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**Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Applications Hearing and Disciplinary Matters
February 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.
Bethany M. Tapp, D.V.M.
Rebecca Shealy, Consumer Board member

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
Kathryn Linder, Court Reporter
Robert Neadle, LLR, Admin. Assistant
Mildred Tanner, LLR, Investigator III
PC Faglie, Investigator IV

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:

Dr. Brent Goodson was excused as absent.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept the November 8, 2017 minutes as printed. Dr. Tapp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Disciplinary Issues, IRC Reports provided by Investigator PC Faglie:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept seven dismissals. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. George made a motion to dismiss two Cease and Desist complaints. Mr. Liger seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Fuller made a motion to accept two formal complaints. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OIE and ODC Management Reports presented by PC Faglie, Investigator IV and Erin Baldwin ODC Attorney:

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

Reports/ Information Presented by Dr. Rita Melton, Administrator:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Love to have Dr. Macaulay and Dr. McKim to attend the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Annual Conference. Dr. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Shealy authorizing two board members and the administrator to go to the national meeting in September. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion was made by Dr. Fuller to approve Dr. Love, Dr. Tapp, and Dr. Lowrey to work as a committee to review the Veterinary Board website and provide comments for any improvements. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Application Hearings:

None.

Disciplinary Hearings:

Approval of MOAs and Consent Agreements:

2017-24

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent was present and was represented by Joshua A. Bennet, Esquire. A court reporter is present. Dr. Tapp recused herself from the Hearing. The closed hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to come out of executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the Consent Agreement. Dr. Macaulay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2014-11

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent was present and was represented by Scott Bischoff, Esquire. A court reporter is present. Dr. Fuller recused herself from the Hearing. The closed hearing commenced.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Love to come out of executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Ms. Shealy. The motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to accept the Respondent's Reinstatement Application. Dr. Macaulay seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2014-56

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent was present and was represented by Janet Butcher, Esquire. A court reporter is present. The closed hearing commenced.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Shealy to issue a Letter of Caution for recordkeeping and failure to properly supervise his staff. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2015-20

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent waived his right to an attorney and represented himself. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Shealy to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Liger. The motion carried.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to issue a Letter of Caution in regards to client communication and standard of care. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2015-50

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent was represented by Catherine Kopiec, Esquire. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to suspend the license of the Respondent pending taking continued education. She needs to take five hours in Endocrine, five hours in Hematology and 15 hours in General Medicine or Surgery. Upon completion the continuing education courses, she needs to appear before the Board for re-evaluation of her license status. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

2017-26

A hearing was held for the Respondent. Mr. Stuart advised the Board. The State was represented by Erin Baldwin, Esquire. The Respondent waived his right to an attorney and represented herself. A court reporter was present. The closed hearing commenced.

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

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

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. George to approve the reinstatement of the Respondent's license and return at the May 17th Board Meeting for re-evaluation and disciplinary action. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fuller. The motion carried.

2017-11

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

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion was seconded by Dr. George. The motion carried.

Legal Comments:

None.

Public comments:

None.

Announcements:

Board meeting dates 2018: May 17, August 9 and November 8, 2018

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Shealy to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. George. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.