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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting
October 22, 2009
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Board members present were:

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

Board member with excused absence: Glen B. Haynes, D.V.M.

Staff and Others present were:

Kate K. Cox, Board Administrator
Sharon Dantzler, Advice Attorney to the Board
P.C. Faglie, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Ken Kitts, Inspector for the Veterinary Board
Magdalene W. Moton, Board Administrative Assistant
Yolanda Rodgers, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Larry Atkins, LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Teri Stephenson LLR Investigations and Enforcement
Marcia Rosenberg

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairman Dr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Patrick to accept the July 30, 2009 minutes of the last meeting as printed. Dr. Nord seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN REMARKS:

Dr. Harris asked P.C. Faglie, LLR Office of Investigations, to introduce the new investigator to the Board. Mr. Faglie introduced Ms. Terri Stephenson. Mr. Faglie stated the credentials of Ms. Stephenson who is currently receiving training in the clinical aspects of the Board.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was given by Chairman Dr. Harris. The IRC Report, as per the October 7, 2009 IRC meeting, was to dismiss five (5) alleged complaints, to dismiss three (3) complaints with Letters of Caution, and to authorize one (1) formal complaint.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Colquhoun to accept the October 7, 2009 IRC Report. Dr. Oliver seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

Mrs. Cox reported on the number of active licensees to date. She reported on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' (AAVSB) 2009 Conference that she attended with Dr. Platt and Dr. Colquhoun. Mrs. Cox included in her AAVSB 2009 Conference report the information on the Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites (VET-VIPPS); the presentation on dealing with the media; the administrators' state board session; and the committee reports from PAVE, Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE), RACE, and the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' (NBVME) report on discussion of credentialing NAVLE applicants vs. state board credentialing. Mrs. Cox gave an AAVSB statistical report that included the number of licensed veterinarians in the United States; the average number of graduates per year; the number of RACE providers and programs; and the percentage of VTNE candidates.

Dr. Platt expressed appreciation for the committed work done by AAVSB committees in better serving state licensing boards. Dr. Platt reported on the AAVSB 2009 Conference on the remedial RACE approved educational programs for state licensing boards and on the credentialing processes of the National Board of Pharmacy for VET-VIPPS candidates.

Mrs. Cox stated that Board members will be mailed a hard copy of the AAVSB power point presentation she received from the conference and suggested that Board members visit AAVSB's website. Dr. Harris asked Dr. Colquhoun if diskette from the 2008 AAVSB Conference was ever distributed to Board members. Dr. Colquhoun stated he would look into the matter, as the Board office does not have a copy.

Dr. Colquhoun reported on the RACE sessions of the AAVSB 2009 Conference on the growing number of the RACE applications, on improved screening processes for RACE, on the RACE website, and on the potential of RACE to offer more remedial education for state licensing boards. Dr. Colquhoun asked Board members if there were any RACE issues that they would like to have addressed in the future.

Mrs. Cox presented the Complaint Status Report for the Board members.

Financial Report:

Mrs. Cox reported that financial information is available upon request. She reported that revenue is collected biennially and is expended over a two-year period; the Board is audited annually; and it is financially sound with no audit exceptions. She stated that the financial reports regarding the Board are kept in the LLR Finance Office and monthly statements are also maintained in the Board's office.

LEGAL:

Sharon Dantzer, LLR's Advice Counsel, reported on the topic regarding knowledge of past discipline that can be known by the Board. Ms. Dantzer stated to the Board members that the Board's complaint and hearing procedures fall within the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Ms. Dantzer spoke on Rule 404 (Character Evidence Not Admissible to Prove Conduct; Exception; Other Crimes). She explained the Rule 404. Appropriate questions were asked by Board members and answered by Ms. Dantzer.

Dr. Colquhoun suggested that Board Chairman have past discipline knowledge available in a sealed envelope to be used, if needed for sentencing phase of hearings. It was reported that this information is available during IRC meetings and that public discipline is always available to anyone on the web site. Dr. Platt suggested that a script on standard operating procedures for hearings be written and available for hearings that would include a statement for finding of guilt, or not, and then a statement for the sentencing phase. Ms. Cox stated that a script will be written and available in the future for hearings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business scheduled before the Board.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was no Discussion Topics scheduled before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marcia Rosenberg stated that in Dr. Colquhoun RACE report on remedial program, she hoped RACE would consider record keeping classes a required course. Ms. Rosenberg also requested that prior to the Board meetings, she be provided copies of the IRC Report and Administrators Report.

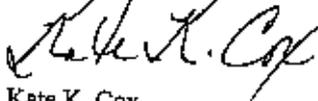
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate K. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate K. Cox
Administrator