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Maine Board of Veterinary Medicine
Draft Minutes of January 18, 2023, Board Meeting

Unofficial Minutes – *These draft minutes do not represent the opinion of the Department or the Administration. Minutes will become official after the Board of Veterinary Medicine votes to accept the minutes at the next scheduled board meeting.*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hoenig called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator
Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Dominic Cotone, Office Specialist II, Application Presentations
Jennifer Willis, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

September 21, 2022

Davis moved to accept the minutes of September 21, 2022, as presented, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATION(S) AND BOARD ACTIONS

2022-PHA-18584

Davis moved to dismiss 2022-VET-18584 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2022-VET-18609

Davis moved to dismiss 2022-VET-18609 with a Letter of Guidance regarding the importance of communication of all diagnostic options to client based on findings of physical exam. The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

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2022-VET-18654

Davis moved to dismiss 2022-VET-18654 with no evidence of a violation of the Board's Laws and Rules, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

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.

2022-VET-18117 & 2022-VET-18264

Davis moved to schedule 2022-VET-18117 for an adjudicatory hearing and to 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 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5) and (10); 32 M.R.S. § 4864(11); Board Rules Chapter 7, § 23; and Board Rules Chapter 5 Section 2; 2) Censure; 3) \$2,000.00 Fine and 4) Probation for a period of two (2) years, during which the licensee must a) complete a minimum of three (3) hours of continuing education on the topic of veterinary medical recordkeeping which must be submitted to the Board's Complaint Officer for prior approval no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the course and submit proof of completion immediately upon completion of each course and b) Submit three (3) medical records on a quarterly basis throughout the two-year period of probation beginning on March 15, 2023, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

2022-VET-18657

Davis moved to schedule 2022-VET-18657 for an adjudicatory hearing and to 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 32 M.R.S. § 4864(11); Board Rules Chapter 7, § 23; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(A)(5) and Board Rules Chapter 5 Section 2; 2) Warning; 3) \$250.00 Fine and 4) Probation for a period of two (2) years, during which the licensee must a) complete a minimum of three (3) hours of continuing education on the topic of proper veterinary medical recordkeeping which must be submitted to the Board's Complaint Officer for prior approval no later than thirty (30) days before the date of the course and submit proof of completion immediately upon completion of each course and b) Submit three (3) medical records on a quarterly basis that deal with lumps or masses, including one (1) surgical record related to a mass from the day of the surgery throughout the two-year period of probation beginning on March 15, 2023, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted. Complaint Officer Andrews abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rachel Fiske, Assistant State Veterinarian, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry regarding whether applying a microchip to a companion animal or equine is considered the practice of veterinary medicine.

The Board discussed the correspondence and referred Rachel Fiske to 32 M.R.S. §4860(1)

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROGRAM FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF VETERINARY EDUCATION EQUIVALENCE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS (PAVE)

Hoenig moved to table action until the next scheduled board meeting scheduled for May 17, 2023, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023

Davis moved to remain the same slate, Donald Hoenig as Board Chair, Douglas Andrews as Complaint Officer, and Peter Davis as Vice Chair, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

APPLICATION REVIEW AND BOARD ACTION

Christopher Sevigny, VT1873 (Renewal)

Moved to accept staff's recommendation and grant licensure to Christopher Sevigny, VT1873 with a Letter of Guidance regarding 10 M.R.S. §8003-G, The Letter of Guidance is to remain on file for a period of ten (10) years, seconded by Davis. Unanimously voted.

Sonja Ahlberg, TC10011159 (Initial)

Davis moved to grant licensure to Sonja Ahlberg, TC10011159, seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

No comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Davis moved to adjourn at 11:36 a.m., seconded by Townsend. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Comprehensive Health Planner II
Board approved: