

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on October 25, 2017, at 9:13 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:** 9:13 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Autumn Halsey, L.V.T, Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, 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:** **Bonnie L. Brown, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-005279
Case No.: 176120
- Discussion:** Dr. Brown appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated June 16, 2017, and a letter dated September 25, 2017, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Brown was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Brown.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Rucker 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 **Bonnie L. Brown, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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. Rucker 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. 176120:

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. Brown.

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker and duly seconded by Ms. Halsey, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

10:51 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Autumn Halsey, L.V.T, Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, 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:

**John P. Arthur, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-000850
Case No.: 180691**

Discussion:

Dr. Arthur appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 27, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Arthur was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Arthur.

Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the

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Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **John P. Arthur, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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. Rucker 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. 180691:

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. Arthur.

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker and duly seconded by Ms. Halsey, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

11:23 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Autumn Halsey, L.V.T, Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, 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:

Sandra Kochersperger
Anna Badgley, Senior Investigator

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MATTER SCHEDULED: **Chelsey M. LaMendola, L.V.T. Reinstatement Applicant**
License No.: 0302-002544
Case No.: 179635

Discussion: Ms. LaMendola appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 26, 2017, to consider her application for reinstatement to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Ms. LaMendola was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. LaMendola.

Closed Session: Dr. Rucker 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 **Chelsey M. LaMendola, L.V.T. Reinstatement Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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. Rucker 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. 179635:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to reinstate Ms. LaMendola's license on indefinite probation for not

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less than one year with certain terms and conditions.

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker and duly seconded by Ms. Halsey, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

FOURTH CONFERENCE:

1:13 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Autumn Halsey, L.V.T, Chairperson
Bayard A. Rucker, III, 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:

Robert L. Miller, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-000778
Case No.: 173467

Discussion:

Dr. Miller appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 27, 2017, and an Amended Notice of Informal Conference dated October 3, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Miller was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Miller.

Closed Session:

Dr. Rucker 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 **Robert L. Miller, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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. Rucker moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business

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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. 173467:

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. Miller.

Upon a motion by Dr. Rucker and duly seconded by Ms. Halsey, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Autumn Halsey, L.V.T., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director