

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on December 12, 2018, at 10:09 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:** 10:09 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ellen Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Jessica Kelley, Administrative Proceedings Division
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Kristen Marie Hakala**
License No. 0302002521 – (expired - LVT)
Case No.: 183697
- Discussion:** Ms. Hakala did not appear before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 10, 2018, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Ms. Hakala was not represented by counsel.
- 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 **Kristen Marie Hakala**. 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

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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. 183697**

Ms. Moss reported that the Committee voted to refer the matter to be heard at a Formal Hearing before the Board.

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to accept the decision as stated by Ms. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

10:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM

STAFF PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Justin Pollack
Robyn McGinn

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Shahinde Frederick, V.M.D.
License No.: 0301203519
Case No. 184502**

Discussion:

Dr. Frederick appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 29, 2018, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Frederick was represented by legal counsel, Michael E. Thorsen, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Frederick.

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

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matter regarding **Shahinde Frederick, V.M.D.** 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. 184502:

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Moss also reported that the Committee voted to issue Dr. Frederick a reprimand and impose a monetary penalty of \$500.

Upon a motion by Dr. Karras and duly seconded by Dr. Hillyer, the Committee voted to accept Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and the decision as read by Ms. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE:

2:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ellen Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson
Steve Karras, DVM

STAFF PRESENT:

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

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Animal Medical Center of Charlottesville (AMCC)
License No.: 0303000734
Case No.: 183399**

Discussion:

Dr. Nigel Bray, veterinarian-in-charge for AMCC, appeared before the Committee in person in

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accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 31, 2018, to inquire into allegations that AMCC may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. AMCC was not represented by legal counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Bray.

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 AMCC. 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. 183399:

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Moss also reported that the Committee voted to impose a monetary penalty of \$750 on AMCC and require an unannounced inspection within 12 months from the date of entry of the Order, with payment of the inspection fee.

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 2:51 p.m.

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Ellen Hillyer, D.V.M., Chairperson

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