

HEARING OUTCOME

Registrant: Dr. Pavitar Bajwa

CVBC File Number:

Decisions: CVBC Investigation Committee – October 14, 2022 (Decision on application pursuant to section 65 of the *Veterinarians Act*); and

CVBC Investigation Committee – January 24, 2023 (Decision on application for reconsideration and stay of the October 14, 2022 decision).

Background: The College applied to the Investigation Committee for an order that Dr. Bajwa’s registration be suspended on an interim basis, or in the alternative that limits or conditions be placed on Dr. Bajwa’s practice of veterinary medicine on an interim basis, pursuant to section 65(2) of the *Veterinarians Act*.

A decision pursuant to section 65(2) of the *Veterinarians Act* does not represent a final disciplinary outcome, and in this case was made at a time when the College’s investigation was ongoing.

Findings: In its decision of October 14, 2022, a panel of the Investigation Committee (the “Panel”) held, on the basis of evidence tendered by the College, that there is a real risk to the public associated with the College’s allegation that Dr. Bajwa permitted, aided, abetted or acquiesced in the practice of veterinary medicine by persons who are not registrants of the College, including the performance of surgical work and consultations.

The Panel imposed conditions on the registrant’s practice during the investigation:

- (a) the Registrant may not act as a designated registrant for a practice facility; and
- (b) the Registrant must ensure that a veterinarian in good standing with the College is present at Surrey Animal Hospital and Hwy 1 232 Hospital, if operating, at all times that these facilities are open to clients.

Dr. Bajwa applied to the Panel seeking to have it reconsider its October 14, 2022 decision or, in the alternative, to stay its decision pending Dr. Bajwa’s appeal of the decision to the British Columbia Supreme Court. In its decision of January 24, 2023, the Panel dismissed Dr. Bajwa’s application for a reconsideration and concluded that it has no authority to stay its decision.