

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
MINUTES**

**Quarterly Meeting / Disciplinary Issues**

**9:00 a.m., August 9, 2018**

**Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105**

**110 Centerview Drive**

**Columbia, South Carolina**

**Call to Order**

Dr. Ginger Macaulay, DVM, Chairman, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Other board members attending the meeting included: Katherine George, DVM; Elizabeth Fuller, DVM; Marshall Liger, III, LVT; Gretchen Love, DVM; Bethany Tapp, DVM; and Rebecca Shealy.

Dr. Macaulay announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Macaulay noted a quorum was present. She also noted that all votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

**Approval of Board Absences**

Dr. Fuller made a motion the Board approve Dr. Love's absence. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION**

Mr. Liger made a motion the Board approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of the May 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Mr. Liger made a motion to approve the May 17, 2018 minutes. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**OIE and ODC Reports**

**Approval of the IRC Report**

Mr. Pleas Faglie presented the IRC report to the Board.

Dr. Tapp recused herself from the discussion and approval of the IRC report.

The IRC report included 10 cases for dismissal.

**MOTION**

Mr. Liger made a motion the Board approve the ten cases for dismissal. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The IRC included one formal complaint for approval.

**MOTION**

Mr. Liger moved the Board approve the formal complaint. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The IRC included two letters of caution for approval.

**MOTION**

Dr. Goodson moved the Board approve the two letters of caution. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The statistical report for the Veterinary Board indicates OIE currently has 11 active cases, as of today.

**ODC Management Reports**

Ms. Baldwin stated the ODC statistical report indicates there are currently 13 cases in ODC. ODC has closed 17 cases.

**Application Hearing**

**Application with "Yes" answer, Jamie Prickett, DVD**

This hearing was recorded by a certified court reporter to produce a verbatim transcript if one is necessary.

This hearing was held as a teleconference hearing. Dr. Prickett was present by phone as well as William L. Joel, Notary Public.

Dr. George recused herself from the discussion and vote in this matter.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION**

Dr. Fuller made a motion the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice. Dr. Goodson and Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

Dr. Fuller made a motion the Board come out of executive session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. McCauley noted no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

**MOTION**

Mr. Liger made a motion the Board instruct LLR staff to accept Dr. Pickett's application for a South Carolina license. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Disciplinary Hearings**

Case #2015-32 and #2017-2

This hearing was recorded in the presence of a certified court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript.

Executive Session

**MOTION**

Dr. Fuller made a motion the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice. Mr. Liger and Dr. McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Return to Public Session

**MOTION**

Dr. McKim motioned the Board return to public session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Macaulay noted no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

**MOTION**

Dr. George made a motion in the case of Dr. Hopkins, we find that he violated these statutes. We are fining him \$1,000.00 per violation for a total of \$3,000.00 made payable within six months. We are requiring him to perform continuing education on recordkeeping, five hours; client communication, five hours – that needs to be a RACE approved and that needs to be completed in the next six months. We are fining his the cost of the investigation for a total of \$987.00. And there will be a public reprimand. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports/Information

Board Website and FAQ Review Committee

Dr. Tapp noted the review of the website and FAQs is an ongoing process; however the committee has found some deficits. The committee will forward the deficits to Dr. Melton.

A brief discussion ensued regarding DHEC registration as well as DEA registration. It was noted during the discussion that the Inspection List, which the inspector uses when inspecting the facility, is on the board's website.

Administrator's Report

Licensing Report

There are currently 2547 active licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians in South Carolina as of this date. (Veterinarians and veterinary interns 2018, LVTs 529, mobile clinics 93, active secondary practices 369)

#### Election Information

Congressional District 3 and 5 elections have been conducted. We received the following nominations for District 3 – Dr. Karl Derek Wessinger and Dr. Robert Atticus Mabry. Both nominations will be sent to the Governor.

For District 3, we received one nomination – Dr. Christine White. Her name will be submitted to the Governor for District 5.

We ask that board members continue to serve until the Governor appoint new member in each of their seats.

#### Administrative Financial Report

The financial report is provided as information in board materials. Boards are audited annually. Monthly financial reports are kept in the staff office and in the financial department of LLR. Expenditures are carefully considered and are expended based on the board's budget.

#### CE Broker

The CE broker has been implemented and is required by LLR.

#### Veterinary Board Website and FAQs have been recently reviewed

The Veterinary Board AD Hoc Committee (Dr. Gretchen Love, Dr. Bethany Tapp and Dr. Mitch Lowery) reviewed these two areas and will be providing any needed updates at this board meeting.

#### Security of Information

The LLR building has new security measures added. Board members are asked to wear their badges when coming to meetings. LLR trains staff monthly on security issued to include use of computers, passwords, paper documents, internet/web phishing, the building used, and personal exposure.

