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MINUTES

April 15, 2020

TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING

8:30 a.m.

Live Stream/Phone-In

Members Present Telephonically/Electronically: Mr. Jim Loughead, Ms. Jessica Creager, Dr. Darren Wright, Ms. Jane Soloman, Dr. Sarah Heinrich, Dr. J. Greg Byrne and Dr. Robyn Jaynes.

Members Absent: Ms. Nikki Frost, CVT.

Staff and Legal Counsel Present Telephonically/Electronically: Ms. Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director; Mrs. Mary Williams, AAG (Assistant Attorney General); and Ms. Tracy Riendeau, CVT, Senior Medical Investigator.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll call: Dr. Wright at 8:30 a.m.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

1. 19-37: In Re: Crystal Delano, DVM. Quarterly appearance as required by Consent Agreement.

Dr. Delano was present telephonically; made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, the Board elected to not make any changes to Dr. Delano's Board Order until she obtains a primary care physician.

2. 20-03: In Re: Monika Knoblich, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Motion for Rehearing or Review.

➤ At 8:49am, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to go into executive session for legal advice.

➤ At 9:19am, the Board entered back into open session.

Attorney David Stoll was present telephonically to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to grant the motion for Review of case 20-03, In Re: Monika Knoblich, DVM to address the continuing education hours and civil penalty. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to amend the Board Order with respect to the number of continuing education hours. The Board Order shall include six (6) hours of continuing education; three (3) hours in communication and three (3) hours in emergency medicine. The Board elected to keep the civil penalty at \$750.00. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 20-86: In Re: Leon Ford, DVM. Board may review, discuss, and take action on evaluator's report and may offer a consent agreement based on the evaluator's recommendations.

- At 8:49am, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to go into executive session for legal advice.

- At 9:19am, the Board entered back into open session.

Dr. Ford and his attorney, Ms. Henry, were present telephonically to monitor. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Dr. Wright and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to find Dr. Ford in violation of **A.R.S. § 32-2232 (7)** chronic inebriety or unlawful use of narcotics, dangerous drugs or controlled substances and offer Dr. Ford a **Consent Agreement**, placing his license on **Probation for three (3) years** to follow the evaluator's recommendation. The Consent Agreement shall include monthly random drug/alcohol testing for the first six (6) months; and individual therapy, with an emphasis on stress management, by a licensed, Board approved healthcare professional – quarterly visits, and reports provided from the healthcare professional to the Board. If Dr. Ford does not sign the Consent Agreement in 30 days, the matter shall be scheduled for an Informal Interview. Signing the Consent Agreement will lift the Suspension and place Dr. Ford's license on Probation.

Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS, CORRESPONDENCE, REFERRALS AND OTHER BUSINESS

1. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license application and approval of license pending receipt of proof of graduation:

a. Payton Bayless

Ms. Bayless was present telephonically; made statements and answered questions. After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Ms. Soloman to approve Ms. Bayless's veterinary license application and approved her license pending receipt of proof of graduation. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Board may review, discuss, and take action on veterinary license applications:

a. Ayla Kenney

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to approve Ms. Kenny's veterinary license application. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, nay; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay.

b. Chantelle Khambholja

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to approve Ms. Khambholja's veterinary license application. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

b. [sic] Montana Ritz

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Dr. Heinrich to approve Ms. Ritz's veterinary license application. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Aimee Wong

➤ At 8:49am, a motion was made by Dr. Jaynes and seconded by Ms. Soloman to go into executive session for legal advice.

➤ At 9:19am, the Board entered back into open session.

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Creager and seconded by Ms. Soloman to have Ms. Wong appear before the Board to discuss their concerns. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Board may review, discuss, and take action on Certified Veterinary Technician application:

a. Connie Halal

After discussion and consideration, Board directed staff to have Ms. Halal withdraw her previous application and reapply through the Universal Recognition application process for approval.

4. Board may review, discuss, and take action on verification of dismissed North Carolina Veterinary Board case regarding Walter Mertens, DVM.

No action taken.

5. Board may review, discuss, and take action on annual review of Board Compensation policy.

After discussion and consideration, the Board tabled the matter.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 18, 2020 Regular Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve the March 18, 2020 Regular Session minutes as drafted. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, abstained; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, abstained; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed 5 ayes, 2 abstentions.

b. April 1, 2020 Regular Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve the April 1, 2020 Regular Session minutes as drafted. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughhead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, aye; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

c. April 3, 2020 Regular Session

After discussion and consideration, a motion was made by Ms. Soloman and seconded by Ms. Creager to approve the April 3, 2020 Regular Session minutes as drafted. Roll call: Dr. Heinrich, aye; Dr. Byrne, aye; Ms. Creager, aye; Mr. Loughhead, aye; Dr. Jaynes, abstained; Ms. Soloman, aye; and Dr. Wright, aye. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 abstention.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting will be held via teleconference and/or internet conference on **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** Information on how the public may participate will be noted on the meeting notice and agenda.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Victoria Whitmore, Executive Director