

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
NOVEMBER 15, 2021**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on November 15, 2021, at 9:46 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** 9:46 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Autumn Halsey, LVT, 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:** **Kristen Mitchell, Veterinary Technician**
License No. 0302-002414
Case No. 193986
- DISCUSSION:** The Committee met in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 30, 2021, to inquire into allegations that Ms. Mitchell may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary technician practice in Virginia. Ms. Mitchell did not appear and was not represented by counsel. The Chair ruled that adequate notice was given in the case and that the Committee will proceed in Ms. Mitchell’s absence.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Halsey 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 **Kristen Mitchell, Veterinary Technician**. Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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:

Ms. Halsey 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. 193986

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee order Ms. Mitchell to provide proof of entry into the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program within 44 days of entry of the Order, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Ms. Mitchell. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 11:00 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

11:14 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tregel Cockburn, DVM, Chairperson
Autumn Halsey, LVT, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Barrett Welch, Veterinarian Applicant
Case No. 212867**

DISCUSSION:

The Committee met in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 22, 2021, to consider the application of Barrett Welch for licensure to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine if there is sufficient evidence that he has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a veterinarian in Virginia and is safe and competent to practice. Dr.

Welch was present and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Welch.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Halsey 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 **Barrett Welch, Veterinarian Applicant**. Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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. Halsey 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. 212867:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee deny Barrett Welch's application to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Welch. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:53 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director