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

Board Members:

Ginger D. Macaulay, D.V.M, Vice Chairperson  
Brent R. Goodson, D.V.M., Secretary  
Rebecca M. Hughes, 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.

Staff and others present were:

Rita Melton, DMD, BSN, RN, LLR Administrator  
Erin G. Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
Yvonne R Thurston-Bohannon, Court Reporter  
Hardwick Stuart, Jr., LLR Advice Attorney  
Robert Neadle, LLR, Admin. Assistant  
Mark Sanders, LLR, OIE Chief Investigator  
Mildred Tanner, LLR, Investigator III  
PC Faglie, Investigator IV

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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, 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. Macaulay called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. Dr. Katherine George, President, Dr. Lucy Fuller Board Member, and Ms. Rebecca Shealy Consumer Member were not present. A motion was made by Mr. Liger to accept these absences. Dr. Macaulay seconded the motion. The motion carried

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Goodson to approve the Agenda. Dr. McKim seconded the Motion. The motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Dr. Mr. Liger to accept the August 10, 2017 minutes as printed. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Report on Proposed Language Change to Limited Veterinary License:**

Rebecca Leach, Director of Communication and Governmental Affairs, discussed the proposed changes related to the limited temporary veterinarian and veterinary tech licenses to be issued to out of state veterinarians. The Governor will extend an invitation to out of state veterinarians who want to assist in South Carolina during an emergency. Formally, the Veterinarian Board would extend the invitation. The Board reviewed its Limited Veterinarian License application process and noted that the application requirements are very minimal and wants to continue its jurisdiction over their requirements while in our state.

**IRC Report:**

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided by Mark Sanders, Chief Investigator. Dr. Tapp made a motion to accept 12 cases for dismissal. Dr. Love seconds the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Liger made a motion to accept the 3 cease and desist cases presented. Dr. Tapp the motion. The motion carried.

Chief Investigator Sanders submitted 2 formal complaints for approval. Dr. Love made a motion to accept the complaints. Dr. Lowry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**OIE and OGC Management Reports were presented by Chief Investigator**

**Mark Sanders:**

OIE received 23 cases during the third quarter, and 47 cases for the year. Also during the third quarter, OIE closed 18 cases. For the year, OIE closed 61 cases. Currently, OIE has 16 active investigations.

**AAVSB Conference Report By Dr. Brent Goodson And Dr. Bethany Tapp:**

If multiple states agree on the language to have the system in place nationally, the AVMA will lobby for the idea through its official political contacts. A major discussion of the conference was telemedicine regulation through state compacts.

**Animal Shelter Legislation Study Committee:**

The Study Committee reviewed neighboring state statutes to determine if there are ways of simplifying the South Carolina Animal Shelter legislative guidelines.

**Administrative Report And Financial Report:**

Dr. Melton reported there are a total of 2,383 active Veterinarians and Licensed Veterinarian Technicians. There are a total of 1,890 Veterinarians, 8 Interns, 485 Licensed Veterinary Technicians. We have 43 mobile clinics, 369 secondary practices. The Board's Financial Report was included in the board materials for information only.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Dr. Macaulay requested that the Board go into Executive Session for legal advice. Mr. Liger made a motion and Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Love made a motion to come out of Executive Session for legal advice.

Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Liger made a motion to the Board from the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to present consent orders to the Board Chair for license reinstatement and for surrendered and suspended licenses. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Application Hearings:**

None

**Disciplinary Hearings:**

-Case 2017-3- sign CA

-Case 2016-65-sign CA

-Case 2016-10-sign-MOA

-Case 2015-67-sign MOA

-Case 2014-11-sign MOA

**Legal Comments:**

None

**Elections:**

The Board conducted its annual officer elections. Mr. Liger made a motion to elect Dr. Maccaulay as the Board Chairman. Dr. Love seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Love made a motion for Dr. George to be elected as the Vice Chairman. Dr. McKim seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Liger made a motion to elect Dr. Tapp as Board Secretary. Dr. Goodson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

None

**Announcements:**

-Board Meeting Dates for 2018: February 8, May 17, August 9, and November 8, 2018

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Love made a motion for to adjourn the meeting Dr. Tapp seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Robert Neadle  
Administrative Assistant