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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners  
Business Meeting, Applications Hearing and Disciplinary Matters  
February 9, 2017  
Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Room 105  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board Members:

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.  
Gretchen Love, D.V.M.  
Ginger D. Macaulay, 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:

Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Kathryn J. Lindler, Court Reporter  
Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator  
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney  
Chelsi Swartz, LLR, Administrative Assistant  
PC Faglie, LLR, Investigator IV  
Mildred Tanner, LLR, Investigator III  
Amelia Leeks, LLR, Investigator III

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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, Kingtree 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. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the November 10, 2016 Minutes as printed. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES REPORTS:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was presented by Mr. PC Faglie, OIE Investigator IV.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the nine (9) Dismissals. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. Motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the three (3) Dismissals with Cease and Desist. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept the one (1) formal complaint. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay to accept six (6) Letters of Caution. The motion was seconded by Dr. George. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports:

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

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given by Dr. Melton that as of January 18, 2017, the renewals have opened up for all veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Since the last board meeting on November 10, 2016, the Board had a total 42 initial applications, of veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The board issued 29 new licenses and 4 reinstatements. As of March 8, 2017 there were 2900 active licensees. 476 veterinarians and 47 veterinary technicians had already renewed their license, with the January start-up of renewals. The renewal period runs from January 17, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

Dr. Love asked if the CE broker has begun. Dr. Melton stated they have not started yet, but she will let them know when it begins. Dr. Melton mentioned there are two (2) training opportunities available, if they would like, they are from the American Veterinary State Boards. One is on May, 12<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Melton stated that the new animal legislation is in effect at this point. She stated the next Board Meeting will be May 11, 2017. Some discussion was held pertaining to animal shelters. Mr. Stuart responded to questions regarding their matter.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

There was none

**APPLICATION HEARING:**

Susan Parry, DVM

An application hearing was held for Dr. Parry. Mr. Stuart advised the board. Dr. Parry 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. Love to allow Dr. Parry to be granted a full license. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

Jordan Jaeger, DVM

An application hearing was held for Dr. Jaeger. Mr. Stuart advised the board. Dr. Jaeger 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. Love to grant the license to Dr. Jaeger. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Karen Helton-Rhodes, DVM

An application hearing was held for Dr. Helton-Rhodes. Mr. Stuart advised the board. Dr. Helton-Rhodes 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. Macaulay to grant the license to Dr. Helton-Rhodes. Dr. George seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Steven Rhodes, DVM

An application hearing was held for Dr. Helton-Rhodes. Mr. Stuart advised the board. Dr. Helton-Rhodes 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. Macaulay to grant the license to Dr. Rhodes. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Disciplinary Hearings:

2014-60

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 Mr. Joshua Bennett. A court reporter was present. Dr. Fuller recused herself from the hearing. The closed hearing commenced.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Shealy to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. 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. George that the Respondent be given a public reprimand, required to complete 30 hours of Continuing Education and pay a fine of \$500 for the cost of the investigation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Love. The motion carried.

2013-56; 2013-65; 2014-15; 2014-61; 2014-58; 2015-14; 2015-21; 2015-28; 2015-53; 2016-1

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 Mr. Fred Kuhn. A court reporter was present. Dr. Hughes recused herself from the hearing. The closed hearing commenced.

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

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

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Goodson to revoke the license of the Respondent. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

Discussion Topics:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Liger to table the three discussions items listed on the agenda until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

Elections:

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. George to nominate Dr. Goodson as secretary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shealy. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Liger to nominate Dr. Macaulay as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Macaulay nominate Dr. George as Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

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Public Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

The next Board Meeting for 2017 are: May 11, August 10 and November 9, 2017.

Adjournment:

The being no further business for discussion.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM. The motion was seconded by Dr. Macaulay. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsi Swartz  
Administrative Assistant