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Joan Cohen
Acting Commissioner

Geraldine L. Betts
Administrator

Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine
Minutes of August 14, 2024, Board Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoenig called the meeting to order at 9:04 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
Clark Phinney, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I, Application Presentations
Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Andrews moved to accept the minutes of May 22, 2024 as presented, seconded by Townsend.
Unanimously voted.

APPLICATION, REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

*Presenter, Dominic Cotone, Comprehensive Health Planner I
Jessica I. March*

Townsend moved to approve and issue licensure to Jessica I. March, seconded by Davis.
Unanimously voted.

Nicole S. Blanchette

Applicant withdrew application, no action required.

ALTERNATE EDUCATION REVIEW FRO VTNE APPROVAL

Tarryn Nutt

Andrews moved to accept the education to take the VTNE exam, seconded by Davis.
Unanimously voted.

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COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS

2023 VET 19223

Townsend moved to schedule 2023-VET-19223 for an adjudicatory hearing and authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board. The proposed terms of the Consent Agreement are: 1) Admission to violation of M.R.S. 8003(5-A)(A)(1) and Chapter 5, Section 2 of the Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine Rules; 2) Censure; 3) Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1000.00; 4) (1) One year probation to include records submission, review and approval. Licensee shall submit (4) four records per quarter. Records per quarter to include 3 (three) entries of medical records and 1 (one) entry for mobile euthanasia, seconded by Davis. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19828

Townsend moved to schedule 2024-VET-19828 for an adjudicatory hearing and authorize the Assistant Attorney General to negotiate a Consent Agreement with the Licensee on behalf of the Board. The proposed terms of the Consent Agreement are: 1) Admission to violation of M.R.S. 8003(5-A)(A)(1) and Chapter 5, Section 2 of the Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine Rules; 2) Censure; 3) Civil Penalty in the amount of \$1000.00; 4) (1) One year probation to include records submission, review and approval. Licensee shall submit (4) four records per quarter. Records per quarter to include 3 (three) entries of medical records and 1 (one) entry for mobile euthanasia, seconded by Davis. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2023-VET-19702

Davis moved to dismiss 2023-VET-19702 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19830

Townsend moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19830 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Davis. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024 VET 19921

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19921 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19922

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19922 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19923

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19923 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-19963

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-19963 with a Letter of Guidance to be drafted by the Assistant Attorney General, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2024-VET-20032

Davis moved to dismiss 2024-VET-20032 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Statutes, Rules or Code of Ethics, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2023-VET-18995

Davis moved to reconsider case 2023-VET-18995 and table for further investigation, seconded by Townsend. Hoenig in favor, Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator Geraldine Betts

Administrator Betts addressed the Board regarding a scheduling conflict for the November 22, 2024 meeting. Board members agreed to reschedule the November 22 meeting to December 4, 2024.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Public comments were made by Frank Tringale regarding a case dismissal, and by Attorney Carol Eisenberg regarding Board meeting schedules.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Davis moved to adjourn at 11:18 a.m., seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

*Prepared By: Meagan McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Board approved: December 4, 2024*