

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on September 10, 2019, at 9:20 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

**FIRST CONFERENCE** 9:20 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson  
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Jessica Kelley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Felicia Dean  
Jonathan Dean  
Claire Foley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Gregory A. Piske, Veterinarian**  
**License No. 0301002218**  
**Case No.: 190236**

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Piske appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 17, 2019, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Piske was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Piske.

**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 **Gregory A. Piske, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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.

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**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 carried unanimously.

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

Upon reconvening in open session, Dr. Piske requested through counsel to submit an additional document for the Committee to review that he stated was relevant to the allegations and was not included in the original evidence.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Karras moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(7) of the Code for the purpose of consultation with Board counsel. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. 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 carried unanimously.

Dr. Hillyer ruled that Dr. Piske may submit the additional document from the patient record for the Committee's consideration, and called for a brief recess to allow staff to copy and disseminate it to the Committee members. The documentation that Dr. Piske provided included the identified document from the patient record and additional pages. Dr. Hillyer ruled that the Committee would consider only one additional document that Dr. Piske had initially requested to be

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considered after the Committee's initial deliberation. The Committee fully reviewed and considered the additional document.

**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 **Gregory A. Piske, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. 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 carried unanimously.

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

**DECISION:**

**Case No. 190236**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee, and its decision to reprimand Dr. Piske and impose a monetary penalty of \$500.

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. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

11:52 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson  
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

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**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Rebecca Ann Sale, LVT Applicant  
Applicant No. 1251799  
Case No. 196808**

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Sale appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated July 15, 2019, to consider her application for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that grounds may exist to deny her application. Ms. Sale was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Sale.

**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 **Rebecca Ann Sale, Veterinary Technician Applicant**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. 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 carried unanimously.

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

**DECISION  
Case No. 196808:**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Moss also reported that the Committee decided to deny Ms. Sale's application for licensure because she does not meet the requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician in Virginia by examination or endorsement.

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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. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

**THIRD CONFERENCE**

1:04 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Chairperson  
Steve Karras, DVM, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Claire Foley, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Virginia Tatum, Veterinarian**  
**License No. 0301005137**  
**Case No.: 182417**

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Tatum appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 30, 2019, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Tatum was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Tatum.

**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 **Virginia Tatum, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Karras 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. 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 carried unanimously.

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

**DECISION:  
Case No. 182417**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee, and its decision to dismiss the case because there was insufficient evidence to warrant disciplinary action by the Board.

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. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

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Ellen Hillyer, DVM - Chairperson

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Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director