

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MODIFICATION OF BOARD ORDERS - CONFERENCE CALL  
DECEMBER 12, 2018  
MINUTES**

**DATE, TIME & PLACE:** Pursuant to §54.1-2400(13) of the Code of Virginia (Code), a telephone conference call was convened at 8:40 a.m. to consider modifications of previous board orders in the cases of **Rohan Rajapakse, Veterinarian (case 170370)** and **P. Kumari Andarawewa, Veterinarian (case 170371)**. Ms. Knachel conducted a roll call of the board members present. A quorum was established.

**CHAIR:** Autumn Halsey, LVT

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Johnson, DVM  
Bayard Rucker, DVM  
Steve Karras, DVM  
Tregel Cockburn, DVM  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM  
Mary Yancey Spencer, Esq.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy Schlichting, Esq., Representation for Dr. Rajapakse and Dr. Andarawewa

**STAFF & OAG PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Emily Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Charis Mitchell, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

**1<sup>ST</sup> MATTER CONSIDERED:** **Rohan Rajapakse, Veterinarian**  
**License No.: 0301203945**  
**Case No.: 170370**

The Board met by conference call to consider modifications to the Board's Order entered August 23, 2016 (Order) requested by Ms. Schlichting on behalf of her client on November 5, 2018. Specifically, Ms. Schlichting requested that the Order be modified to extend the deadline from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2019, to allow Dr. Rajapakse to take and pass the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE).

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On a motion by Dr. Karras, and properly seconded, the Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rohan Rajapakse, Veterinarian**. Additionally, it was moved that Charis Mitchell, Leslie Knachel and Kelli Moss attend the Closed Session because their presence was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENTION:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding Closed Session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in Open Session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

On a motion by Dr. Hillyer, and properly seconded, the Board denied Dr. Rajapakse's request for modification of the Order.

**VOTE:**

The motion passed with six votes in favor and one vote against.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MATTER CONSIDERED:**

**P. Kumari Andarawewa, Veterinarian**  
**License No.: 0301203931**  
**Case No.: 170371**

The Board met by conference call to consider modifications to the Board's Order entered August 17, 2016 (Order) requested by Ms. Schlichting on behalf of her client on October 29, 2018. Specifically, Ms. Schlichting requested that the Order be modified to extend the deadline from December 31, 2018, to December 31, 2019, to allow Dr. Andarawewa to take and pass the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE).

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On a motion by Dr. Karras, and properly seconded, the Board convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **P. Kumari Andarawewa, Veterinarian**. Additionally, it was moved that Charis Mitchell, Leslie Knachel and Kelli Moss attend the Closed Session because their presence was deemed

necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

**RECONVENTION:**

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding Closed Session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Board reconvened in Open Session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

On a motion by Dr. Hillyer, and properly seconded, the Board granted Dr. Andarawewa's request to modify the Order to state that she must take and pass the NAVLE by June 30, 2019.

**VOTE:**

The motion passed with six votes in favor and one against.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The conference call was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

  
Autumn Halsey, LVT, Chair

  
Leslie L. Knachel, MPH  
Executive Director