

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on February 17, 2022, at 9:07 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE 9:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Thomas Massie, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Christine Corey, Administrative Proceedings Division
Edward Fallin, Veterinarian

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Courtney White, Veterinarian**
License No. 0301-203804
Case No. 194366

DISCUSSION: Dr. White appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 29, 2021, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. White was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. White.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Massie 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 **Courtney White, Veterinarian.**

Additionally, Dr. Massie moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her 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. Massie 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 carried unanimously.

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

DECISION:

Case No. 194366

Dr. Massie moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. White, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. White. The motion was seconded and properly carried. The hearing adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

11:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Thomas Massie, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Lesley Swisher, Veterinarian
License No. 0301-204351
Case No. 199425

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Swisher appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 13, 2022, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Swisher was

represented by counsel, Michael Goodman, Esq. and Nora Ciancio, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Swisher.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Massie 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 **Lesley Swisher, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Massie moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her 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. Massie 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 carried unanimously.

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

DECISION

Case No. 199425:

Dr. Massie moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Swisher, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Swisher. The motion was seconded and properly carried. The hearing adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Thomas Massie, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator
Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Gregory Peake, Veterinarian
License No. 0301-007060
Case No. 204542

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Peake appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 30, 2021, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Peake was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Peake.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Massie 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 **Gregory Peake, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Massie moved that Ms. Moss attend the closed meeting because her 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. Massie 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 carried unanimously.

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

DECISION

Case No. 204542:

Dr. Massie moved that the Committee impose no sanction in the case against Dr. Peake, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Peake. The motion was seconded and properly carried. The hearing adjourned at 2:31 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director