the online applications option to apply for licensure.

There was no new information regarding legislation presented.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given by Dr. Melton and accepted as information by the Board.

CE Broker Software Review:

A review of CE Broker was given by Dr. Macaulay and Mr. Liger. The software can be tailored to South Carolina continuing education requirements for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. It would allow licensees to keep track of their hours and find approved providers for courses. The company offers a free account and offer additional levels of service for a yearly fee. Research must be done before South Carolina can require its use to be mandatory.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Hughes and Dr. Melton again welcomed new Board Member, Dr. McKim.

Dr. Melton informed the Board that Dr. Mitchell Lowery has been nominated to serve as the District Six (6) member and that his name will go to the governor for approval.

Dr. Melton requested clarification from the Board regarding the sixty (60) days supervision policy as it relates to applicants that might be licensed in another state but do not have sixty (60) days of clinical practice experience. Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** Dr. Hughes made a motion to take a break. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Macaulay made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Macaulay made a motion to delegate to the veterinary board staff authority to issue the appropriate licenses for a veterinarian who has practiced more than sixty (60) days and to accept days





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practiced in another state toward the sixty (60) days as pursuant to 40-69-240. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LEGAL:

**Motion:** Dr. George made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Motion:** Dr. Hughes made a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion passed. It was noted that no decisions were made and that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next board meeting is November 10, 2016. Dr. Melton will send the Board the 2017 meeting dates.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Melton, DMD, BSN, RN  
Administrator