

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 1  
HENRICO, VA  
April 17, 2025**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on April 17, 2025, at 10:05 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Training Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 10:06 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Massie, DVM, Chairperson  
Margaret Rucker, DVM, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist  
Christine Corey, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist,  
Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Gary Dehne, Veterinarian Reinstatement Applicant  
Case 245742**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Dehne did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 6, 2025, to consider his application for reinstatement of his license to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine whether grounds exist to refuse to reinstate Dr. Dehne’s license. Dr. Massie ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Dr. Dehne and that the informal conference will proceed.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Gary Dehne, Veterinarian Reinstatement Applicant. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Foley 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. 245742**

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee deny the application for reinstatement of Dr. Dehne's license to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 10:20 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

11:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tom Massie, DVM, Chairperson  
Margaret Rucker, DVM, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist  
Christine Corey, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist,  
Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carolyn Velling

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Steven Velling, Veterinarian**  
**Case No. 229073**

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Velling appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 13, 2025, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Velling was represented by Ashley Moss, Esq.

**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 Steven Velling, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Foley 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. 229073**

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Velling.

The hearing concluded at 12:24 p.m.

**THIRD CONFERENCE:**

2:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tom Massie, DVM, Chairperson  
Margaret Rucker, DVM, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist  
Emily Tatum, Esq., Sr. Adjudication Specialist,  
Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Delaney Tysinger, Veterinary Technician  
Case No. 235423**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Tysinger did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 31, 2025, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr.

Massie ruled that adequate notice had been provided to Ms. Tysinger and that the informal conference will proceed.

**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 Delaney Tysinger, Veterinary Technician. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Foley 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 by Dr. Massie and carried unanimously.

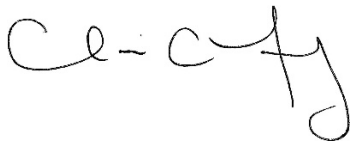
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

**Case No. 235423**

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee refer the matter to the full Board at a Formal Administrative Hearing. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 2:35 p.m.



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Claire Foley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director