

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on February 17, 2016, at 10:08 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Hearing Room 3, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE: 10:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson
Joseph A. May, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: George Holton Yates, Esquire
Emily Worthy, D.V.M.
Michelle Yuchnovicz

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Tiffany M. Gray, L.V.T.**
License No.: 0302-001817
Case No.: 162025

DISCUSSION: Ms. Gray was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 9, 2015. Ms. Gray was represented by counsel, George Holton Yates, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. Gray.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. May 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 **Tiffany M. Gray, L.V.T.** Additionally, Dr. May 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: Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Dr. May moved to offer Ms. Gray a Consent Order with certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for indefinite suspension of her license for a period of not less than six months, at which time Ms. Gray can petition the board for licensure reinstatement. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE: 11:39 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson
Joseph A. May, D.V.M.

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Amanda E. M. Blount, J.D., Deputy Executive Director
Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew Roberson, Esquire
Michael Sanwald, DVM

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Jaime K. Pickett, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301201335
Case No.: 157930

DISCUSSION: Dr. Pickett was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 12, 2016. Dr. Pickett was represented by counsel, Matthew Roberson, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Pickett.

CLOSED SESSION: Dr. May 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 **Jaime K. Pickett, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. May 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: Having certified that the matters discussed in the

preceding closed meeting met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Dr. May moved that the Committee issue an Order to Dr. Pickett with certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and impose a monetary penalty of \$1000 and six hours of continuing education to include three hours in recordkeeping and three hours in anesthesia. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The hearing adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, J. D., Deputy Executive Director