

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
110 CENTERVIEW DRIVE, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, S.C.
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008, 9:00 A.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman, Paul D. Patrick, D.V.M.; Vice-Chairman, James M. Harris; Stephen G. Colquhoun, D.V.M.; David M. Oliver, D.V.M.; Glen B. Haynes, D.V.M.; Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.; Christine Hartman, L.V.T.; and Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED ABSENCE: Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sondra Stephenson - Board Administrator; Pat Hanks – LLR Legal Counsel; P.C. Faglie – LLR Investigations and Enforcement; Ruby Brice – OHMRP Assistant Deputy Director; James Saxon - LLR Hearing Advice Attorney; Mag Moton – Veterinary Board Administrative Assistant; Eric Gore – Gore Court Reporting; and Marcia Rosenberg.

Public Notice of this meeting was posted at the S. C. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Board Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, S.C. 29210 and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

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

The opening session of the meeting began with the approval of the January 24, 2008 Board Minutes.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 24, 2008 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Dr. Colquhoun moved to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2008 Board meeting as printed. Ms. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting proceeded with a hearing.

HEARING

Dr. Patrick gave the Hearing Opening Statement in Case# 2005-33. The hearing proceeded with Case# 2005-33.

Case# 2005-33

Pat Hanks, Department's Litigation Attorney, summarized Case# 2005-33. The Respondent in Case# 2005-33 was not present nor represented by legal counsel. The Respondent stipulated and admitted to the facts of the Notice of Charges and is in agreement with the sanctions set forth in a proposed Consent Agreement. Attorney Hanks stated the Consent Agreement will be corrected to reflect violations of Code 40-69-110 (A) 11 & 12.

Motion: Dr. Haynes moved to convene to Executive Session to deliberate Case# 2005-33. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Time recessed was 9:19 a.m.

Motion: Dr. Nord moved that the Board reconvene to public session. The motion received a second. The motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 9:33 a.m.

Motion: The Board determined that the Respondent was in violation of the Practice Act. The Board ruled that, the Respondent pay a fine of \$500.00 and, within six (6) months, attends and successfully complete a fifteen (15) hour course in "Anesthesia" approved by the Board, in addition to the continuing education requirements for license renewal. The Board also ruled that, within sixty (60) days of the Consent Agreement, the Respondent pay \$340.00 for the investigative costs, reconstruct medical records, read, draft and submit to the Board a summary of Chapter 14 of the "Law and Ethics" textbook. Further, the Board ruled Respondent is publicly reprimanded and is to be reported to the National Practitioners' Databank.

Dr. Harris seconded the motion to accept the Consent Agreement with an amendment to the findings of fact to read as follows: "The Respondent admits that she failed to meet record keeping standards and demonstrated a lack of intubation for dental procedures." The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting proceeded with IRC Operational Training Update.

IRC OPERATIONAL TRAINING UPDATE

Sondra Stephenson, Board Administrator, stated the first IRC Operational Training was presented and well received. She stated the IRC Operational Training is needed to provide technical training for the members of the IRC to improve communication between the IRC members and Board members; and to identify and determine appropriate sanctions for disciplinary issues. She reported the IRC Operational Training will be held on a quarterly basis to increase the IRC member's pool and that all IRC members must complete this training before serving as an IRC member.

She stated the IRC Operational Training recommendations and a Disciplinary Sanction Guideline Chart were included in the Board member's notebooks. She said the

Disciplinary Sanction Guideline Chart provides a guideline for consistency of disciplinary sanctions for IRC members and how they arrive at their recommendations.

The standard operational procedures of utilizing an expert reviewer prior to IRC meetings were discussed. Previously, expert reviewers were contacted to serve prior to convening an IRC meeting. Expert reviewers will now be requested to serve at the discretion of the IRC members or by the Board. Ruby Brice, OHMRP Assistant Deputy Director, added that cases presented for hearings will have expert reviewers.

Administrator asked Board members to provide recommended names of veterinarians to serve as possible expert reviewers. She said an announcement requesting candidates for expert reviewers is to be placed on the Board's website and the Board administrator will formulate curriculum vitae for expert reviewers.

Meeting proceeded with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

STATE VETERINARY AND LICENSED VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAMS

Sondra Stephenson, Board Administrator, stated that state examinations for licensed veterinarians and licensed veterinary technicians will soon be offered online.

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE

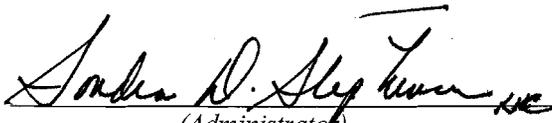
Sondra Stephenson, Board Administrator, informed the Board that the veterinary regulations were submitted to be posted in the February State House Register with an April 2008 timeout date. If no objections, regulations will be ratified.

The meeting proceeded with Statements of Economic Interests

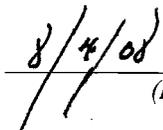
STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Ruby Brice, OHMRP Assistant Deputy Director reminded Board members to complete and return Statements of Economic Interests forms to the State Ethics Commission prior to the April 15, 2008 deadline.

It was announced the next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2008. With no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



(Administrator)



(Date)