

1 **MINUTES**

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3 **Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
4 **General Business Meeting**  
5 **Hampton Inn & Suites, Downtown St. Petersburg**  
6 **80 Beach Drive NE**  
7 **St. Petersburg, Florida 33701**  
8 **June 14, 2019**  
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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Dr. Leonard, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.  
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14 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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16 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

17 Dr. Robert B. Leonard, Jr., Chair  
18 Dr. Sharon Powell  
19 Dr. Rudd Nelson  
20 Dr. Mario Cabrera  
21 Dr. Chris Smith  
22 Ms. Connie Johnson- Vice Chair  
23 Ms. Suzanne Inzina  
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25 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

26 None  
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28 **OTHERS PRESENT**

29 Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director  
30 Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel  
31 Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney  
32 Amanda Senn, Government Analyst  
33 Integra Reporting Group, LLC-813-868-5130

34 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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36 Dr. Leonard asked Ms. Senn to call the roll.  
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38 The following probationers were present;

39 Abdel Hamici, DVM  
40 Norman Newton, DVM  
41 Ram Prasad, DVM  
42 Thomas Fish DVM  
43 Douglas Shearer, DVM

44 Marylyn Paschall, DVM  
45 James Shewmaker, DVM  
46 Kerri Zavota, DVM  
47 Sean Raleigh, DVM

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49 **APPROVAL OF March 1, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

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51 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes.

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53 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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55 Motion passed unanimously.

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57 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

58  
59 **Donald Denoff, DVM**  
60 **Case number 2017-036124**  
61 **VM 2047**

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63 Dr. Denoff was present and was represented by Attorney Ed Bayo. They were sworn in  
64 by the court reporter.

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66 Dr. Powell was recused from this case due to her participation on the Probable Cause  
67 Panel.

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69 Dr. Denoff was charged with violation of 474.21(1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of incompetence  
70 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment  
71 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under  
72 similar conditions and circumstances."

73 And, violation of 474.214(1)(ee) F.S., "Failing to keep contemporaneously written  
74 medical records as required by rule of the board."

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76 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made the motion to reject the settlement stipulation as  
77 presented.

78  
79 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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81 A vote was called by the board chairman.

82 Dr. Leonard- no, Ms. Johnson-no, Dr. Nelson-yes, Ms. Inzina-no, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr.  
83 Cabrera-yes

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85 Motion failed.

86

87 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion for \$2500.00 in fines and \$ 424.63 in costs to  
88 be paid within 90 days of the filing of the final order, 2 hours of medical records CE to  
89 be completed within the 1 year of probation. Dr. Denoff is required to attend first and  
90 last meeting for probation. This appearance counts as first appearance.

91  
92 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

93  
94 Attorney Bayo accepted the amended settlement stipulation terms on the record.

95  
96 Motion passed unanimously.

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98 **Samara Parker, DVM**  
99 **Case number 2017-061560**  
100 **VM 13443**

101  
102 Dr. Parker was present and represented by Attorney Ed Bayo. They were sworn in by  
103 the court reporter.

104  
105 Dr. Powell was recused from this case due to her participation on the Probable Cause  
106 Panel.

107  
108 Dr. Parker was charged with violation of 474.21(1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of incompetence  
109 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment  
110 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under  
111 similar conditions and circumstances."

112 And, violation of 474.214(1)(ee) F.S., "Failing to keep contemporaneously written  
113 medical records as required by rule of the board."

114  
115 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

116  
117 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion to accept the settlement stipulation as  
118 presented with \$4000.00 in fines and \$434.95 in costs to be paid within 30 days of the  
119 filing of the final order, 2 years probation with todays appearance counting as the first  
120 and the last appearance to be at the board meeting immediately proceeding the end of  
121 probation with 2 hours of medical records CE to be completed within the first year of  
122 probation.

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124 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

125  
126 Motion passed unanimously.

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128 **Christina Hawkins, DVM**  
129 **Case number 20018-041648**  
130 **VM 13852**

131  
132 Dr. Hawkins was present and represented by Attorney Ed Bayo. They were sworn in by  
133 the court reporter.

134  
135 Dr. Powell was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.  
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137 Dr. Hawkins was charged with violation of 474.21(1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of  
138 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,  
139 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being  
140 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances."

