

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 111

COLUMBIA, S.C.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007, 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Stephen G. Colquhoun, D.V.M., Vice – Chairman, Paul D. Patrick, D.V.M., Secretary, James M. Harris, D.V.M., Albert W. Platt, D.V.M, David M. Oliver, D.V.M, Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M., Christine Hartman, L.V.T. and Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Glen B. Haynes, D.V.M.

OTHERS PRESENT: Claude H. Schumpert, D.V.M., Sondra Stephenson - Board Administrator, Pat Hanks – LLR Legal Counsel, P. C. Faglie – LLR Investigations and Enforcement, Adrienne Youmans - LLR Director, Ruby Brice – OHMRP Deputy Director, Frank Sheheen - Recovering Professional Program (RPP) Director, Larry Griffin, RPP Counselor, Shirley Robinson - LLR Advice Attorney, Sharon Dantzler - LLR Legal Counsel, Jim Knight - LLR Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs, Mag Moton – Veterinary Board Administrative Assistant and Marcia Rosenberg.

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at the S. C. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29210 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 40-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Dr. Colquhoun called the meeting to order and noted that a quorum was present to conduct business.

The opening session of the meeting began with the introduction of board members and the welcoming/introduction of the new board administrator, Sondra D. Stephenson and new board member, Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.

The meeting proceeded with the approval of the May 3, 2007 Board Minutes.

APPROVAL OF MAY 3, 2007 BOARD MINUTES

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Nord and seconded by Dr. Harris, to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting as printed with the exclusion of the double printed name listed in the Members Present section.

RECOVERING PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Frank Sheehan, Executive Director of the Recovering Professional Program (RPP) presented a Program update. The update included an Initial Outcome Survey Report (handouts). To determine the effectiveness of RPP, data were collected and analyzed for the report from the ATHENA computer system, RPP documentations, questionnaires completed by recovering professionals, Advisory Committee members, and interviews with key RPP staff. The report was prepared by Pamel Imm, Ph.D., University of South Carolina with support from Stuart Usdan, Ph.D., University of Alabama. Mr. Sheehan stated RPP's main objective for the Outcome Survey is to promote the safety of participants who return to work. The RPP program to date has an active enrollment of 501 participates.

RPP also offers a Senior Program for participants who successfully complete the RPP Program. The Senior Program allows participants to sign up for an additional year of screening with reduced requirements. The mandatory requirements for the Senior Program consists of drug testing 4-6 times per year, participants must be available by telephone 24 hours per day, he/she must continue to participate in Peer, AA or NA meetings weekly, and he/she must submit meeting progress reports and meetings' logs quarterly to RPP.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM JULY 10, 2007 IRC MEETING

Meeting proceeded with the Review of July 10, 2007 IRC Recommendations.

IRC recommendations for dismissals:

2006-23	-	Dismiss
2006-48	-	Dismiss
2007-3	-	Dismiss
2007-9	-	Dismiss
2007-17	-	Dismiss
2007-21	-	Dismiss

The meeting proceeded with IRC recommendations for Orders to Cease & Desist.

2007-4	-	Cease and Desist
2007-25	-	Cease and Desist
2007-31	-	Cease and Desist
2007-37	-	Cease and Desist

The meeting proceeded with IRC recommendations for a Formal Hearing.

2007-07	-	Formal Hearing
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The meeting proceeded with IRC recommendations for Letters of Concern.

2007-11 - Letter of Concern
2007-28 - Letter of Concern

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Patrick to accept the July 10, 2007 IRC recommendations of Dismissals, Orders to Cease and Desist, Formal Complaints and Letters of Concerns. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nord. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – EXITING BOARD MEMBER

Adrienne Youmans, LLR Director presented an appreciation plaque to exiting board member, Claude H. Schumpert, D.V.M. for services rendered to the Board from 2001-2007. Dr. Schumpert's term expired April 6, 2007.

The meeting proceeded with Board Hearings.

HEARINGS

The Hearing Opening Statement was given by Dr. Colquhoun. The meeting proceeded with Case# 2003-43.

Case# 2003-43

Pat Hanks, Board's Litigation Attorney summarized the Order of Case# 2003-43. The respondent in Case# 2003-43, was not represented by legal counsel, gave an opening statement. The respondent petitioned the Board to modify the Order of Case# 2003-43 with no restrictions placed upon the respondent's license.

