

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on October 7, 2021, at 9:14 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 9:14 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tosha Fischetti, Senior Investigator – HQ, DHP

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Sayed Sultan Masood, Veterinarian**
License No. 0301-200387
Case Nos. 180443, 189047

DISCUSSION: Dr. Masood appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 2, 2021, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Masood was represented by counsel, Michael Thorsen, Esq. for Case 180443 and Matthew Roberson, Esq. for Case 189047. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Masood.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Karras 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 **Sayed Sultan Masood, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION:

Case Nos. 180443, 189047

Dr. Karras moved that the Committee place Dr. Masood on indefinite probation for a period of not less than two years subject to terms and conditions; and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Masood. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:26 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

1:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Specialist
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Chad Nishi, Veterinarian
License No. 0301-200310
Case No. 191467

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Nishi appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 1, 2021, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Nishi was represented by Michael Thorsen, Esq. The Committee fully discussed

the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Nishi.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Karras 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 **Chad Nishi, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

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

DECISION

Case No. 191467:

Dr. Karras moved that the Committee reprimand Dr. Nishi, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Nishi. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 2:45 p.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

2:52 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Specialist
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Andrew MacDougall, Veterinarian
License No. 0301-202931
Case No. 196453

DISCUSSION:

Dr. MacDougall appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 1, 2021, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. MacDougall was represented by Barbara Queen, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. MacDougall.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Karras 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 **Andrew MacDougall, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Karras 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 by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

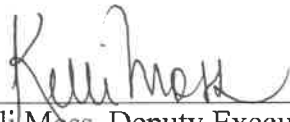
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 196453:

Dr. Karras moved that the Committee take no action on the license of Dr. MacDougall, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. MacDougall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hillyer and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 4:33 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director