

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
OCTOBER 22, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on October 22, 2019, at 9:10 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** 9:10 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Yancey Spencer, Chairperson  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Committee member

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

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Elyse K. Persico, Veterinarian**  
**License No. 0301204863**  
**Case No.: 189149**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Hillyer 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 **Elyse K. Persico, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Hillyer 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. Hillyer 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

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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. 189149**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee, and its decision to impose no sanction on Dr. Persico.

Upon a motion by Dr. Hillyer and duly seconded by Ms. Spencer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

10:47 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Yancey Spencer, Chairperson  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist  
Jessica Kelley, Adjudication Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Patricia Rockstroh, Veterinarian  
Michael Hartley

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Jennifer Houston, Veterinary Technician  
License No. 0302002825  
Case No. 191256**

**DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Houston appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 9, 2019, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Ms. Houston was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Houston.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Hillyer moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for

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the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Jennifer Houston, Veterinary Technician**. Additionally, Dr. Hillyer 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. Hillyer 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. 191256:**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Moss also reported the Committee's decision to offer Ms. Houston a Consent Order for a stayed suspension of her license contingent upon her compliance with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program.

Upon a motion by Dr. Hillyer, and duly seconded by Ms. Spencer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

**THIRD CONFERENCE**

12:43 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Yancey Spencer, Chairperson  
Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**William W. Will, Veterinarian  
License No. 0301001190  
Case No.: 183234**

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Will appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 12, 2019, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Will was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Will.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Hillyer 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 W. Will, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Hillyer 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. Hillyer 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. 183234**

Ms. Moss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee, and its decision to offer Dr. Will a Consent Order for indefinite suspension of his license.

Upon a motion by Dr. Hillyer and duly seconded by Ms. Spencer, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Moss. The hearing adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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Mary Yancey Spencer - Chairperson

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Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director