141 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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143 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation with  
144 \$1000.00 in fines and \$ 437.19 in costs to be paid within 30 days of the filing of the final  
145 order and one year of probation. Dr. Hawkins is required to attend the first and last  
146 meeting before end of probation. This appearance counts as her first appearance.  
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148 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
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150 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to require one additional probation  
151 appearance before the end of probation  
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153 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
154

155 Motion passed unanimously.  
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### 157 **Special Agenda Items**

158  
159 William Lovett, DVM – Amended Petition for Leave to Correct Procedural Error and  
160 Mistake

161  
162 Dr. Lovett was present at the meeting and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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164 Dr. Powell was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.  
165

166 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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168 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the request for stay of suspension  
169 of Dr. Lovett's license prospectively to be effective 06/14/2019.  
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171 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
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173 A vote was called by the board chairman.  
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175 Dr. Leonard- yes, Ms. Johnson-yes, Dr. Nelson-yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr.  
176 Cabrera-yes

177  
178 Motion passed unanimously.

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180 **Review/Approval of Applications**

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182 **Allan Carb, DVM – License by Endorsement**

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184 Dr. Carb was not present.

185  
186 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

187  
188 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion to deny this application per 455.231(3)  
189 F.S.,” The board, or the department when there is no board, may refuse to issue an  
190 initial license to any applicant who is under investigation or prosecution in any  
191 jurisdiction for an action that would constitute a violation of this chapter or the  
192 professional practice acts administered by the department and the boards, until such  
193 time as the investigation or prosecution is complete.”.

194  
195 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

196  
197 Motion passed unanimously.

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199 **Beverly Hickman, DVM, - Licensure by Endorsement**

200  
201 Dr. Hickman was present at the meeting and sworn in by the court reporter.

202  
203 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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205 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made the motion to approve the application.

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207 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

208  
209 Motion passed unanimously.

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211 **Fransceco Sollini- Licensure by Endorsement**

212  
213 Dr. Sollini was not present at the meeting.

214  
215 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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217 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made the motion to approve the application.

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219 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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221 Motion passed unanimously.

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223 **Hal Hicks- Licensure by Endorsement**

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225 Dr. Hicks was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

226

227 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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229 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion to approve the application.

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231 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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233 Motion passed unanimously.

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235 **James Wingert - Licensure by Endorsement**

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237 Dr. Wingert was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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239 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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241 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made the motion to approve the application.

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243 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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245 Motion passed unanimously.

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247 **Simona Nunes- Licensure by Endorsement**

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249 Dr. Nunes was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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251 After discussion by the board, Dr. Nunes withdrew her application.

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253 **REVIEW OF CE APPLICATION**

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255 **Pasco Hernandez Veterinary Medical Association- Request for Retroactive Credit**

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257 Jenifer Chatfield was present on behalf of PHVMA.

258

259 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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261 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion to give retroactive credit for the course  
262 provided on January 15, 2019.

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264 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

265  
266 Motion passed unanimously.

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268 **Georgia Veterinary Medical Association- Rehab/Management- June 28, 2019**

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270 A representative from GVMA was not present.

271  
272 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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274 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made the motion to deny the application based on  
275 61G16.16.003 and 61G16.0035.

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277 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

278  
279 Motion passed unanimously.

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281 **Georgia Veterinary Medical Association- Backyard Poultry- June 29, 2019**

282  
283 A representative from GVMA was not present.

284  
285 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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287 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion to approve the course for 4 hours of general  
288 credit.

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290 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

291  
292 Motion passed unanimously.

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294 **Veterinary Information Network**

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296 A representative from VIN was not present.

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298 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion to approve the course for 4 hours of general  
299 credit and 1 hour drug dispensing.

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301 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

302  
303 Motion passed unanimously.

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305 **PROBATION**

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307 **Abdel Hamici, DVM**  
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309 Dr. Hamici was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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311 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion to accept Dr. Hamici's final probation  
312 appearance for this discipline.  
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314 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.  
315  
316 Motion passed unanimously.  
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318 **Norman Newton, DVM**  
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320 Dr. Newton was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
321  
322 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept Dr. Newton's probation appearance.  
323  
324 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.  
325  
326 Motion passed unanimously.  
327  
328 **Ram Prasad, DVM**  
329  
330 Dr. Prasad was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
331  
332 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to accept Dr. Prasad's final probation  
333 appearance.  
334  
335 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.  
336  
337 Motion passed unanimously.  
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339 **Thomas Fish, DVM**  
340  
341 Dr. Fish was present at the meeting and sworn in by the court reporter with Dr. Polles.  
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343 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept Dr. Fish's appearance.  
344  
345 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.  
346  
347 Motion passed unanimously.  
348  
349 **Douglas Shearer, DVM**  
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351 Dr. Shearer was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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353 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Dr. Shearer's appearance.

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355 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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357 Motion passed unanimously.

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359 **Marylyn Paschall, DVM**

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361 Dr. Paschall was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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363 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept Dr. Paschall's appearance.

