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Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Joint OPEN Board Meeting Held by Google Meets and Conference Call

Board Members: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Karena Joung, Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed. Staff present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, Inspector Sarah Hultz and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting. In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2021 joint Board meeting, as edited by Dr. Joung.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to approve license applications for Drs. Heidi Abrecht, Amanda Riddil, and William Schmidt.

Sanitation Reports. Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James reported on inspections they have done since the last meeting. In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted to accept the reports as presented.

CE Approval Requests

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted to approve CE requests #426-#428.

The Board discussed whether CE requirements can be met online for June 30, 2022 renewal (FY 23) given that it is still unknown how many in-person CEs and conferences will return due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also noted that the quality of online CE has improved substantially of late. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to accept all-online CEs for FY 23.

COMAR Chapter One Proposed Revisions. Board members went through proposed revisions of the regulations. Staff will prepare a new draft in coming weeks.

Curbside Recommendation Revisited. Board members finalized a draft update to its recommendation, which will be sent to all licensees in the next day or two.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions outside the scope of the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of the specific matters identified on the Board Agenda. In the alternative, I move to close the meeting pursuant to the following Section 3-305(b):

(7) To obtain advice of counsel;

(8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;

(12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;” and

(13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.