

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
HENRICO, VA  
JANUARY 14, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened virtually on January 14, 2021, at 9:13 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

**FIRST CONFERENCE** 9:13 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson  
Bayard Rucker, III, DVM, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Celia Wilson, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Heather Pote, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Barron Hall, Veterinarian**  
**License No. 0301201836**  
**Case No. 194588**

**DISCUSSION:** The Committee met in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 10, 2020, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Hall did not appear and was not represented by counsel. The Committee considered documentation that Dr. Hall submitted in advance of this meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Rucker 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 **Barron Hall, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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 properly carried.

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**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Rucker 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 properly carried.

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

**DECISION:**

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Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee issue a reprimand and a \$1000 monetary penalty to Barron Hall, Veterinarian, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Hall. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 9:45 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:**

11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson  
Bayard Rucker, DVM, Committee Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Celia Wilson, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Heather Pote, Disciplinary Case Specialist  
Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jess Kelly, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Tammie Jones, Administrative Proceedings Division

**MATTER SCHEDULED:**

**Benjamin Enge, Veterinarian  
License No. 0301203765  
Case No. 204924**

**DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Enge appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated December 18, 2020, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing

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veterinary practice in Virginia.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Rucker moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(15) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to consider and discuss medical and mental health records with Dr. Enge, that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by § 2.2-3705.5 of the Code. Additionally, Dr. Rucker moved that Ms. Moss and Ms. Foley attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Rucker 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.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Dr. Rucker 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 **Benjamin Enge, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Rucker 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 properly carried.

**RECONVENE:**

Dr. Rucker 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  
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Dr. Rucker moved to order Benjamin Enge, Veterinarian, to enroll in the Health Practitioner's Monitoring Program within 30 days of entry of the Board's Order, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Enge. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 12:00 p.m.

  
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Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director