

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL SESSION – TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to § 54.1-2408.1(A) of the Code of Virginia, a telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on February 4, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233, to consider two summary suspensions.

FIRST PRESENTATION: 10:00 a.m.

PRESIDING: Bayard A. Rucker, III, DVM, President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly J. Gottschalk, DVM
Ellen G. Hillyer, DVM
Carole Stadfield
Autumn N. Halsey, LVT
Mark A. Johnson, DVM
Joseph A. May, DVM

QUORUM: With seven members present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Operations Manager
Emily E. Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
James E. Schliessmann, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

POLL OF MEMBERS: The Board members were polled as to whether they were able to attend a regular meeting at the offices of the Board in a timely manner for the purpose of hearing evidence for two possible summary suspensions. The majority of Board members stated that they would not have been able to attend.

Nicole L. Lamond, LVT
License No.: 0302000667
Case No.: 169776

CLOSED SESSION: James E. Schliessmann presented a summary of the evidence in this case and responded to questions.

Upon a properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(37) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Nicole L. Lamond, LVT. Additionally, she moved that Charis Mitchell, Leslie L. Knachel, and Amanda E. M. Blount attend the closed

meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Dr. Hillyer moved that the Board 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 unanimously passed.

DECISION: Dr. Hillyer moved that the Board summarily suspend the license of **Nicole L. Lamond, LVT**, to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, pending a formal administrative hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hiller moved that the Board offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

SECOND PRESENTATION: 10:28 a.m.

PRESIDING: Bayard A. Rucker, III, DVM, President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly J. Gottschalk, DVM
Ellen G. Hillyer, DVM
Carole Stadfield
Autumn N. Halsey, LVT
Mark A. Johnson, DVM
Joseph A. May, DVM

QUORUM: With seven members present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Operations Manager
Emily E. Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Wayne T. Halbleib, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Abigail H. Blaine, LVT
License No.: 0302001062
Case Nos.: 169107 & 170447

Wayne T. Halbleib presented a summary of the evidence in this case and responded to questions.

CLOSED SESSION: Upon a properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Board voted unanimously to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(37) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding Abigail H. Blaine, LVT. Additionally, she moved that Charis Mitchell,

Leslie L. Knachel and Amanda E. M. Blount attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECOVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Dr. Hillyer moved that the Board 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 passed.

DECISION: Dr. Hillyer moved that the Board summarily suspend the license of **Abigail H. Blaine, LVT**, to practice as a veterinary technician, pending a formal administrative hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hillyer moved that the Board offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. Following a second for the motion, a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Bayard A. Rucker, III, DVM - Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, MPH
Executive Director