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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Application Hearing and Disciplinary Matters
May 12, 2016
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Board members present were:

Rebecca M. Hughes, D.V.M., Chairperson
Katherine Ann George, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson
Elizabeth L. Fuller, D.V.M., Secretary
Brent R. Goodson, D.V.M.
W. Marshall, Liger, III, L.V.T.
Bethany M. Tapp, D.V.M.
Rebecca I. Shealy, Consumer
Gretchen Love, D.V.M.
Ginger D. Macaulay, D.V.M.

Board members with excused absences were:

Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Tina Behles, Court Reporter
Willie C. Locklear, DVM
Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator
Nancy Flores, LLR, Administrative Assistant
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney
Dylan Sitterle, LLR, Program Coordinator

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 9:00 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. Hughes 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 February 11, 2016 Minutes as printed. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

There were none.

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided by Dr. Melton.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Goodson to accept seven (7) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to authorize fourteen (14) Formal Complaints. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports:

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

APPLICATION HEARING:

Willie C. Locklear, Jr, D.V.M.:

An application hearing was held for Dr. Locklear. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. Dr. Locklear was present and waived the right to counsel. A court reporter was present. A quorum was noted as present. The hearing commenced.

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

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to allow Dr. Locklear to be granted a full license. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy. The motion carried.



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Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given by Dr. Melton, with a staffing chart; licensure totals were 1801 licensed veterinarians and 348 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. FAQs act as safe harbor information for the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Ginger Macaulay, Board Member for District 2, was welcomed to her first board meeting. District 6 has an ongoing election at this time.

Online applications for incoming veterinarians and veterinary technicians are currently available. It was noted that Senate Bills 687, 979, and 980 are in the General Assembly again this year and LLR will track the bills for the Board.

The AAVSB Annual Conference will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona September 22 – 24, 2016. The Board voted to send two (2) representatives from the South Carolina State Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hughes and Mr. Liger were approved by the Board to attend the conference and bring back a report to the Board on what they learn at the conference. Early registration is through July 31, 2016 and it was discussed. Dr. Hughes and Ms. Shealy discussed their experience at the 2015 AAVSB Conference.

Mr. Sitterle presented CE (Continuing Education) Broker information to the Board. Dr. Macaulay and Mr. Liger agreed to participate in a subcommittee to review CE Broker at a later date and to provide feedback at the next Board Meeting about their experience in pilot-testing the software.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was asked to recommend eligible veterinarians, ex. former board members or former IRC members to serve as hearing officers or as a hearing panel for disciplinary cases that may arise in the future in which the Respondent requests a hearing. Dr. Melton was asked to contact the nominated individuals to see if they will be willing to serve on this ad hoc committee.

Motion: Dr. Goodson made a motion to recommend hearing officers or a hearing panel. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board was asked to ratify names of IRC members to serve for FY 2017. These individuals will review complaints received by the Board against licensed veterinarians or licensed veterinary technicians and make recommendations to the Board based on the Veterinary Practice Act. Board members discussed the current pool of IRC members. No changes were made to the list.

The Board discussed overseas new graduate clinical practice.



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Motion: Dr. Love made a motion that overseas new graduates must complete 60 days of clinical practice in South Carolina post graduate under a temporary license before being granted a permanent license. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LEGAL:

There was none.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Motion: Dr. Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session for legal advice. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Dr. Fuller made a motion to return to open session. Dr. Macaulay seconded the motion. The motion passed. .

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Board Meetings for 2016 are August 11, 2016 and November 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rita A. Melton, DMD, BSN, RN
Administrator