## VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

TRAINING ROOM 2 HENRICO, VA MARCH 31, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

A meeting of a Special Conference Committee

("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine ("Board") was convened on March 31, 2022, at 9:15 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

FIRST CONFERENCE 9:15 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey Newman, DVM, Chairperson

Autumn Halsey, LVT, Committee member

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator

Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative

Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

MATTER SCHEDULED: Burton Miller, Veterinarian Applicant

Case No. 215254

**DISCUSSION:** The Committee met in accordance with a Notice of

Informal Conference dated January 21, 2022, to consider the application of Burton Miller for licensure to practice as a veterinarian in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine whether grounds exist to refuse to issue a license to Dr. Miller to practice as a veterinarian. Dr. Miller was present and was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained

in the Notice with Dr. Miller.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Halsey 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 **Burton Miller**, **Veterinarian Applicant**. Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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 carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:** 

Ms. Halsey 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.

DECISION: Case No. 215254

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee grant the application for licensure to Dr. Miller, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Miller. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 10:06 a.m.

**SECOND CONFERENCE:** 

10:13 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 

Jeffrey Newman, DVM, Chairperson Autumn Halsey, LVT, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:** 

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative

**Proceedings Division** 

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

MATTER SCHEDULED:

Sarah Carter, Veterinary Technician Applicant

Case No. 215924

**DISCUSSION:** 

The Committee met in accordance in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 24, 2022, to consider the application of Sarah Carter for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to determine if there is

sufficient evidence that she has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician, and whether grounds exist to refuse to issue a license to Ms. Carter to practice as a veterinary technician. Ms. Carter was present and was not represented by counsel.

**CLOSED SESSION:** 

Ms. Halsey 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 **Sarah Carter**, **Veterinary Technician Applicant**. Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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 carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:** 

Ms. Halsey 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.

DECISION
Case No. 215924:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee deny Sarah Carter's application to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Ms. Carter. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 11:32 a.m.

THIRD CONFERENCE: 11:53 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey Newman, DVM, Chairperson

Autumn Halsey, LVT, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative

Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

Kayleen Gloor, Veterinarian

Leslie Carroll, Veterinary Technician

**MATTER SCHEDULED:** Alisha Bhore, Veterinary Technician Applicant

Case No. 217337

**DISCUSSION:** The Committee met in accordance in accordance with a

Notice of Informal Conference dated February 24, 2022, to consider the application of Alisha Bhore for licensure to practice as a veterinary technician in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to determine if there is sufficient evidence that she has met the eligibility requirements for licensure as a veterinary technician, and whether grounds exist to refuse to issue a license to Ms. Bhore to practice as a veterinary technician.. Ms. Bhore

was present and was not represented by counsel.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Ms. Halsey 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 Alisha Bhore, Veterinary Technician **Applicant.** Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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 carried unanimously.

Ms. Halsey 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 The motion was seconded and carried convened.

unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to §

2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION Case No. 217337:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee deny Alisha Bhore's application to practice as a veterinary technician

**RECONVENE:** 

in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Ms. Bhore. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously

The hearing concluded at 1:13 p.m.

**FOURTH CONFERENCE:** 1:27 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeffrey Newman, DVM, Chairperson

Autumn Halsey, LVT, Committee member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist Melissa Moore, Discipline Case Administrator

Emily Tatum, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative

Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

MATTER SCHEDULED: Gregory Wood, Veterinarian

License No. 0301-006137 Case Nos. 178770 and 180061

**DISCUSSION:** Dr. Wood appeared before the Committee in accordance

with a Notice of Informal Conference dated October 15, 2021, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Wood was represented by Stephanie Iaquinto, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Wood.

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Halsey 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 **Gregory Wood, Veterinarian.** Additionally, Ms. Halsey 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 carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:** Ms. Halsey 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.

## DECISION Case Nos. 178770 and 180061:

Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee dismiss the cases against Dr. Wood, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Wood. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 4:51 p.m.

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director