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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Applications Hearing and Disciplinary Matters
May 11, 2017
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Center view Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board Members:

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

Staff and others present were:

Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator
Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Gary A. Haygood, Court Reporter
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney
Chelsi Swartz, LLR, Program Assistant
Robert Neadle, LLR, Administrative Assistant
Mark Sanders, LLR, OIE Chief Investigator
PC Faglie, LLR, Investigator IV
Mildred Tanner, LLR, Investigator III

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:

No absences

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 February 9, 2017 Minutes as printed. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES REPORTS:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was presented by Mark Sanders, LLR, OIE Chief Investigator.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the twelve (12) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liger. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the eleven (11) formal complaints. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to accept the three (3) letters of caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Tapp. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports:

The OIE and ODC Management Reports were presented for OIE and ODC by Mr. Sanders and Ms. Erin Baldwin respectively. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given by Dr. Melton. As of March 31, 2017 the renewal period had ended. Totaling the number of licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians to 2493. Of those 1974 are veterinarians and 519 veterinary technicians.

Some discussion was held pertaining to the FAQ's listed on the website. Dr. Melton mentioned the next training opportunities available September 14th through the 16th, that training being held by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. She stated the next Board meeting will be August 10, 2017.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

Application Hearings:

There was none.

Disciplinary Hearings:

2015-40

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin. The Respondent was present and was represented by Ms. Suzanne Hawkins. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. McKim. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Goodson that the Board amend its previous order, dated May 20, 2015. Respondent violated South Carolina Code 40-69-110 (A) (1), South Carolina Code of regulations 120-8 (B) (2) (ii), and South Carolina Code of Regulations 120-8(B) (2) (iii). The motion was seconded by Dr. Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

2013-43; 2014-10; 2015-16

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin. The Respondent was not present. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to fine the Respondent \$7,000 in addition to \$800 for the cost of the investigation and to revoke the license of the Respondent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goodson. The motion carried.

2016-22

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin. The Respondent was not present. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Goodson to approve the Consent Agreement with the Respondent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

Approval of Dr. Vanessa Brooke to service on the Veterinary IRC.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept Dr. Vanessa Brooke as a new member of the Veterinary IRC. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

Discussion Topics:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to accept the outline from Dr. Sara Fritz and Dr. Triston Weinkle, on Specialists-Mapping of Radiation patients with the University of MN. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. The motion carried.

The Board discussed four different topics, Alternative Medicine Therapies, microchipped animals, telemedicine, and sterilization procedures especially ovariectomy. No motions were made during these discussions.

Public Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

The next Board meeting for 2017 are: August 10 and November 9, 2017.

Adjournment:

The being no further business for discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to adjoin the meeting at 2:37 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsi Swartz
Program Assistant