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Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine
Minutes of September 20, 2023, Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoenig called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Donald Hoenig, VMD, Chair
Peter Davis, DVM, Vice Chair
Douglas Andrews, DVM, Complaint Officer
Matthew Townsend, DVM

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I, Application Presentations
Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
John Belisle, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

July 10, 2023

Davis moved to accept the minutes of July 10, 2023, as presented, seconded by Andrews.
Unanimously voted.

PRESENTATION

American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) -Dr. Beth Venit, Chief Veterinary Officer, and Dr. Kim Gemeinhardt, DVM, President-Elect

Doctors Venit and Gemeinhardt spoke about goals and understanding the challenges the Board is facing while sharing information about services AAVSB is offering. The presentation included model documents, member communications, centralized licensing database (VIVA) – database exchange program. VAULT - license verifications obtained through an online portal. License transfers, database to database exam scores. Racetrack – to find and track CE for auditing purposes. Other licensing assistance programs discussed, VTNE, SPA, PAVE.

Townsend responded to the presentation by stating he would like to discuss the options of possible use in the future at a later Board meeting.

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APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION – *Presenter, Dominic Cotone*
Sarah Kucharski, Request for VTNE Approval

Townsend moved to approve the request of Sarah Kucharski, pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 4861-A(1), and Board Rule Chapter 3 § 1(B), seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS

2017-VET-13078

Dr. Christiana Yule was present via the zoom platform and addressed the Board as required by the conditions of her consent agreement. This was the last appearance for Dr. Yule as all conditions of her Consent Agreement have now been met.

2023-VET-18837

Davis moved to dismiss case 2023-VET-18837 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Seconded by Townsend, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-18993

Townsend moved to schedule 2023-VET-18993 for an adjudicatory hearing and to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Davis, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19003

Davis moved to dismiss case 2023-VET-19003 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Seconded by Townsend, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19004

Davis moved to dismiss case 2023-VET-19004 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules. Seconded by Townsend, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19118

Townsend moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19118 with a Letter of Guidance. Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Davis, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19119

Davis moved to schedule 2023-VET-19119 for an adjudicatory hearing and to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a consent agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Townsend, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19234

Townsend moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19234 with a Letter of Guidance. Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Davis, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19322

Davis moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19322 with a Letter of Guidance. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Hoenig, Townsend in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

2023-VET-19331

Davis moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19331 with a Letter of Guidance. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Townsend, Hoenig in favor. Complaint Officer Andrews recused.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Peg Wheeler posed a question regarding the process for candidates applying through alternative pathways.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Townsend moved to adjourn at 12:23 p.m., seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted.

*Prepared By: Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Board approved: February 28, 2024*