

1 **MINUTES**

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3 **Board of Veterinary Medicine**
4 **General Business Meeting**

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6 **Hampton Inn & Suites- Downtown St. Petersburg**
7 **80 Beach Drive North**
8 **St. Petersburg, Florida**

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10 **June 18, 2021**

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13 **CALL TO ORDER**

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15 Dr. Leonard, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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17 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

18 Dr. Robert B. Leonard, Jr., Chair
19 Dr. Rudd Nelson- Vice Chair
20 Ms. Connie Johnson
21 Dr. Christopher Smith
22 Dr. Mario Cabrera
23 Dr. Sharon Powell
24 Ms. Suzanne Inzina

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26 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

27 None

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29 **OTHERS PRESENT**

30 Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
31 Rachelle Munson, Board Counsel
32 Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney
33 Amanda Senn, Government Analyst
34 Dr. Brown, PRN
35 Executive Reporting Service- 727-823-4155

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37 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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39 Dr. Leonard asked Ms. Senn to call the roll.

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41 The following probationers were present;

42 Olga Moreira Rose, DVM
43 Cesar Morales, DVM

44 Soonho Hong, DVM
45 Donald Denoff, DVM
46 Samara Parker, DVM
47 Abdel Hakim Hamici, DVM
48 Anita McBride, DVM
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50 **Approval of March 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

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52 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the March 5, 2021 minutes.
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54 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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56 Motion passed unanimously.
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58 **Bonnie Gatson- Petition for Variance or Waiver**

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60 Dr. Gatson was present and sworn in by the court reporter.
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62 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.
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64 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion to approve the application.

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66 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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68 Motion passed unanimously.
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70 **Review/Approval of Applications**

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72 **Sara Wilkes - Licensure by Endorsement**

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74 Dr. Wilkes was not present.
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76 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.
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78 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made the motion to approve the application.

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80 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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82 Motion passed unanimously.
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84 **Gregory Ford, DVM, - Licensure by Endorsement**

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86 Dr. Ford was not present.

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After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Ms. Johnson made a motion to deny the application.

SECOND: Dr. Smith.

The board chairman called a vote.

Dr. Leonard-yes, Dr. Nelson-yes, Dr. Cabrera-yes, Dr. Powell-yes, Ms. Johnson-yes,
Ms. Inzina-yes

Motion passed unanimously.

Shakim Holmes- Licensure by Examination

Dr. Holmes was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the application.

SECOND: Ms. Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Dana Perry- Licensure by Endorsement

Dr. Perry was not present.

After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Dr. Leonard made a motion to approve this application contingent upon
Dr. Perry making an appearance before the board at the September 10, 2021 meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Nelson.

Dr. Powell opposed this motion.

Motion passed.

Karen Young- Licensure by Endorsement

130 Dr. Young was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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

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136 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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138 Motion passed unanimously.

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140 **University of Miami- Review of CE and Retroactive Credit Request**

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142 There was not a representative present for University of Miami.

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

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146 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to deny the application.

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148 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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150 Motion passed unanimously.

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152 **Elizabeth Kawecki- Wright- Licensure by Examination**

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154 Dr. Kawecki- Wright was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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

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160 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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162 Motion passed unanimously.

163 **George Stroberg- Licensure by Endorsement**

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165 Dr. Stroberg was not present.

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

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169 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to approve the application with Dr. Stroberg
170 taking the laws and rules exam.

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172 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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174 Motion passed unanimously.

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176 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

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178 **Mark South, DVM**
179 **Case number(s) 2020-007422**
180 **VM 8482**

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182 Dr. South and Attorney Samantha Marion were present and sworn in by the court
183 reporter.

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

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188 Dr. South was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(r)F.S., "Being guilty of
189 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,
190 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being
191 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances."

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

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

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197 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as
198 presented.

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200 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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202 Motion passed unanimously.

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204 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion for \$4,000.00 in fines and \$412.39 in costs to
205 be paid within 30 days of the filing of the final order. 1 year of probation to include 4
206 hours of abdominal surgery and 2 hours of medical records keeping continuing
207 education. This meeting counts as Dr. South's first appearance and he will be required
208 to attend one meeting at the end of probation.

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210 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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212 Motion passed unanimously.

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214 **Rachel Norris, DVM**
215 **Case number: 2020-027402**

216 **VM 12710**

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218 Dr. Norris and Attorney Bryan Reynolds were present and sworn in by the court
219 reporter.

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

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224 Dr. Elpert was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of
225 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,
226 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being
227 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances."

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

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

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233 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as
234 presented.

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236 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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238 The board chairman called a vote.

