

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on January 17, 2018, at 9:03 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233, to consider a possible summary suspension.

PRESIDING: Autumn Halsey, L.V.T., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tregel Cockburn, D.V.M.
Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M.
Steven B. Karras, D.V.M.
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.
Mary Yancey Spencer, Esquire

QUORUM: With seven members present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Anne G. Joseph, Deputy Director Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they were able to attend a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence for a possible summary suspension. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

**Thomas L. Rohlk, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-002644
Case Nos.: 174333 & 181624**

Mr. Halbleib presented a summary of the evidence in these cases and responded to questions.

CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion made by Dr. Karras and properly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Case Nos. 174333 & 181624. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Knachel, and Ms. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Karras moved that the Board 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 unanimously passed.

DECISION:

Dr. Cockburn moved that the Board summarily suspend Dr. Rohlk's license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia and schedule him for a formal hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Autumn Halsey, L.V.T., Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H.
Executive Director