

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on November 16, 2017, at 9:11 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: 9:11 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Karras, D.V.M., Chairperson
Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., 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: Amy E. Tanner, Senior Investigator
Barbara Harris
Terry Harris

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Mike C. Kaski, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-005242
Case Nos.: 171134 & 170749

Discussion: Dr. Kaski appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 11, 2017, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Kaski was represented by John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Kaski.

Closed Session: Dr. Hillyer 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 **Mike C. Kaski, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Hillyer moved that Ms. Blount 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.

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Reconvene:

Dr. Hillyer 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 Nos. 171134 & 170749:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to issue a \$500 monetary penalty and require Dr. Kaski to complete five hours of continuing education in the subject of feline chronic renal failure.

Upon a motion by Dr. Hillyer and duly seconded by Dr. Karras, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

10:21 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, D.V.M., Chairperson
Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., 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:

Amy E. Tanner, Senior Investigator

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Jessica Lind Tracy, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-203653
Case No.: 175555

Discussion:

Dr. Tracy appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 16, 2017, to inquire into allegations that she

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may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Tracy was represented by Matthew A. Roberson, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Tracy.

Closed Session:

Dr. Hillyer 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 **Jessica Lind Tracy, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Hillyer moved that Ms. Blount 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. Hillyer 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. 175555:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

11:25 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, D.V.M., Chairperson
Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., 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:

Marissa A. Gonzalez, D.V.M.

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**License No.: 0302-006565
Case No.: 179227**

Discussion:

Dr. Gonzalez appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2017, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Gonzalez was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Gonzalez.

Closed Session:

Dr. Hillyer 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 **Marissa A. Gonzalez, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Hillyer moved that Ms. Blount 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. Hillyer 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. 179227:

The Committee closed the case and imposed no sanction, finding that there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board. The hearing adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

FOURTH CONFERENCE:

1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, D.V.M., Chairperson
Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sarah Burford

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Leslie Dragon, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-000778
Case Nos.: 177241 & 177595

Discussion: Dr. Dragon appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2017, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Dragon was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Dragon.

Closed Session: Dr. Hillyer 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 **Leslie Dragon, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Hillyer moved that Ms. Blount 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. Hillyer 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 Nos. 177241 & 177595:

Ms. Blount read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions

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of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Blount also reported that the Committee voted to issue a Reprimand and a \$250 monetary penalty.

Upon a motion by Dr. Hillyer and duly seconded by Dr. Karras, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Blount. The hearing adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Steve Karras, D.V.M., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director