

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
November 16, 2023**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on November 16, 2023, at 9:19 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE:** 9:19 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Steven Linas, OD, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Taylor Scott, Veterinarian
Case 222450**
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Scott appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 16, 2023, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Scott was represented by Margaret Hardy, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Scott.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Linas 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 Taylor Scott, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Linas moved that Ms. Pote 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. Linas 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. 222450

Dr. Linas moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring a reprimand, a monetary penalty of \$500.00, and three hours of continuing education on medical recordkeeping. Dr. Linas further moved that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Scott. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 11:04 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

11:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Steven Linas, OD, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Nuckols

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Claire Summers, Veterinarian
Case No. 219664

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Summers appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 13, 2023, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Summers was represented by Matthew Roberson, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Summers.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Linas 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 Claire Summers, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Linas 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. Linas 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. 219664

Dr. Linas moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring 2 hours of continuing education in the subject of equine castration, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Summers. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:50 p.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

1:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Steven Linas, OD, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Christine Corey, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Andrew Ayre, Veterinarian
Case No. 224115**

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Ayre appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 6, 2023, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Ayre was represented by John Conrad, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Ayre.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Linas 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 Andrew Ayre, Veterinarian. Additionally, Dr. Linas 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. Linas 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.

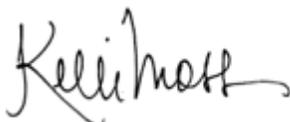
The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Case No. 224115

Dr. Linas moved that the Committee dismiss the case against Dr. Ayre, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Ayre. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 2:30 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director