

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 17, 2007  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
RICHMOND, VA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Siemering, DVM – Chair  
John Wise, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Young, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist  
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Emily Field, Administrative Proceedings Division  
(observing)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michael Mendelsohn  
Adrian Willis, Complainant  
Betty Willis, Complainant  
Beth Hammes  
Jennifer Huntington, DVM

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **M’Risa Marcus, DVM**  
**License No.: 0301200535**  
**Case No.: 105985**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Marcus appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 27, 2006. Dr. Marcus was represented by counsel, Walter H. Ryland. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Marcus.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Special Conference Committee 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 **M’Risa Marcus, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Cynthia Gaines, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division, Elizabeth Young, Executive Director and Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee 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 Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

**DECISION:**

Based on discussion of the case with Dr. Marcus and the Investigative Report, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that Dr. Marcus pay a monetary penalty of \$1000. The hearing adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

*As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr Marcus unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr Marcus within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.*

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George H. Siemering, DVM

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Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director  
for the Board