

DOCKET NO. 2015-190

IN THE MATTER OF § TEXAS BOARD OF
THE LICENSE OF § VETERINARY
PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M. § MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this the 26 day of January, 2016, came to be considered by the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board) the matter of the license of PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M. (Respondent). Pursuant to Section 801.408, Texas Occupations Code, and Board Rule 575.29, an informal conference was held on October 12, 2015. Respondent attended the informal conference and was represented by counsel, Caleena Svatek. The Board was represented at the conference by the Board's Enforcement Committee.

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the findings and conclusions set out in this Agreed Order, wishes to waive a formal adjudicative hearing and thereby informally dispose of the issues without a formal adjudication. Respondent agrees to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Order. In waiving an adjudicative hearing, Respondent acknowledges his understanding of the alleged violations and the adequacy and sufficiency of the notice provided to him.

Upon the recommendation of the Enforcement Committee and with Respondent's consent, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order as set forth below.

Findings of Fact

1. Respondent, PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M. of Dallas, Texas, holds Texas veterinary license 6206.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent. Respondent received notice, which may be required by law and by the rules of the Board. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied under Tex. Occ. Code Ann. Title 4 (Act). By entering into this Agreed Order, Respondent waives any defect in the notice and any further right to notice and hearing under the Act; Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 2001.051-.054; and the Rules of the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (Board Rules) (22 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 575).
3. On December 2, 2014, Respondent notified the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that he had discovered a discrepancy in his controlled substance inventory. Two days later, the DEA conducted an audit and found that Respondent's controlled substance log did not match his controlled substance inventory. The DEA notified the Board of this discrepancy.

4. On December 29, 2014, Board Investigators conducted a compliance inspection at North Midway Animal Hospital (the "Clinic"), owned by Respondent.
5. The inspection revealed that Respondent's controlled substance logs did not match the Respondent's controlled substance inventory. An audit of eleven controlled substances showed discrepancies ranging from a 2% overage to an 89% deficit.
6. Respondent has used the same double-locking wall cabinet to store his controlled substances since opening the Clinic in 1987. Respondent stores the keys for the wall cabinet in a money box in his locked office. Respondent stated that an employee had previously alerted him that his office door could easily be unlocked using a credit card.
7. It is a mitigating factor that Respondent personally alerted the DEA to the discrepancies in his controlled substance inventory.

Conclusions of Law

1. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules.
2. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Respondent has violated Rule 573.50, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES RECORDS KEEPING FOR DRUGS ON HAND, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, by failing to maintain a correct log balance for controlled substances on hand.
3. Based on the above Findings of Fact, Respondent has violated Rule 573.61, MINIMUM SECURITY FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, which requires a licensed veterinarian in Texas to establish adequate security to prevent unauthorized access to controlled substances, establish adequate security to prevent the diversion of controlled substances, during the course of business activities, not allow any individual access to controlled substances storage areas except those authorized agents required for efficient operations, and to store controlled substances listed in Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet or security cabinet.
4. Based on the above Conclusions of Law, Respondent has violated Section 801.402 (6) of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code, and is subject to disciplinary action by the Board:

801.402. GENERAL GROUNDS FOR LICENSE DENIAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. A person is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 if the person:

(6) engages in practices or conduct that violates the board's rules of professional conduct.

5. Based on the above Conclusions of Law, Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Section 801.401 of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Texas Occupations Code:

801.401. DISCIPLINARY POWERS OF BOARD. (a) If an applicant or license holder is subject to denial of a license or to disciplinary action under Section 801.402, the Board may:

- (1) refuse to examine an applicant or to issue or renew a license;
- (2) revoke or suspend a license;
- (3) place on probation a license holder or person whose license has been suspended;
- (4) reprimand a license holder; or
- (5) impose an administrative penalty.

6. Based on the above Conclusions of Law, Respondent may be disciplined in the manner set out in Section 801.451, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY, of the Veterinary Licensing Act, which authorizes an administrative penalty for violations of the Act and Board rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD AND RESPONDENT AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent, be FORMALLY REPRIMANDED.

The Board ORDERS that Respondent pay, within 45 days of the date the Board approves this Order, an ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). If Respondent fails to pay the administrative penalty within 45 days of the date the Board approves this Order, the Board may apply any payment to the Board to renew a license to pay any outstanding administrative fee owed to the Board.

The Board further ORDERS that Respondent shall take and pass the Texas veterinary jurisprudence examination within 90 days from the date of this Agreed Order.

The Board further ORDERS that:

1. Respondent shall abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.
2. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.
3. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Agreed Order or with any other provisions of the Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, acknowledges his understanding of the Agreed Order, the notice, and Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law herein set forth herein, and agrees that he will

satisfactorily comply with the mandates of the Agreed Order in a timely manner or be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the Board.

Respondent, by signing this Agreed Order, waives his right to a formal hearing and any right to seek judicial review of this Agreed Order. Respondent acknowledges that he had the right to be represented by legal counsel in this matter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. NOTHING IN THIS ORDER SHALL BE DEEMED A WAIVER OF RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS UNDER STATUTE OR UNDER THE UNITED STATES OR TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS TO APPEAL AN ORDER OR ACTION OF THE BOARD SUBSEQUENT TO THIS AGREED ORDER EXCEPT AS RESPONDENT MAY HAVE OTHERWISE AGREED TO HEREIN. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

The effective date of this Agreed Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board.

I, PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND BY SIGNING IT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

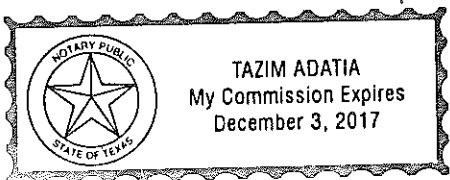

PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M.

11-10-15
Date

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF Dallas §

BEFORE ME, on this day, personally appeared PATRICK CHAMPLIN, D.V.M., known to me as the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing document, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes stated therein.

Given under the hand and seal of office this 10 day of November, 2015




Notary Public

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the TEXAS STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS on this the ___ day of _____, 2015.

R. L. Champlin, D.V.M.
President of the Board