

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
MARCH 18, 2009  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
RICHMOND, VA**

**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM – Chair  
Henry McKelvin, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Christine L. Dixon, DVM**  
**License #.: 0301005318**  
**Case No. – 121566**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Dixon appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 29, 2009. Dr. Dixon was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Dixon.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. McKelvin, 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 **Christine L. Dixon, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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:** The Committee voted to issue Dr. Dixon an Order imposing a reprimand and other terms and conditions. The hearing adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
for the Board

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 10:50 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James DeBell, DVM - Chair  
Henry McKelvin, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Kiley - source

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Richard S. Freedman, VMD**  
**License No.: 0301001710**  
**Case No.: 117761**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Freedman appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 2, 2009. Dr. Freedman was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Freedman.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. McKelvin, 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 **Richard S. Freedman, VMD**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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:** The Committee voted to issue Dr. Freedman an Order imposing a reprimand, a monetary penalty of \$2000 and other terms and conditions. The hearing adjourned

at 12:10 p.m.

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James W. DeBell, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
For the Board

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**CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Henry McKelvin, DVM - Chair  
Joseph May, DVM

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jessica Ellis (source)  
Stephanie Ellis  
Sharon Ellis  
Carol Woodward, Esq.

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Margaret T. Whipple, DVM**  
**License #.: 0301002229**  
**Case No. – 121890**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Whipple appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 20, 2009. Dr. Whipple was represented by counsel, Carol Woodward. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Whipple.

**CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. May, 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 **Margaret T. Whipple, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, 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:**

The Committee voted to issue Dr. Whipple an Order imposing a reprimand, a \$750 monetary penalty and certain other terms and conditions. The hearing adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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Henry McKelvin, DVM

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director  
for the Board