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365 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

366

367 Motion passed unanimously.

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369 **James Shewmaker, DVM**

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371 Dr. Shewmaker was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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373 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Dr. Shewmaker's appearance.

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375 **SEDOND:** Dr. Powell.

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377 Motion passed unanimously.

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379 **Kerri Zavota, DVM**

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381 Dr. Zavota was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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383 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Dr. Zavota's appearance.

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385 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

386

387 Motion passed unanimously.

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389 **RATIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS**

390 **Licenses**

391 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept the licensure list.

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393 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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395 Motion passed unanimously.

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397 **Continuing Education**

398 Review of the CE list was continued to the next meeting.

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400 **REPORTS**

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402 **Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie**

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404 Ms. Christie reviewed the financial reports with the board.

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406 **AAVSB Annual Conference- September 26-28, 2019**

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408 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to elect Dr. Leonard to attend the conference  
409 with Executive Director Ruthanne Christie.

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411 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

412

413 Motion passed unanimously.

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415 **Board counsel – Ed Tellechea**

416 Nothing to report

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418 **Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson**

419

420 Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board.

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422 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to continue prosecution of year old cases.

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424 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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426 Motion passed unanimously.

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428 **OLD BUSINESS**

429 **None**

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431 **NEW BUSINESS**

432 **Rule 61G18-14.003 F.A.C. - Endorsement Definitions**

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434 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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436 61G18-14.003 Endorsement Definitions.

437 [61G18-14.002](#) Licensure by Endorsement.

438 (1) through (3) No change.

439 (4) Applicants for licensure by endorsement shall demonstrate knowledge of the laws and  
440 rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine of Florida by successfully completing the  
441 laws and rules portion of the licensure examination.

442 (5) Applicants who qualify for licensure under Section 474.217, F.S. who have never had  
443 disciplinary action taken against any professional license by any jurisdiction may, in lieu of  
444 taking the laws and rules portion of the licensure exam, demonstrate knowledge of the laws and  
445 rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine of Florida by completing a Board approved 2  
446 hour continuing education course on Florida's laws and rules as set forth in Rule 61G18-  
447 16.002(2), F.A.C.

448 (6) Individuals applying for a temporary license pursuant to Section 474.2125, F.S. in an  
449 "emergency" as defined in Section 252.34(4), F.S., may demonstrate knowledge of the laws and  
450 rules governing the practice of veterinary medicine of Florida by preparing and attaching to their  
451 application a written acknowledgment of having read Chapters 474, 455, 465, 499, 585, 828,  
452 and 893, F.S.; Rule Chapter 61G18, F.A.C.; and the "Practitioner's Manual, 2006 Edition"  
453 published by the Drug Enforcement Administration of the Department of Justice.

454 Rulemaking Specific Authority 474.206 FS. Law Implemented 474.217 FS. History--New 10-13-85, Formerly 21X-  
455 14.02, Amended 11-2-88, 4-30-89, 7-6-92, Formerly 21X-14.002, Amended 5-17-94, 3-7-06, 4-9-08,\_\_\_\_\_.

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457 **Rulemaking Authority 474.217(1)(a), 474.206 FS. Law Implemented 474.217(1)(a) FS. History--New 8-17-94,**  
458 **Amended 3-20-95, 5-20-08, Repealed\_\_\_\_\_.**

459 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve rule language as provided.

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461 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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463 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion that there was no adverse financial impact in  
464 excess of \$200,000 in one year or \$500,000 over five years and no Statement of  
465 Estimated Regulatory Costs was required.

466  
467 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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469 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion that this would not be considered a minor  
470 violation.

471  
472 Motion passed unanimously.

473  
474 **Rule 61G18-30.002, F.A.C. – Minor violations, Notice of Noncompliance**

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476 61G18-30.002 Minor Violations, Notice of Noncompliance.

477 (1) – (2) No change.

478 (3) A first time offense of the following violations may be disposed by a notice of  
479 noncompliance:

480 (a) through (g) No change.

481 (h) Failure to report in writing to the Board a criminal conviction or plea of nolo contendere,  
482 regardless of adjudication, within 30 days, pursuant to Sections 455.227(1)(t), and  
483 474.214(2)(c), F.S.

484 (4) No change.

485 Rulemaking Specific Authority 474.206, 455.225(3) FS. Law Implemented 455.225(3) FS. History–New 5-9-90,  
486 Formerly 21X-30.002, Amended 12-30-97,\_\_\_\_\_.

487 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion that there was no adverse financial impact in  
488 excess of \$200,000 in one year or \$500,000 over five years and no Statement of  
489 Estimated Regulatory Costs was required.

