

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2016**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on June 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:00 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Terri Behr, Compliance/Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
Joy Malonza, Intern
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Sarah R. Misraji, D.V.M. Applicant**
License No.: n/a
Case No.: 173408
- Discussion:** Dr. Misraji appeared before the Committee by telephone conference call in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 26, 2016, to consider her application for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny her application. Dr. Misraji was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Misraji.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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 regarding **Sarah R. Misraji, D.V.M. Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount, Ms. Weiss and Ms. Malonza attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Reconvene:** Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business

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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 passed.

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

DECISION

Case No. 173408:

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker, and duly seconded by Dr. Gottschalk, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and unanimously voted to issue Dr. Misraji an unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The hearing adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

9:58 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Terri Behr, Compliance/Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
Joy Malonza, Intern

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Barrett

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Sharon D. Vaturi, L.V.T. Applicant
License No.: n/a
Case No.: 172161

Discussion:

Ms. Vaturi appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 28, 2016, to consider her application for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny her application. Ms. Vaturi was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Vaturi.

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Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Sharon D. Vaturi, L.V.T. Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount, Ms. Weiss and Ms. Malonza attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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 passed.

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

Further Discussion:

The Committee determined that more information was needed regarding Ms. Vaturi's employment history and requested that she provide additional information.

Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Sharon D. Vaturi, L.V.T. Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount, Ms. Weiss and Ms. Malonza attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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

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meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

DECISION

Case No. 172161:

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker, and duly seconded by Dr. Gottschalk, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and unanimously voted that Ms. Vaturi does not meet the requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician by examination or endorsement in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Based on this finding, licensure was denied. The hearing adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

11:57 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Terri Behr, Compliance/Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
Joy Malonza, Intern

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Gwendolyn J. Pfouts, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-007338
Case No.: 158873

Discussion:

Dr. Pfouts appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 28, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Pfouts was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Pfouts.

Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Gwendolyn J. Pfouts, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Weiss attend the closed meeting because their

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presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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 passed.

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

DECISION

Case No. 158873:

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker, and duly seconded by Dr. Gottschalk, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and unanimously voted that Dr. Pfouts' veterinary establishment have an unannounced inspection within 12 months of entry of the Order and that Dr. Pfouts pay an inspection fee within 30 days of receiving an invoice with the fee amount. The hearing adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

FOURTH CONFERENCE:

2:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Terri Behr, Compliance/Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
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Joy Malonza, Intern

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Kopila Paudel Subedi, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-203924
Case No.: 161807**

Discussion:

Dr. Subedi appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 28, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Subedi

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was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Subedi.

Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Kopila Paudel Subedi, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Weiss attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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 passed.

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

DECISION

Case No. 161807:

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker, and duly seconded by Dr. Gottschalk, the Committee unanimously voted to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

FIFTH CONFERENCE:

3:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

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OTHERS PRESENT: Alan F. Garrison, Esquire

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Elizabeth J. Cohron, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-005791
Case No.: 162453

Discussion: Dr. Cohron appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 26, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Cohron was represented by counsel, Alan F. Garrison, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Cohron.

Closed Session: Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Elizabeth J. Cohron, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Weiss attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene: Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee 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 passed.

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

DECISION
Case No. 162453:

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker, and duly seconded by Dr. Gottschalk, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and unanimously voted to reprimand Dr. Cohron and impose a \$500 monetary penalty to be paid within 30 days of entry of the Order. The hearing adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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