

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
DECEMBER 8, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on December 8, 2022, at 10:07 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** 10:07 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Richard Bailey, DVM, Committee member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Scott McCorkindale, Veterinarian**
Case No. 205095
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. McCorkindale appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 2, 2022, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine in Virginia. Dr. McCorkindale was present and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. McCorkindale.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Bailey 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 **Scott McCorkindale, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Bailey 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. Bailey 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. 205095

Dr. Bailey moved that the Committee require Dr. McCorkindale to complete three hours of continuing education within six months in the subject of urogenital diagnostic imaging and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. McCorkindale. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:04 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

1:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Richard Bailey, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sonja Johns, M.D.
Tom Walker, Veterinarian (via telephone)
J.D. Foster, Veterinarian (via telephone)
Mathieu Glassman, Veterinarian (via telephone)

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Maria Wheeler (Pitts), Veterinary Technician Applicant
Case No. 210743**

DISCUSSION:

The Committee met in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 13, 2022, to consider the application of Maria Wheeler for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to determine if there is sufficient evidence that she has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician, and whether grounds exist to refuse to issue a license to Ms. Wheeler to practice as a veterinary technician. Ms. Wheeler was present and was represented by counsel, Elizabeth Stutts, Esq.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Bailey 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 **Maria Wheeler, Veterinary Technician Applicant**. Additionally, Dr.

Bailey 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. Bailey 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. 210743:

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

The hearing concluded at 4:55 p.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

5:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Richard Bailey, DVM, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Emily Thomas, Veterinarian
Case No. 218677

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Thomas appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 2, 2022, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations govern the practice of veterinary medicine in Virginia. Dr. Thomas was present and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Thomas.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Bailey 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 **Emily Thomas, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Bailey 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. Bailey 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. 218677:

Dr. Bailey moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Thomas, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Thomas. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 5:24 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director