South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Teleconference Committee Meeting Minutes August 16, 2021

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

W. Marshall Liger, LVT - Chair Elizabeth Fuller, DVM Tracie Quick, DVM Melissa Entrekin, LVT Denise Wilkenson, PawMetto Lifeline

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT:

Hardwick Stuart, Office of Advice Counsel Meredith Buttler, Administrator

PRESENT:

Melissa Blackwell, Court Reporter Dora Badat, LVT Marie Queen, SC Association of Veterinarians

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Liger called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended. Quick/Wilkinson/approved.

INTRODUCATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The committee and LLR staff members introduced themselves.

REGULATION 120-1 AND 120-9

Ms. Buttler provided an overview of the updated regulations amendments which included additional definitions added to SC Regulation 120-1. Ms. Entrekin and Dr. Quick reviewed their proposal for the definitions and update to the emergency patient care sections for licensed veterinary technicians and unlicensed veterinary aides. Following discussion, definitions for "Emergency Patient" and "Radiography" were approved by the committee. Regulation items which resulted in a split vote at the July 28, 2021 committee meeting were reviewed and determinations made. Ms. Wilkinson expressed concerns over the restrictions for licensed veterinary technicians and unlicensed veterinary assistances to provide vaccinations due to the requirement of a VCPR being established prior to care. Mr. Stuart cited the Board's adoption of the AVMA Code of Ethics which requires the establishment of VCPR prior to care of a patient.

Any changes to the adoption of the AVMA Code of Ethics has to be done by the Board and is not within the committees abilities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Queen expressed interested in seeing the amended regulations once they are approved by the Board.

NEXT MEETING

No additional committee meeting scheduled.

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.