

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
July 11, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on July 11, 2017, at 9:10 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: 9:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M., Chairperson
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Navdeep Kumar Sharma, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-201421
Case No.: 176434

Discussion: Dr. Sharma appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 16, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Sharma was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Sharma.

Closed Session: Dr. Johnson 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 **Navdeep Kumar Sharma, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Johnson moved that Ms. Blount 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. Johnson moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting

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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. 176434:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to impose a \$500 monetary penalty and to have 6 of the 24 hours Dr. Sharma completed in 2017 applied to the continuing education deficit for 2015.

Upon a motion by Dr. Johnson and duly seconded by Dr. Cockburn, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

10:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M., Chairperson
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Ryan

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Heather Lynn Brookshire, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-202469
Case No.: 170532

Discussion:

Dr. Brookshire appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 14, 2017, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Brookshire was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the

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allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Brookshire.

Closed Session:

Dr. Johnson 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 **Heather Lynn Brookshire, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Johnson moved that Ms. Blount 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. Johnson 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. 170532:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to reprimand Dr. Brookshire and impose a \$100 monetary penalty.

Upon a motion by Dr. Johnson and duly seconded by Dr. Cockburn, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 11.59 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

12:11 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M., Chairperson
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist

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Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Eric M. Cryan, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-200619
Case No.: 175604**

Discussion:

Dr. Cryan appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 17, 2017, and a letter dated June 13, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Cryan was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Cryan.

Closed Session:

Dr. Johnson 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 **Eric M. Cryan, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Johnson moved that Ms. Blount 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. Johnson 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. 175604:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

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