

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
MARCH 23, 2017**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on March 23, 2017, at 9:13 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:13 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Glen Swain
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Dawn Cherie Burnett, L.V.T. Reinstatement Applicant**  
**Case No.: 176299**
- Discussion:** Ms. Burnett appeared before the Committee in accordance with a letter dated February 16, 2017, to consider her application for reinstatement of her license to practice veterinary technology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Burnett was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Burnett.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Cockburn 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 **Dawn Cherie Burnett, L.V.T. Reinstatement Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Cockburn moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Tatum attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its

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deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Reconvene:**

Dr. Cockburn 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 passed.

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

**DECISION**

**Case No. 176299:**

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Tatum also reported that the Committee voted to approve Ms. Burnett's application for reinstatement of her license to practice veterinary technology contingent upon Ms. Burnett's successful completion of 16 hours of face-to-face, interactive Board approved continuing education, at least 8 hours of which shall include hands-on training.

Upon a motion by Dr. Cockburn, and duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

10:38 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Roy L. Wright, D.V.M.  
License No.: 0301-001133  
Case No.: 153870**

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**Discussion:**

Dr. Wright appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 16, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Wright was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Wright.

**Closed Session:**

Dr. Cockburn 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 **Roy L. Wright, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Cockburn moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Tatum attend the closed meeting because their 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. Cockburn 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 passed.

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

**DECISION**

**Case No. 153870:**

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Tatum also reported that the Committee voted to reprimand Dr. Wright, impose a \$1,500 monetary penalty to be paid within 90 days of entry of the Order, and subject Dr. Wright to one unannounced inspection within 12 months of entry of the Order, with Dr. Wright being responsible for the payment of the inspection fee.

Upon a motion by Dr. Cockburn, and duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 11:48

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a.m.

**THIRD CONFERENCE:** 12:13 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M., Chairperson  
Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTERS SCHEDULED:** **Christine L. Dixon, DVM**  
**License No: 0301-005318**  
**Case No.: 169391**  
and  
**Diamond Hill Animal Hospital**  
**License No.: 0303-000354**  
**Case No.: 169385**

**Discussion:** Dr. Johnson informed Dr. Dixon that the two related matters scheduled were entitled to two separate hearings unless she waived this right. Dr. Dixon waived the right to two hearings.

Dr. Dixon was present in accordance with the two Notices of Informal Conference dated February 16, 2017. Dr. Dixon and Diamond Hill Animal Hospital were represented by Joseph R. Sanzone, II, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notices with Dr. Dixon.

**Closed Session:** Dr. Cockburn 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 **Christine L. Dixon, D.V.M. and Diamond Hill Animal Hospital**. Additionally, Dr. Cockburn moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Tatum attend the closed meeting because their 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. Cockburn moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business

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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 passed.

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

**DECISION**

**Case Nos. 169385 & 169391:**

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee for Case No. 169391 and reported that the Committee voted to reprimand Dr. Dixon. Ms. Tatum also read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee for Case No. 169385 and reported that the Committee voted to reprimand Diamond Hill Animal Hospital.

Upon a motion by Dr. Cockburn, and duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decisions as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M., Chairperson

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Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director