

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
MAY 10, 2007
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry McKelvin, DVM – Chair
John Wise, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Shirley Lavin, souce
Allen Beasley, Esq.

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Susan F. Atkins, DVM**
License No.: 0301086071
Case Nos.: 105834

DISCUSSION: Dr. Atkins appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated April 3, 2007. Dr. Atkins was represented by counsel, Allen W. Beasley. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Atkins.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Susan F. Atkins, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Cynthia Gaines, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Based on the Investigative Reports and discussion of the case with Dr. Atkins, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that Dr. Atkins be issued a reprimand, be assessed a monetary penalty of \$500 and obtain 3 hours of CE in soft tissue trauma. The hearing was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr Atkins unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Atkins within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

Henry McKelvin, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director
for the Board

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Wise, DVM - Chair
James DeBell, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy (Campbell) Stone, Source

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Sara A. Giffler, DVM**
License No.: 0301201129
Case No.: 105105

DISCUSSION: Dr. Giffler appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated April 4, 2007. Dr. Giffler was represented by counsel, Allen W. Beasley. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Giffler.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. DeBell, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Sara A. Giffler, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division, and Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist, Board of Veterinary Medicine, Board of Veterinary Medicine attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of the case with Dr. Giffler, the Committee made certain

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and ordered that Dr. Giffler obtain 5 hours of CE in post mortem exam, 5 hours in cardiovascular disease and 5 hours in ultrasound. The hearing adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such Order on Dr Giffler unless a written request to the Board for a Formal Hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Dr. Giffler within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

John T. Wise, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Henry McKelvin, DVM – Chair
James DeBell, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist
Cynthia Gaines, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Nagel
Rev. Laurence Packard

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Terry J. Cheramie, DVM**
License #: 0301200084
Case Nos.: 110806

DISCUSSION: Dr. Cheramie appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated April 4, 2007. Dr. Cheramie was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Cheramie.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. DeBell, the Special Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Terry J. Cheramie, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Cynthia Gaines, Senior Adjudication Analyst, Administrative Proceedings Division and Terri Behr, Administrative Specialist, Board of Veterinary Medicine attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION: Based on the Investigative Report and discussion of

the case with Dr. Cherie, the Committee dismissed the case. The hearing was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Henry McKelvin, DVM

Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director