Motion: A motion was made to go into Executive Session to deliberate on Case# 2003-43. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed 10:03 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene in public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to restore the respondent's license to normal status. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made to take a ten (10) minute break. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed: 10:23 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting proceeded with Consent Agreement – Case# 2003-43.

Motion: A motion was made to go into Executive Session to deliberate on Consent Agreement – Case# 2003-43. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed 10:30 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved that the Board reconvene meeting. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Dr. Colquhoun stated that there were no other votes or actions taken on Consent Agreement – Case# 2003-43 during the Executive Session.

The meeting proceeded with Consent Order – Case# 2005-47.

Consent Order - Case# 2005-47

Dr. Harris recused himself in Case# 2005-47.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to reject the Consent Order in Case# 2005-47. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Order – Case# 2005-24

Dr. Patrick recused himself in Case# 2005-24.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Harris to accept the Consent Order in Case# 2005-24. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Formal Complaint – Case# 2006-17

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Patrick to return Case# 2006-17 to the IRC Committee. The motion received a second. The motion carried unanimously.

Pat Hanks, LLR Legal Counsel, asked for the Board’s direction. Dr. Patrick stated that the Board’s decision was based on new evidence.

Marcia Rosenberg stated that Case# 2005-47 and Case# 2006-17 were not listed on the July 19, 2007 meeting agenda as Consent Orders; and in the past if such changes were made to the agenda, notification of the revised agenda had been forwarded to her. Shirley Robinson, Advise Counsel stated that the agenda had been revised and that there are no requirements under the Freedom of Information Act to post a revised agenda. Attorney Robinson advised Ms. Rosenberg to speak with the Board’s administrator following today’s meeting concerning receiving revised agendas.

The meeting proceeded with the Rules and Regulations Update.

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

Sharon Dantzler, LLR Legal Counsel stated that the veterinary regulations are pending in the General Assembly with an April 2008 timeout date. Because of the error in the number of continuing education hours required for the veterinary technician's biannual license renewal, a request has been made to withdraw the regulations and resubmit them.

The meeting proceeded with Best Practice Issues.

BEST PRACTICE ISSUES

Dr. Colquhoun distributed handouts to Board members of his proposed creation of a Minimum Standards Committee. The committee's purpose would be to make recommendations to the Board concerning minimum practice standards in veterinary medicine in the state and establish clear guidelines as to the level of care that the veterinary community is expected to provide to the public.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Patrick to accept Dr. Colquhoun's recommendation for the creation of a Minimum Standard Committee. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting proceeded with Board Policy Statements.

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS

In reviewing/addressing several of the Board's Policy Statements, the Board agreed that the Policy Statements were to be pulled from the website until further modification of the policy statements is made. The Board requested the Board's staff and Board's attorney is responsible for the modification of the policy statements.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting resumed with New Business – AAVSB Conference

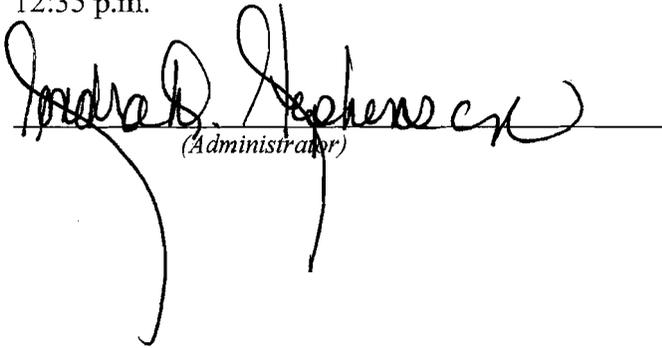
AAVBS Conference

Dr. Colquhoun reminded Board members of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Conference to be held September 27 – 30, 2007 in Charleston, South Carolina and encouraged them to attend. Dr. Colquhoun and Dr. Nord will attend the conference.

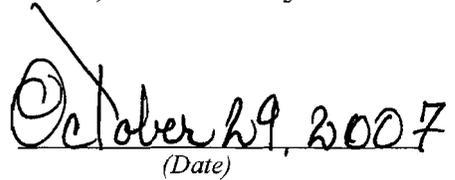
IRC Committee and Board Meeting

The Board addressed the possibility of meeting with the IRC Committee to address the guidelines being used that result in the IRC recommendations. Dr. Platt agreed to collect ideas, etc. pertaining to IRC Committee Standards for the next Board meeting.

The next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2007. With no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



(Administrator)



(Date)