

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
June 23, 2022**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on June 23, 2022, at 10:55 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- FIRST CONFERENCE** 10:55 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Karras, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, DVM, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Gottschalk, DVM, Veterinary Review Coordinator
Krystina McCombe
Bernard Knoerdel
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Heather Casey, Veterinarian**
Case No. 208654
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Casey appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 20, 2022, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Casey was represented by counsel, Michael Thorsen, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Casey.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Dr. Newman 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 **Heather Casey, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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:

Dr. Newman 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. 208654

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue an Order requiring successful completion of four hours of continuing education in the management of dental extractions, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Casey. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:11 p.m.

SECOND CONFERENCE:

1:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Karrass, DVM, Chairperson
Jeffery Newman, DVM, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist
Emily Tatum, Sr. Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT:

Whitney Hayes
Destinee Hayes
Greg Cave

MATTER SCHEDULED:

**Reinhold Pfaff, Veterinarian
Case Nos. 200313 and 212866**

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Pfaff appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 20, 2022, to inquire into allegations that he may have

violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Pfaff was not represented by counsel.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Newman 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 **Reinhold Pfaff, Veterinarian**. Additionally, Dr. Newman 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:

Dr. Newman 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. 200313 and 212866:

Dr. Newman moved that the Committee issue a reprimand to Dr. Pfaff and require successful completion of six hours of continuing education in the diagnosis and management of thrombocytopenia and medical recordkeeping. In addition, Dr. Pfaff's practice will be subject to an unannounced inspection within six months of the date of entry of the Order. The basis of this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Dr. Pfaff. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 3:18 p.m.



Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director