490  
491 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

492  
493 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion that this would be considered a minor  
494 violation.

495  
496 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

497

498 Motion passed unanimously.

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500 **Rule 61G18-15.007, F.A.C. – Minimum Standards for Limited Service Veterinary**  
501 **Medical Practices**

502

503 61G18-15.007 Minimum Standards for Limited-Service Veterinary Medical Practices.

504 (1) The term “limited-service veterinary medical practice” shall mean a privately or publicly  
505 supported vaccination clinic where a veterinarian performs for a limited time vaccinations and/or  
506 immunizations against disease on multiple animals, and where the veterinarian may also  
507 perform microchipping and preventative procedures for parasitic control, and shall not mean a  
508 premise otherwise permitted by the Board.

509 (2) through (4) No change.

510 (5) With regard to operation of limited-service veterinary medical practice, the term “limited  
511 time,” shall mean no more often than once every two (2) weeks and no more than four (4) hours  
512 in any one day for any single location where a vaccination clinic is held unless the following  
513 additional conditions are met in which case the available hours shall be expanded from four (4)  
514 to eight (8) per day up to two (2) days per week ~~in any one day within the two (2) week period:~~

515 (a) No change.

516 ~~(b) The limited service clinic provider has been operating in such capacity in this State for no~~  
517 ~~less than five (5) years;~~

518 (b) ~~(e)~~ The limited service clinic provider has not had their license either suspended or  
519 revoked in this or any other state;

520 (c) ~~(d)~~ The limited service clinic provider possesses professional liability coverage in the  
521 amount of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate as well as an  
522 umbrella policy of \$3,000,000 for each occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate.

523 Rulemaking Authority 474.206, 474.215 FS. Law Implemented 474.215 FS. History–New 3-16-95, Amended 7-7-96,  
524 4-4-13.

525  
526 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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528 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion that there was no adverse financial impact in  
529 excess of \$200,000 in one year or \$500,000 over five years and no Statement of  
530 Estimated Regulatory Costs was required.

531  
532 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

533  
534 Motion passed unanimously.

535  
536 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made the motion that this would not be considered a minor  
537 violation.

538 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.  
539

540 Motion passed unanimously.

541  
542 **Discussion of Form VM 1 background questions 6-10**

543  
544 If you are currently under contract with Florida's impaired practitioner program (Professionals  
545 Resource Network) you may answer **No** to the following questions:

546  
547 If you have been enrolled in a Veterinary Medical School within the last two years and have  
548 been successfully treated for drug abuse, alcohol abuse, a mental disorder, or a physical  
549 disorder that impaired your ability to practice veterinary medicine with reasonable skill and  
550 safety, you may answer **No** to the following questions:

551  
552 **Please answer the following questions.**

553  
554 A. Within the last two years, have you been ordered into, or participated in, any drug or  
555 alcohol recovery program or impaired practitioner program for the treatment of drug or  
556 alcohol abuse?  **Yes**  **No**

557  
558 B. Within the last two years, have you been ordered into, or participated in, an impaired  
559 practitioner program for the treatment of a diagnosed mental or physical disorder that  
560 impaired your ability to safely practice veterinary medicine?

561  
562  **Yes**  **No**

563  
564 C. Within the last two years, have you been treated for or had a recurrence of a diagnosed  
565 mental or physical disorder that has impaired your ability to safely practice veterinary  
566 medicine?  **Yes**  **No**

567  
568 If you answer "yes" to any of the above questions, you are required to provide the following  
569 documentation to the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine:

571 A letter from your treating professional stating you are currently under their care and complying  
572 with the recommended treatment or that you have successfully completed the recommended  
573 treatment program.  
574

575 **If you believe you are currently impaired or at elevated risk for impairment,**  
576 **you should contact our designated Impaired Practitioner’s Program for**  
577 **assistance.**

578 **[Professionals Resource Network](http://www.flprn.org)**

579 **Ph: 800-888-8776**

580 **[www.flprn.org](http://www.flprn.org)**

581  
582 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve with language as provided.  
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584 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.  
585

586 Motion passed unanimously.  
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#### 588 **Delegations to Board Staff and Chairman**

589  
590 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to delegate authority to Board Chairman and  
591 FO that comes against the board for appeal to review.  
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593 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
594

595 Motion passed unanimously.  
596

597 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to delegate authority to Board Chairman to  
598 review applications where the applicant has disclosed confidential discipline.  
599

600 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.  
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602 Motion passed unanimously.  
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#### 604 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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606 None.  
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#### 608 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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610 Ms. Senn called the probation roll and all were present.  
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#### 612 **ADJOURN**

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614 The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m..

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