

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

September 20, 2018

Maryland Department of Agriculture – 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD

PUBLIC MINUTES

Meeting of Team B

Team Members Present: Dr. Heather Hendler, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspector Ellen James, and Office Administrator Britney Branch.

Dr. Hendler called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting of Team B were approved unanimously.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Wright-Conner, the meeting was adjourned to move into closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

Closed Session

During the closed session, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints, investigations, and disciplinary matters before the Board assigned to Team B.

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Joint Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, Dr. Peter Radue, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Board members absent:** Dr. David Handel, President. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspector Ellen James, and Office Administrator Britney Branch.

Dr. Hendler presided over the meeting and called it to order at 10:22 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Chaput noted two corrections to the minutes as presented – one a typographical error and a second which noted the wrong Board member seconding a motion. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the August 23, 2018 Joint Board Meeting with the corrections noted.

Approval of Veterinary License Applications

In a motion by Dr. Hendler, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license application for Dr. Lori Rios.

In a motion by Dr. Hendler, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license application for Dr. Danielle Covington.

Administrative discussion of three additional applicants was deferred to be conducted in closed session.

Sanitation Reports

Ms. James and Ms. Husk presented reports on inspections completed since the August 2018 Board meeting. In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Sanitation Reports.

Continuing Education Request Reviews

To date, Dr. Handel has been reviewing requests by organizations to award CEs for presentations they are offering, as well as requests by licensees to earn CEs for meetings they attended. Dr. Callahan agreed to take over the review through the end of the year. Dr. Radue agreed to review the requests for the first quarter of 2019. Submissions are now all being made online and can be accessed by reviewers at any time.

Continuing Education for SB 1223 / HB 1452 - Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration – Authorized Providers – Continuing Education

This bill passed during the 2018 legislative session and requires any veterinarian who applies for an initial CDS permit or who applies to renew a CDS permit on or after October 1, 2018 to first take 2 CEs in prescribing or dispensing CDS. The CEs must be approved by the State Board. After some discussion, the Board agreed that it would accept any webinar or CE course pertaining to the prescribing or dispensing of CDS that is RACE Approved; any webinar or CE course pertaining to the prescribing or dispensing of CDS by veterinarians that is provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), VetFolio, VetGirl, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) or the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). Individual webinars that are approved will be posted on the website as they become available.

AAVSB Conference Report

Ms. Chaput, Ms. Wright-Conner, Dr. Handel, Ms. Spirt and Ms. Orlando attended all or part of the conference in Washington, D.C. recently and provided the Board with their impressions of some of the presentations and ideas for future projects.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Chaput the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session pursuant to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting was closed at 11:14 a.m. The same individuals present during the open meeting remained present during the closed session.

Joint Meeting - Closed Session

During the closed session, the full Board, staff, and counsel performed administrative functions, including discussing complaints, investigations, and disciplinary matters before the Board. In addition, the Board performed administrative functions related to several license applications. No

final decisions were made regarding these applications. The administrative closed session was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Team A Meeting

Team Members Present: Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, and Dr. Peter Radue. **Member Absent:** Dr. David Handel. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Investigator Susan Husk, Inspector Ellen James, and Office Administrator Britney Branch.

In Dr. Handel's absence, Ms. Chaput presided and called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes

In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Radue, the minutes of the August 23, 2018 meeting of Team A were unanimously approved as presented.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Radue, the team voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session pursuant to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting was closed at 12:49 p.m.

Closed Session – Team A

During the closed session, administrative functions related to complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board and assigned to Team A were performed.

The team voted by acclamation to adjourn at 3:52 p.m.