

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 16, 2011
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: John Wise, DVM– Chair
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
James Banning, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Allison M. Baldassari, DVM**
License #: 0301201105
Case No. - 132853

DISCUSSION: Dr. Baldassari appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 11 2011. Dr. Baldassari was not represented by counsel. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Baldassari..

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 **Allison M. Baldassari, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that James Banning, 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. Baldassari, the SCC dismissed the case with a finding of no violation. The hearing adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

John Wise, DVM

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

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference before a Special Conference SCC (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph May, DVM - Chair
James DeBell, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
James Banning, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: John Conrad, Esq.
Scott Height

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Richard S. Freedman, VMD**
License No.: 0301001710
Case No.: 131574

DISCUSSION: Dr. Freedman appeared before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 11, 2011. Dr. Freedman was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The SCC fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Freedman.

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 **Richard S. Freedman, VMD**. Additionally, it was moved that James Banning, 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, the SCC will issue Dr. Freedman an Order with a reprimand, a monetary penalty of \$2000 and other terms and conditions. The hearing adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Joseph May, DVM

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

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference before a Special Conference SCC (SCC) of the Board was called to order at 1:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Gottschalk, DVM – Chair
Taryn Singleton, LVT

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
James Banning, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Penelope Lyn W. Vass, LVT**
License No.: 0302005314
Case No.: 126318

DISCUSSION: Ms. Vass did not appear before the SCC in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 20, 2011. Ms. Vass was not represented by counsel.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, 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 **Penelope Lyn W. Vass, LVT**. Additionally, it was moved that James Banning, 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:

The Committee determined that Ms. Vass was given adequate notice of the hearing so they proceeded in her absence. Based on the Investigative Report, the SCC will issue a Consent Order suspending Ms. Vass's right to reinstate her license unless she comes before the SCC to answer the allegations in the notice. The hearing adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

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