

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
JANUARY 20, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened at 1:04 p.m. on January 20, 2022, at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffrey Newman, DVM, Committee member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT** Christine Corey, Administrative Proceedings Division
Scott Pearl, Administrative Proceedings Division
Aaron Moores, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Matthew Garrett, Veterinarian**
License No. 0301-201625
Case Nos. 200603 and 204486
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Garrett appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated November 30, 2021 to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Garrett was represented by counsel, Michael Thorsen, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Garrett.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Newman 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 **Matthew Garrett, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Newman moved that Ms. Moss 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. Newman 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.

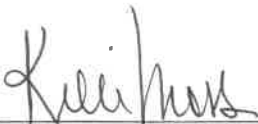
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Case Nos. 200603 and 204486

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue a reprimand and a monetary penalty of \$2000.00, and require an unannounced, focused inspection related to Dr. Garrett's medical records within 6 months of the date of entry of the Board Order. In addition, Dr. Newman moved that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Garrett. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 2:54 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director