

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**INFORMAL CONFERENCE**  
**AUGUST 19, 2009**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**RICHMOND, VA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM - Chair  
John Wise, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** L. Thompson Hanes, Esq.  
Crystal Snyder  
Mr. Snyder

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Les Sekut, DVM**  
**License #.: 0301200681**  
**Case No. - 123919**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Sekut appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 17, 2009. Dr. Sekut was represented by counsel, L. Thompson Hanes, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Sekut.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Les Sekut, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced

its decision.

**DECISION:**

Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Sekut, the Committee ordered that Dr. Sekut be assessed a monetary penalty of \$500 and complete Board pre-approved CE in abdominal ultrasound and Radiology within 6 months of the Order becoming final. The hearing adjourned at 10.35 a.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
for the Board

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM – Chair  
Henry McKelvin, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Conrad, Esq.

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Kathryn A. Dobyms, DVM**  
**License No.: 0301006815**  
**Case No.: 124902**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Dobyms appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 17, 2009. Dr. Dobyms was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Dobyms.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. McKelvin, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Kathryn A. Dobyms, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the

case with Dr. Dobyms, the Committee ordered that Dr. Dobyms be issued an Order finding a violation, but imposing no sanction. The hearing adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
For the Board

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry McKelvin, DVM - Chair  
John Wise, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Allen W. Beasley, Esq.

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Tina M. Burgess, DVM**  
**License #: 0301006301**  
**Case No. - 124378**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Burgess appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 15, 2009. Dr. Burgess was represented by counsel, Allen W. Beasley, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Burgess.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Tina M. Burgess, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the

case with Dr. Burgess, the Committee ordered that Dr. Burgess be assessed a monetary penalty of \$500 and complete Board pre-approved CE in soft tissue abdominal surgery within 6 months of the Order becoming final. The hearing adjourned at 12.55 p.m.

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Henry McKelvin, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
for the Board