

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

April 25, 2019

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

Public Minutes of Team B Meeting

Team Members: Dr. Heather Hendler, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. Staff present Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspector Pegeen Morgan, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Hendler called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the team voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 meeting of Team B.

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

Closed Session of Team B

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

The team adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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Joint OPEN Meeting

Board Members: Dr. David Handel, President; Dr. Heather Hendler, Vice President; Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, Dr. Peter Radue, and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. Staff present Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspector Pegeen Morgan, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at approximately 11 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2019 Joint Board Meeting, with the correction of a typographical error.

Veterinary License Applications. In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve veterinary license applications for Drs. Bensfield, Benton, Buerchler, Hahn, Lorello, and Wafer.

Sanitation Reports. Investigator Husk and Inspector Morgan reported on sanitation inspections they have completed since the March Board meeting. Inspector Ellen James was unable to attend the meeting. In a motion by Dr. Handel, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the sanitation reports were accepted.

CE for Consideration

The Board reviewed three atypical requests for CE and voted to approve them.

Discussions of Proposed Regulations. Ms. Orlando provided some preliminary rough drafts of proposed regulatory changes and clarifications that have not been finalized or reviewed by counsel; however, they are being shared to ensure Board members agree with the changes being proposed.

Review: Outreach with Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. Draft PowerPoint presentations that will be given next month were shared for input.

Database Update. Ms. Orlando reported that the new database is back on track, although it will require extra work on the administrative end, and will be online in mid-May for FY18 licensees (usually retired or out-of-state veterinarians) who still need to renew for FY19. License renewal for FY 2020 will open June 1.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

During the closed meeting, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board.

The meeting was closed at 11:53 a.m. and adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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Team A Meeting Minutes

Team Members: Dr. David Handel, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, and Dr. Peter Radue. Staff present Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Inspector Pegeen Morgan, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 1:10 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Radue, the minutes of the March 28, 2019 meeting of Team A were approved.

In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Radue, the team voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting was closed at 1:12 p.m.

Closed Session of Team A

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

The team adjourned at 2:45 p.m.