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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room C, Second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	February 14, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Metzner, DVM, President
Rachel Longfellow, LVT, Vice-President
Lynn Nellius, LVT
Roberta Jackson, VMD
Lena Corder, Public Member
Patricia Ennis, Public Member
Natalie Titus, DVM

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Kay Warren, Deputy Director, Division of Professional Regulation
Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. John Majcher
Dr. David Trachtenber
Vera Sitze, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Metzner called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 8, 2011 meeting. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

HEARINGS

Hearing: Dr. John S. Majcher, Jr. Regarding the Board's Proposal to Deny of his Application for Licensure as a Veterinarian

Ms. Heeney called the formal hearing to order at 1:17 p.m. At its meeting on October 11, 2011, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Majcher's application for a veterinarian license. Dr. Majcher received an administrative penalty related to the practice of veterinary medicine in Pennsylvania. Section 3313(b) provides as follows: In the event the applicant shall have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding the applicant's practice of veterinary medicine, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspension or revocation (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitation, and/or has entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on that applicant's professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license, the applicant shall furnish all information regarding such penalties and/or agreements to the Board. The Board may, after a hearing, determine that such administrative penalty is grounds to deny licensure.

Present for the hearing was Dr. Majcher. He was sworn in by the court reporter and verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter. Dr. Majcher gave testimony regarding the circumstances about the disciplinary action in Pennsylvania and answered questions from Board members.

At 1:24 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 1:27 p.m. Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to grant the application for licensure for Dr. Majcher on the basis that the disciplinary action does not provide a bar for licensure. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 1:28 p.m.

Hearing: Dr. David K. Trachtenberg Regarding the Board's Proposal to Deny of his Application for Licensure as a Veterinarian

Ms. Heeney called the formal hearing to order at 1:42 p.m. At its meeting on October 11, 2011, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Trachtenberg's application for a veterinarian license. Dr. Trachtenberg received an administrative penalty related to the practice of veterinary medicine in New York. Section 3313(b) provides as follows: In the event the applicant shall have been the recipient of any administrative penalties regarding the applicant's practice of veterinary medicine, including but not limited to fines, formal reprimands, license suspension or revocation (except for license revocations for nonpayment of license renewal fees), probationary limitation, and/or has entered into any "consent agreements" which contain conditions placed by a Board on that applicant's professional conduct and practice, including any voluntary surrender of a license, the applicant shall furnish all information regarding such penalties and/or agreements to the Board. The Board may, after a hearing, determine that such administrative penalty is grounds to deny licensure.

Present for the hearing was Dr. Trachtenberg. He was sworn in by the court reporter and verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter. Dr. Trachtenberg gave testimony regarding the circumstances about the disciplinary action in New York and answered questions from Board members.

At 1:53 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 2:01 p.m. Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve Dr. Trachtenberg's application for licensure on the basis that the violation occurred over ten years ago, Dr. Trachtenberg changed his practice to be in compliance with the statute, and no further violations have occurred. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 2:02 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application of Laura Clark for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity. Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to propose to deny Dr. Clark's application because she does not meet the requirements of Section 3314(b) of the statute. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for the VTNE

The Board reviewed the application of Marijana Dosen to sit for the VTNE. Ms. Dosen was applying by the category of having an animal science-related baccalaureate degree plus supervised experience. However, Ms. Dosen graduated from a foreign veterinary program that is not AVMA approved. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to table Ms. Dosen's application for further information regarding her education and experience. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for the VTNE

Ms. Ennis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Titus to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Bethany Jordan
Heather Gardner
Jessica Fernandes
Carolyn Eaton
Danielle Tonaccio
Heather Velez

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Erika Zerebecki to sit for the VTNE. Ms. Zerebecki indicated on her application that she does not have a social security number and submitted a request for exemption from the social security number requirement. However, the transcript that was received from Camden County College showed a social security number for Ms. Zerebecki. Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jackson to table this application and request clarification of the social security number. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application of Aniseh Talebi to sit for the VTNE. Ms. Talebi indicated on her application that she was applying to take the examination because she had graduated from an AVMA approved foreign veterinary program. Ms. Ennis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to propose to deny Ms. Talebi's application because the foreign veterinary program

that Ms. Talebi graduated from is not an AVMA approved program. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Jackson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Amanda Cafasso
Magen LaPorte
Amy Diaz
Daniel Rivera
Julie Clines
Emily Dale
Megan Larkin
Chelsea Gardiner

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Examination

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to ratify the following person for veterinary technician licensure by examination:

Christina Knapp
Ashley Joyce
Jessica Banks
Alan Walkowich
Fayth Woodcock
Jessica Hammond
Betty-Jo Therrien
Justine Hormell
Alena Barrington
Beverly Seruset
Angela Hardy
Maria Salas
Sundra Morrow
Elaine Somers
Susan DeBoer
Lisa Sparks
Jan Corbishley
Angela Tassinari
Jessica Honeywell
Corey Pryor

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to ratify the following person for veterinary technician licensure by reciprocity:

Lindsey Gdula

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

Dr. Titus made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to ratify the following person for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity:

Lawrence Giebel

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to approve the following continuing education courses:

Delaware Department of Agriculture
Foreign Animal Diseases for Practitioners – 3 hours

Pfizer Animal Health
Chronic Otitis – 1.5 hours

Online ContinuingEd, LLC
Parasitology for Veterinary Techs 201 – 1 hour
Parasitology for Veterinary Techs 202 – 5 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Longfellow to table the following continuing education course pending further review by Dr. Metzner:

Chi Institute
2012 Spring Acupuncture Program, Sessions 1-5

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint No. 28-01-10 – Closed
Complaint No. 28-10-10 – Closed
Complaint No. 28-19-11 – Assigned to Dr. Metzner
Complaint No. 28-20-11 – Assigned to Dr. Metzner
Complaint No. 28-21-11 – Assigned to Ms. Longfellow

Review of Letter from Jee Young Chang Regarding the PAVE Program

The Board reviewed the letter from Jee Young Chang regarding the PAVE program. Mr. Chang requested that the Board recognize this program. Mr. Chang will be advised that this would require a legislative change to the Board's statute, and the Board does have any plans to pursue legislative changes to the statute at this time.

Review of Letter from AAVSB Regarding Candidate Nominations for Upcoming Open Positions Including AAVSB Board of Directors, NBVME Representatives and Nominating Committee

The Board reviewed the letter from AAVSB regarding candidate nominations for upcoming open positions. These positions include the AAVSB Board of Directors, NBVME Representatives and the Nominating Committee. The Board decided not to submit any nominations for these positions.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

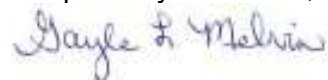
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Longfellow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jackson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Melvin
Administrative Specialist III