

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
JULY 21, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 1:04 p.m., on July 21, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M.
Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T
Joseph A. May, D.V.M.
Mary Yancey Spencer, J.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M.
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Licensing Operations Manager

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: None

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: None

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Rohan Rajapakse, Veterinarian**
License No.: 0301-203945
Case No.: 170370

Dr. Rajapakse appeared before the Board in accordance with an Amended Notice of Formal Hearing dated May

24, 2016. Dr. Rajapakse was represented by counsel, Nancy R. Schlichting, Esquire. The Board received evidence from Ms. Tatum and Ms. Schlichting regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Board 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 of **Rohan Rajapakse, Veterinarian**. Additionally, she moved that Erin Barrett and Amanda Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

RECONVENE:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Ms. Halsey moved to accept the Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law as presented by the Commonwealth, amended by the Board, and read by Ms. Barrett. Ms. Halsey also moved to accept the decision as read by Ms. Barrett. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Barrett reported that the Board voted to take no action at this time, contingent upon Dr. Rajapakse taking and receiving a passing score on the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination by December 31, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M. –President

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director

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FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 3:00 p.m., on July 21, 2016, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M.
Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T
Joseph A. May, D.V.M.
Mary Yancey Spencer, J.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M.
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Licensing Operations Manager

BOARD COUNSEL: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Andrea Pegram, Court Reporting Services, LLC

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: Emily E. Tatum, Adjudication Specialist

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: None

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: None

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Punya Kumari Andarawewa, Veterinarian**
License No.: 0301-203931
Case No.: 170371

Dr. Andarawewa appeared before the Board in accordance with an Amended Notice of Formal Hearing

dated May 24, 2016. Dr. Andarawewa was represented by counsel, Nancy R. Schlichting, Esquire. During the discussion of preliminary matters, Ms. Schlichting and Ms. Tatum proposed that a Consent Order be considered in the matter of Dr. Andarawewa consistent with the Board Order for Rohan Rajapakse, Case No. 170370, in lieu of proceeding with the formal hearing.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Board 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 of the proposed Consent Order for **Punya Kumari Andarawewa, Veterinarian**. Additionally, she moved that Erin Barrett and Amanda Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

RECONVENE:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Board 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 Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Board accept the Consent Order proposed by Ms. Schlichting and Ms. Tatum. She also moved that Ms. Schlichting and Ms. Tatum draft the Consent Order consistent with the Board Order for Rohan Rajapaske, Case No. 170370, and submit the draft to Board staff for determination of consistency with Dr. Rajapaske’s Board Order. The motion was seconded and passed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director