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Mr. Buddy Matthijetz
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OR91-439

Dear Mr. Matthijetz:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 13208.

You have received a request for Texas State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners' records relating to the credentials, qualifications, and past professional performance of two licensed veterinarians. Although you do not object to releasing the bulk of the information requested, you claim that information relating to a student disciplinary incident is protected from required public disclosure by the privacy aspect of section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act.

We have considered the exception you claim and have reviewed the documents submitted to us. Previous open records decisions issued by this office resolve your request. We see no basis for concluding that the information is protected by common-law or constitutional right of privacy. Thus, you may not withhold the requested information under section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

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a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-439.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure: Returned Documents

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