

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**FORMAL HEARING MINUTES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**BOARD ROOM 1**  
**HENRICO, VA**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 9:16 a.m., on September 7, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Vice-President

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T.  
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.  
Mary Yancey Spencer, J.D.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tregal Cockburn, D.V.M.  
Steven B. Karras, D.V.M.  
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.

**QUORUM:** With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General

**COURT REPORTER:** Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** James E. Schliessmann, Sr. Assistant Attorney General  
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** Naima Fellers, Senior Investigator  
Kelly Knox, L.V.T.  
Meghan Johnson, D.V.M.  
Officer Beth Gardner

**RESPONDENT WITNESSES:** None

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Nicole L. Lamond, L.V.T.**  
**License No.: 0302-000667**  
**Case No.: 169776**

The Chair noted that Ms. Lamond was noticed to appear before the Board at 9:00 a.m., and that the time was now 9:16 a.m. Mr. Schliessmann presented an affidavit attesting that the Amended Notice dated August 10, 2016, had been sent to Ms. Lamond's address of record via certified and first class mail. Mr. Schliessmann also noted that Ms. Lamond contacted Board staff by e-mail regarding the hearing. The Chair ruled that proper notice of the proceeding was provided to Ms. Lamond and the formal hearing proceeded in her absence.

The Board received evidence and sworn testimony from the witnesses called by the Commonwealth.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Ms. Spencer moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia ("Code") for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Nicole L. Lamond, L.V.T.** Additionally, she moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Knachel, Ms. Blount, and Ms. Behr attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Ms. Spencer moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

Ms. Spencer moved to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board, and read by Ms. Mitchell. Ms.

Spencer also moved to accept the decision, as read by Ms. Mitchell, which was to revoke Ms. Lamond's license. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Vice-President

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Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 11:00 a.m., on September 7, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Vice-President

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**COURT REPORTER:** Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC

**PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH:** Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist

**COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES:** None

**RESPONDENT WITNESSES:** Daniel Barrett

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Sharon D. Vaturi, L.V.T. Applicant**  
**Case No.: 172161**

Ms. Vaturi appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated August 10, 2016. The Board received evidence from Ms. Vaturi and Ms. Weiss regarding the allegations in the Notice.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Ms. Spencer moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia ("Code") for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Sharon D. Vaturi, L.V.T. Applicant**. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Knachel, and Ms. Behr attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Ms. Spencer moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

Ms. Spencer moved to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board, and read by Ms. Mitchell. Ms. Spencer also moved to accept the decision as read by Ms. Mitchell. Following a second, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Mitchell reported that the Board voted to deny Ms. Vaturi's application for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Vice-President

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Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director

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