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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Business Meeting, Applications,
Hearing and Disciplinary Matters

August 15, 2019

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 108 110 Centerview Drive,
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board Members Present:

Katherine Ann George, D.V.M, Chairperson

Ginger D. Macaulay, D.V.M, Vice Chairperson

Mitch Lowrey, D.V.M

W.Marshall, Liger, III, LV.T. Janet

Irene McKim, D.V.M

Karl Wessinger, D.V.M.

BethanyTapp, DVM

Staff and others present were:

Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator

HardwickStuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney

Mark Sanders, Chief investigator

Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

KyleTennis, LLRLitigationAttorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Robert Neadle, LLR, Admin. Assistant

Robin K. Reibold Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER:

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 in Columbia, SC and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present/not present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

Approval of Excused Absences:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to excuse Mrs. Becky Shealy, Dr. Gretchen Love and Dr. Lucy Fuller. Dr. Tapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to approve the meeting agenda. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the August 15th, 2019 minutes as written. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Disciplinary Issues, IRC Reports provided by OIE Chief Investigator Mark Sanders: Motion:

A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept 10 Dismissals. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Macaulay made a motion to accept 3 Formal Complaint. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Macaulay made a motion to accept 2 Letters of Cautions. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports presented Chief Investigator Mark Sanders, Kyle Tennis, and ODC Attorney:

The OIE and ODC Management Reports were given for OIE by Mr. Sanders, and ODC Report by Kyle Tennis, respectively. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

Application Hearings:

-Frank Hoogeweg DVM.

An application hearing was held for Dr. Frank Hoogeweg. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to Executive Session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liger. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to move out of Executive Session.. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the application of Dr. Hoogeweg based professional code 40-69-260 (A) and (B). Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Executive Session for legal matter:

In discussing an internal document being sent from the Board to close a hearing Dr. Macaulay made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Macaulay made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Reports/ Information/ Presentation on Budget presented by Abhijit Deshpande Finance Director:

Mr. Deshpande discusses with the Board the new format and how to interpret the cash reports. Discusses the direct and indirect expenditure, for contractual services or supplies, and fixed charges for rent. Mr. Deshpande has been analyzing a new fee structure for the Board's financial sustainability in terms of the annual cash flow on trends the last seven years, and projecting the next four years supporting operations. The financial report was for information to Board only.

Administrative Report/ Financial Report: Dr. Melton reported there are a total 3,230 active licenses. 2134 Veterinarians, 600 Licensed Veterinary Technicians, and 34 veterinary Intern licenses. To date there are 92 mobile clinics, 369 secondary practices registered with the Board.. For a total of 4325 Credentials. The Board's Financial Report was included in the Board materials for information

only.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Vote on Board members to attend AAVSB Meeting:

Motion: Mr. Liger made a motion to Dr. Macaulay to attend the annual American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB), meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on September 25th to the 28th 2019.

Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The Motion carried.

Vote on List of Expert Reviewers:

The Board will table the topic in further meetings until more information is provided.

Vote on 2020 Board Meeting Dates:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the 2020 Board meeting dates. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion reporting of controlled drug shortage to SC DEA by Adam Roberson:

The Board discussed of the classifications of controlled substance lost, destroyed or wasted and the required reporting the types to the DEA. The DEA requires physician to report any significant loss of controlled substance to the DEA within 24 hours. Agent Roberson reviewed with the Board the correct for items for reporting forms required. Agent Roberson discussed concerns with controlled substances typically found in veterinary practices, the investigation process and additional concerns with the Board.

Review current Animal/ Ag Emergency Response Steps (ESF 17) and delegation to administer to issue Emergency Limited Licenses by Hardwick Stuart ESQ:

Motion: Dr. Macaulay made a motion to remove the 30 qualifying CE requirements with in the past 2 years for veterinarians. And 10 qualifying CE hours with in the previous 2 years for veterinarian technicians. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. Macaulay made a motion to remove the requirement from the personal history questions, "Have you ever been denied the right to take a veterinary license, or a veterinary technician license exam in any state." Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion is carried.

Motion: Dr. Macaulay made a motion to delegate to the staff of LLR, the authority to approve the limited veterinary or veterinary technician licenses in declared emergency situations. Dr. Tapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Review Act 43 Provisions Related to Veterinarians by Hardwick Stuart ESQ:

The Board discussed the changing of the term "animal refuge" to "rescue organization" The Board reviewed Act 43 and how it Impacts a veterinary practice or any particular organization.

Public Comments:

None.

Announcements:

Next Board Meeting, is November 14, 2019.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Tapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.