

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
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**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**INFORMAL CONFERENCE**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2010**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**HENRICO, VA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 9:15 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM– Chair  
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Thorsen

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Miriam B. Talaat, DVM**  
**License #.: 0301202144**  
**Case No. - 131039**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Talaat appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 27, 2010. Dr. Talaat was represented by counsel, Michael Thorsen, Esq. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Talaat.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the SCC 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 **Miriam B. Talaat, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division 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 SCC 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 SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

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

case with Dr. Talaat, the SCC dismissed the case with a finding of no violation. The hearing adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, Executive Director for the Board

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
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- CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference before a Special Conference SCC (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 10:15 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk – Chair  
James DeBell, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Phil Lassiter  
Debbie Lassiter
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Wendy A. Behm, DVM**  
**License No.: 0301005288**  
**Case No.: 132173**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Behm appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 27, 2010. Dr. Behm was represented by counsel, Allen Beasley, Esq. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Behm.
- CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. DeBell, the SCC 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 **Wendy A. Behm, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division 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 SCC 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 SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.
- DECISION:** Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Behm, the SCC dismissed the case with a

finding of no violation. The hearing adjourned at  
11:06 p.m.

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Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 11:37 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM – Chair  
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

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

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

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Katrina T. Wielandt, DVM**  
**License #.: 0301006916**  
**Case No. - 129879**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Wielandt appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 7, 2010. Dr. Wielandt was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Wielandt.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the SCC 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 **Katrina T. Wielandt, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division 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 SCC 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 SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Wielandt, the SCC ordered that Dr. Wielandt obtain 2 hours of continuing education

credits in client communication and 2 hours in recordkeeping within 12 months of the entry of the Order. The hearing adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk, DVM – Chair  
James DeBell, DVM

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Rhodenizer, III  
Carolyn Moore  
Darlene Callahan  
Mary Morris  
Douglas Leffel  
Ruby Leffel  
Barry Dixon  
Steven Boggs  
Toni Moore  
Alexis Lucas  
Nancy Gray

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Sabra A. Lucas, DVM**  
**License #: 0301201361**  
**Case No. - 130975**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Lucas appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 17, 2010. Dr. Lucas was not represented by counsel. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Lucas.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. DeBell, the SCC recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical and mental health records of **Sabra A. Lucas, DVM** that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by Virginia Code Section 2.2-3705. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary

Medicine, Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, Ruby Leffel, Barry Dixon, Toni Moore and Sabra Lucas, DVM attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board 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.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. DeBell, the SCC 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 **Sabra A. Lucas, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division and Leslie Knachel, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the SCC 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 SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Based on the Reinstatement Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Lucas, the SCC voted to reinstate Dr. Lucas's license contingent upon receipt of a signed copy of a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program. The hearing adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference before a Special Conference Committee (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM – Chair  
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Barbara Michael

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Peter W. Schmitt, DVM**  
**License #: 0301002495**  
**Case No. - 130360**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Schmitt appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 17, 2010. Dr. Schmitt was not represented by counsel. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Schmitt.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the SCC 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 **Peter W. Schmitt, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division 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 SCC 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 SCC reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:** Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Schmitt, the SCC ordered that Dr. Schmitt be assessed a monetary penalty of \$500 and obtain 2 hours of continuing education credits in

critical care and 2 hours in recordkeeping within 12 months of the entry of the Order. The hearing adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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