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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Applications Hearing and Disciplinary Matters
November 8, 2018
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Board Members Present:

Ginger D. Macaulay D.V.M, Chairperson
Katherine Ann George, D.V.M, Vice Chairperson
Mitch Lowrey, D.V.M
Elizabeth L. Fuller, D.V.M.
W. Marshall, Liger, III, LV.T.
Gretchen Love, D.V.M
Janet Irene McKim, D.V.M.
Brent Goodson D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney
Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Tina F. Behles, Court Reporter
Robert Neadle, LLR, Admin. Assistant
Mark Sanders, Chief Investigator
Kyle Tennis, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel

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 Mr. Liger to excuse Dr. Bethany Tapp, Mrs. Shealy, and Dr. George seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept the August 8, 2018 minutes as printed. Dr. George seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept eleven Dismissals. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Liger made a motion to accept four Formal Complaints. Mr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Liger made a motion to accept five Letters of Cautions. Dr. George seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports presented Chief Investigator Mark Sanders, Kyle Tennis and Erin Baldwin 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

None.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Approval of MOAs and Consent Agreements:

2016-16

A hearing was held for the Respondent in case 2016-16. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent was present and was represented by Harrison Saunders, Esquire. A court reporter is present. The closed hearing commenced.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Fuller to come out of executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lowrey. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to have the Respondent be placed with RPP for

evaluation and treatment. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AAVSB Conference Report By Dr. Brent Goodson:

A major discussion of the AAVSB conference was telemedicine regulation through state compacts. Additional topics of discussion included a discussion on easy access to the CE Broker to be more centralized Veterinarians to have access for license mobility to other states.

Motion: Dr. Love made a motion to have the CE Broker automatically put information into the Vault for Veterinarians. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative Report And Financial Report Reported by Dr. Melton:

Dr. Melton reported there are a total of 2,627 active Veterinarians and Licensed Veterinarian Technicians. There are a total of 2,072 Veterinarians, 555 Licensed Veterinary Technicians. We have 93 mobile clinics, 369 secondary practices. The Board's Financial Report was included in the board materials for information only.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion: Dr. Goodson made a motion for Dr. George to be Board President. Dr. Mckim Seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. George made a motion for Dr. Macaulay to be Vice President. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Mr. Liger made a motion for Dr. Fuller to be Board Secretary. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion on new applicants from institutions that receive their AVMA Accreditation after they have graduated:

Motion: Dr. Goodson made motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Dr. Fuller Seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. George made a motion to come out of executive session. Dr. Love seconded Motion. The motion carried.

Motion: Dr. George made a motion that the Board can approve graduates from an AVMA accredited schools, PAVE, and ECVFG and certification from other credentialing entities approved by the Board. Graduates whose course of study conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the AVMA and approved by the Board. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion on Vet using non-THC products for pain management:

The subject is under further study.

Discussion of AAVSB Resolution 2018-01:

Motion: Dr. George made a motion that South Carolina State Board would adopt a resolution In sharing the same information we have with AAVSB for the Vault. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion on the Veterinary Nurse Initiative:

The subject is under further study

Public Comments:

None.

Legal Comments:

None.

Announcements:

Board meeting dates for 2019: February 14th, May 17th, July 11th, and August 9th.

Adjournment:

Motion: Dr. Love made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried.