

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on November 15, 2016, at 9:08 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: 9:08 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Chairperson
Steve Karras, 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: **William P. Diehl, III, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-002259
Case No.: 170843

Discussion: Dr. Diehl appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2016, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Diehl was represented by counsel, Matthew A. Roberson, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Diehl.

Closed Session: Dr. Karras 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 **William P. Diehl, III, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. Karras 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 No. 170843:

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 9:35 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

9:43 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Debra Hay-Pierce, Senior Investigator
Andy Inge, Case Intake Analyst
Christina Bargdill, Regional Enforcement Manager
Kimberly Hood
Bayard A. Rucker, D.V.M.
Erin Brogan

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Tracy Malinda Brown, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-006741
Case No.: 159438**

Discussion:

Dr. Brown appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Brown was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Brown.

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Dr. Karras 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 **Tracy Malinda Brown, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. Karras 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. 159438:

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to refer the matter to the full Board or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. The hearing adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

10:54 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Katrina Tadema Wielandt, D.V.M.
License No.: 0301-006916
Case No.: 155670

Discussion:

Dr. Tadema Wielandt appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2016, to inquire into allegations that

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she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Tadema Wielandt was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Tadema Wielandt.

Closed Session:

Dr. Karras 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 **Katrina Tadema Wielandt, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. Karras 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. 155670:

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law made by the Committee. Ms. Tatum also reported that the Committee voted to impose a \$1000 monetary penalty to be paid within 90 days of entry of the Order. Ms. Tatum further reported that the Committee voted to require Dr. Tadema Wielandt to complete two hours of continuing education in small animal anesthesia within 12 months of entry of the Order.

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras, and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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FOURTH CONFERENCE: 1:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen G. Hillyer, M.P.H., D.V.M., Chairperson
Steve Karras, 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: Joe Krause

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Melissa Krause, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-203203
Case No.: 170431

Discussion: Dr. Krause appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 13, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Krause was represented by counsel, John A. Conrad, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Krause.

Closed Session: Dr. Karras 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 **Melissa Kay Krause, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. Karras 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

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§ 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION

Case No. 170431:

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Tatum also reported that the Committee voted to issue a reprimand to Dr. Krause.

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras, and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

FIFTH CONFERENCE:

2:43 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Shahid Aziz
License No.: N/A
Case No.: 175804

Discussion:

Dr. Aziz appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 27, 2016, to consider his application for licensure to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny his application. Dr. Aziz was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Aziz.

Closed Session:

Dr. Karras 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 **Shahid Aziz, D.V.M. Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Karras moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Tatum attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting

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was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene:

Dr. Karras 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. 175804:

Ms. Tatum read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Tatum also reported that the Committee voted to issue Dr. Aziz an unrestricted license to practice veterinary medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras, and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Tatum. The hearing adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director