Please let staff know if you have any changes in your address or other contact information.

#### Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

#### New Business

##### Vote on Board Members to serve on Joint Committee with the Pharmacy Board to discuss drug compounding parameters

During its meeting on June 13, the Pharmacy Board asked Dr. Melton if the Veterinary Board could form a joint committee to discuss compounding parameters related to veterinary medicine. Dr. Macaulay stated she has asked Dr. Lowery and Dr. Goodson to serve on this committee. Dr. Lowery declined serving on the committee due to conflict of interest. Dr. George indicated he would be willing to serve on the committee. Dr. Macaulay stated she would also serve on the

committee. Dr. Sabrina Jacobs, an outside member at large, is also willing to serve on the committee. Dr. Jacobs is with Performance Equine Vets.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Liger made a motion the Board approve Dr. Goodson, Dr. George, Dr. Macaulay, and Dr. Jacobs to serve on the ad hoc committee with the Pharmacy Board. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Pharmacy board members serving on the committee are Rebecca Long and Addison Livingston. The committee will make its report and any recommendations during the November Pharmacy board meeting.

### **Animal Shelter Legislation Recommendations**

Dr. Fuller and Dr. McKim served as co-chairs on this committee along with Mr. Hardwick Stuart and Ms. Shealy.

The committee submitted documents with their proposed language which is located in the board materials. The committee discussed the need for some regulation in the shelter environment in the state. The committee wanted to preserve the ability of the shelters to provide vaccination since it is recommended by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians on intake for the health of the animals in the shelter and also the health of the public, animal wise.

The language is based off some of the other states' language which seemed to be comprehensive and straightforward; however, some of the language was modified so that privacy of the animal's prior history would be protected.

Shelters will employ a licensed veterinarian, who will keep records. Municipal shelters are excluded.

Discussion ensued regarding companion animals and livestock. The board determined it would remove companion animal from the recommendations.

### **MOTION**

Dr. George made a motion the board approve the recommendations as amendment. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Update on Telemedicine Guidelines.**

Mr. Liger stated he attended the AVMA Conference in July as well as the Vet Partners meeting before the AVMA Conference. There was a theme to both meetings as it was almost 50% telehealth and technology and 50% corporate acquisitions and transitions and how to deal with it.

Discussion ensued regarding telemedicine.

### **Discussion on Veterinarian Records and what information should be in the records if transferring records to other practitioners**

Mr. Liger stated he and other Board members have received a call from Dr. Lorin Lawrence in regard to receiving incomplete records when records are requested.

Mr. Lawrence has requested the Board send clarification that complete records include doctor's notes, lab results, diagnostic imaging, et cetera. It was suggested the Board include this matter in the FAQs and include the AVMA Veterinary Medical Ethics Section 5 (A) (b).

It was noted the Board could send an e-blast regarding an additional FAQ.

#### Discussion on Wildlife Ownership and Permits

The Board received a request from Mrs. Bochette from Cornerstone Animal Hospital regarding a wildlife owner question. Some of the members feel the Board needs input from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

Dr. Macaulay and Dr. Melton will make phone calls and present more information to the members during the November 2018 meeting.

#### Discussion on non-THC Products for Pain Management

Dr. Macaulay stated the question has come up regarding the Board's opinion of uses of non-THC products with animals for pain management. She recently sat in on an AAVSB webinar where it was stated they are coming out with a recommendation. She noted there are no FDA regulations so veterinarians have no idea what is in the products. She noted Cornell and Colorado State are doing research in the matter.

Cannabis is currently listed through Schedule I and does have medicinal use. However, prescribing it could place your DEA license at risk. Right now veterinarians need more investigation, research and better regulations and control of the products coming out.

Dr. Macaulay suggested the members find out what will be said next and discuss it further with that information.

#### Public Comments

No public comments were made.

#### Legal Comments

No legal comments were made.

#### Announcement

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2018.

Dr. Macaulay stated the members would be able to hear a report from the members attending the AAVSB Conference. The members would also elect new officers during the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Dr. Goodson and Dr. Fuller will be attending the AAVSB Conference in Washington, D.C.

#### Executive Session

**MOTION**

Dr. George made a motion the Board enter executive session to seek legal advice. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Return to Public Session**

**MOTION**

Ms. Shealy made a motion the Board come out of executive session. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Macaulay noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

**MOTION**

Dr. George made a motion the board consider the membership of the Compounding Ad Hoc Committee with the Pharmacy Board the Board deleted the membership of Dr. Sabrina Jacobs. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Dr. Fuller moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The August 9, 2018 meeting of the SC Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners adjourned at 11:48 a.m.