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240 Dr. Leonard-yes, Dr. Nelson-yes, Dr. Cabrera-yes, Dr. Smith-no, Ms. Johnson-no, Ms.
241 Inzina-no

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243 Motion failed.

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

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247 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as presented
248 with \$2000.00 in fines and \$309.06 in costs to be paid within 30 days of the filing of the
249 final order. 1 year of probation to include 6 hours of medical records keeping continuing
250 education. This meeting counts as Dr. Norris's first appearance and she will be required
251 to attend one meeting before the end of probation.

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253 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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255 The board chairman called a vote.

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257 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
258 Johnson- yes

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260 Motion passed unanimously.
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262 **Carlos A. Deufloeu, DVM**
263 **Case number: 2020-038436**
264 **VM 13516**
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266 Dr. Deufloeu and Attorney Edwin Bayo were present and sworn in by the court reporter.
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268 Dr. Powell was recused from this case due to her participation on the Probable Cause
269 Panel.
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271 Dr. Deufloeu was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of
272 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,
273 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being
274 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances."
275 And 474.214 (1)(ee) F.S., "Failing to keep contemporaneously written medical records
276 as required by rule of the board."
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278 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.
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280 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as
281 presented with \$1500.00 in fines and \$187.41 in costs to be paid within 30 days of the
282 filing of the final order. 1 year of probation to include 4 hours of anesthesia and 1 hour
283 of pain management continuing education. This meeting counts as Dr. Deufloeu's first
284 appearance and she will be required to attend one meeting before the end of probation.
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286 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.
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288 The board chairman called a vote.
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290 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
291 Johnson- no
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293 Motion passed.
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295 **Kim Tuberville, DVM**
296 **Case number: 2019-063846**
297 **VM 7096**
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299 Dr. Tuberville and Attorney Edwin Bayo were present and sworn in by the court
300 reporter.
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302 Dr. Powell was recused from this case due to her participation on the Probable Cause
303 Panel.

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305 Dr. Tuberville was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of
306 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,
307 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being
308 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances."

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

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

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314 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as presented.

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316 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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318 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to reinstate count 1 of the administrative
319 complaint with \$4000.00 in fines and \$449.00 in costs to be paid within 30 days of the
320 filing of the final order. 1 year of probation to include 2 hours of medical records keeping
321 continuing education. This meeting counts as Dr. Tuberville's first appearance and she
322 will be required to attend one meeting before the end of probation.

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324 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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326 The board chairman called a vote.

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328 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
329 Johnson- yes

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331 Motion passed unanimously.

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333 The counter offer was accepted on the record.

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335 **Albert Charles Aten, DVM**
336 **Case number: 2020-004424**
337 **VM 7198**

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339 Dr. Aten was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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344 Dr. Aten was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(r) F.S., "Being guilty of incompetence
345 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment
346 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under
347 similar conditions and circumstances."

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

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351 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as
352 presented.

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354 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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356 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion for \$2000.00 in fines and \$741.21 in costs to
357 be paid within 30 days of the filing of the final order. 1 year of probation. This meeting
358 counts as Dr. Aten's first appearance and he will be required to attend one meeting
359 before the end of probation.

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361 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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363 Motion passed unanimously.

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365 The counter offer was accepted on the record.

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367 **Bruce Levine, DVM**
368 **Case number: 2020-042562**
369 **VM 13622**

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371 Dr. Levine was not present.

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

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376 Dr. Levine was charged with violation of 474.214 (1)(b) F.S., "Having a license or the
377 authority to practice veterinary medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted
378 against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction,
379 including any agency or subdivision thereof. The licensing authority's acceptance of a
380 veterinarian's relinquishment of a license, stipulation, consent order, or other settlement,
381 offered in response to or in anticipation of the filing of administrative charges against the
382 veterinarian's license or authority to practice, shall be construed as action against the
383 veterinarian's license or authority to practice."

384 And 474.214 (1)(jj) F.S., "Failing to report to the board within 30 days, in writing, any
385 action set forth in paragraph (b) that has been taken against the practitioner's license to

386 practice veterinary medicine by any jurisdiction, including any agency or subdivision
387 thereof.”

388 And 455.227(1)(t) F.S., “Failing to report in writing to the board or, if there is no board,
389 to the department within 30 days after the licensee is convicted or found guilty of, or
390 entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any
391 jurisdiction. A licensee must report a conviction, finding of guilt, plea, or adjudication
392 entered before the effective date of this paragraph within 30 days after the effective date
393 of this paragraph.”

