

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
September 14, 2023**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on September 14, 2023, at 9:03 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:03 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Bailey, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, 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:** Leslie Carleton, DHP Enforcement Division
Avi Efreom, Administrative Proceedings Division
Taryn Singleton, LVT, Discipline Case Specialist
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Andrew Silverstone, Veterinarian
Case 216233**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Silverstone appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 30, 2023, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Silverstone was represented by Ashley Moss, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Silverstone.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Newman 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 Andrew Silverstone, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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. Newman 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. 216233

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring a reprimand and a monetary penalty of \$2000.00. Dr. Newman further moved that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Silverstone. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:15 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

12:23 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bailey, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, 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:

Leslie Carleton, DHP Enforcement Division
Avi Efreom, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Kasey Falls, Veterinary Technician
Case No. 218083**

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Falls appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated

July 19, 2023, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Falls.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Newman 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 Kasey Falls, Veterinary Technician. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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. Newman 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. 218083

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

The hearing concluded at 12:52 p.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

1:23 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bailey, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, 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: Leslie Carleton, DHP Enforcement Division

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Robert Keller, II, Veterinarian**
Case No. 212467

DISCUSSION: Dr. Keller did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 19, 2023. Based upon information provided by Ms. Corey, Dr. Bailey ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Dr. Keller and that the informal conference will proceed.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. Newman 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 Keller, II, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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. Newman 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. 212467

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring a reprimand, a \$2000.00 monetary penalty, require Dr. Keller to complete all continuing education ordered in the terms of the December 30, 2021, Board Order, and complete five hours of Board-approved continuing education in sexual harassment awareness within 60 days of the entry of this Order. Dr. Newman further moved that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Keller. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 1:55 p.m.

FOURTH CONFERENCE:

2:22 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Bailey, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, 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:

Leslie Carleton, DHP Enforcement Division
Avi Efreom, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Brenda Godlewski, Veterinarian
Case No. 222473

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Godlewski did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 11, 2023. Based upon information provided by Ms. Corey, Dr. Bailey ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Dr. Godlewski and that the informal conference will proceed.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Newman 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 **Brenda Godlewski, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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. Newman 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.

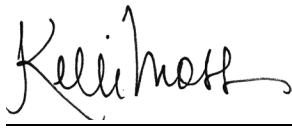
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Case No. 222473

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring a reprimand, completion of three hours of Board-approved continuing education in controlled substance management within 90 days of the date of entry of this Order, an unannounced inspection within one year of the veterinary establishment where Dr. Godlewski serves as veterinarian-in-charge, to include inspection of all C-II – CV controlled drugs and records within one year of the date of entry of the Order. Dr. Newman further moved to require Dr. Godlewski pay a reinspection fee within 30 days of the compliance inspection, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Godlewski. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 3:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli Moss". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director