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

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397 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to adopt the conclusions of law and find that
398 the conclusions of law constitute a violation of the practice act as alleged in the
399 Administrative Complaint.

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401 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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403 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion for revocation of Dr. Levine’s license and an
404 \$8000.00 fine and \$168.87 to be paid should Dr. Levine reapply for licensure and a new
405 license be issued.

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407 The board chairman called a vote.

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409 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
410 Johnson- yes

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412 Motion passed unanimously.

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414 **SPECIAL AGNEDA ITEMS**

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416 **Paula Bemis- Request to Reinstate License**

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418 Dr. Bemis and Attorney Kevin Griffith were present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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422 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to deny this petition.

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424 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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426 The board chairman called a vote.

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428 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
429 Johnson- yes

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431 Motion passed unanimously.

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433 **Srinivasa Nallapati- Request for Extension**

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435 Dr. Nallapati was not present.

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

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439 **MOTION:** Ms. Leonard made a motion to grant an extension of 12 months from the
440 date Dr. Nallapati returns to practice.

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442 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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444 Motion passed unanimously.

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446 **PROBATION**

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448 **Olga Moreira-Rose, DVM** **2017-049493 and 2017-049485**

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450 Dr. Moreira-Rose was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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452 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept this probation appearance.

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454 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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456 Motion passed unanimously.

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458 **Cesar Morales, DVM** **2017-049475**

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460 Dr. Morales was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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462 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept this probation appearance.

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464 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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466 Motion passed unanimously.

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468 **Soonho Hong, DVM** **2019-024080**

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470 Dr. Hong was present and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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472 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept this probation appearance and to
473 possibly add an additional records pull before the end of probation bases
474 on the outcome of the last records review.

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476 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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478 Motion passed unanimously.

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480 **Donald Denoff, DVM**

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482 Dr. Denoff was not present.

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484 **Samara Parker, DVM**

2017-061560

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486 Attorney Ed Bayo was present on behalf of Dr. Parker and sworn in by the court
487 reporter.

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

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491 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to accept this appearance.

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493 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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495 Motion passed unanimously.

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497 **Abdel Hakim-Hamici, DVM**

2016-032352

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499 Dr. Hamici was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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503 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to accept this appearance and to toll Dr.
504 Hamici's probation requirements until he returns to practice.

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506 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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508 Motion passed unanimously.

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510 **Aneta McBride, DVM**

2018-041975

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512 Dr. McBride was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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514 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.
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516 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to accept this appearance.
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518 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.
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520 Motion passed unanimously.
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522 **RULES- Verbal Report**
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524 **REPORTS**
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526 **Board Counsel Report- Ed Tellechea**
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528 Verbal Report
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530 **Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie**
531 Executive Director Christie gave a verbal report on potential meeting dates and
532 locations.
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534 **Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson**
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536 Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board.
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538 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to continue prosecution of year old cases.
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540 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.
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542 Motion passed unanimously.
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544 **Ratification of Applications**
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546 **Licenses**
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548 Dr. Smith is recused from voting on license applications.
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550 **MOTION:** Ms. Powell made a motion to approve the list of applications.
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552 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.
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554 Motion passed unanimously.
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556 **Continuing Education**

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558 **Continued to the next board meeting.**

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560 **OLD BUSINESS**

561 **None**

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563 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

564 Florida Veterinary Technicians provided a report of their recent activities.

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566 **NEW BUSINESS**

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568 **Delegate Authority to Board Chairman for ARP**

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

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572 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to accept this approve.

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574 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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576 Motion passed unanimously.

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578 **Delegate authority to Board Chairman to review and approve application with**
579 **single DUI arrests with all sanctions satisfied**

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

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583 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept this approve.

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585 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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587 Motion passed unanimously.

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589 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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591 Ms. Senn called the probation roll and all were present.

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593 Olga Moreira-Rose, DVM

594 Cesar Morales, DVM

595 Soonho Hong, DVM

596 Samara Parker, DVM

597 Abdel Hakim-Hamici, DVM

598 Aneta McBride, DVM

599 Rachel Norris, DVM
600 Kim Tuberville, DVM
601 Carlos Deufloeu, DVM
602 Mark South, DVM
603 Albert Aten, DVM

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605 **Election of Officers**

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

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609 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion for Dr. Leonard to continue serving as board
610 chairman.

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612 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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614 Motion passed unanimously.

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616 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion for Dr. Nelson to continue serving as board
617 vice chairman.

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619 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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621 Motion passed unanimously.

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623 **Next Meeting- September 2021**

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625 **ADJOURN**

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627 The meeting adjourned at 2:11 P.M.

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