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MINUTES

**Board of Veterinary Medicine
General Business Meeting**

**Friday, September 23, 2022 at 9 A.M.
Hampton Inn & Suites, Downtown St. Petersburg
80 Beach Drive NE, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701**

CALL TO ORDER

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Robert B. Leonard, Jr., Chair
Dr. Rudd Nelson- Vice Chair
Ms. Connie Johnson
Dr. Christopher Smith
Dr. Sharon Powell
Ms. Suzanne Inzina

MEMBERS ABSENT

N/A

OTHERS PRESENT

Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney
Hunter McLendon, Government Analyst
Murray Court Reporting

PROBATION ROLL CALL

Dr. Leonard asked Mr. McLendon to call the roll.

The following probationers were present;

Michael Elpert, DVM
Alexander Freyman, DVM
Jon Sangiorgio, DVM
Ashley Redmond, DVM
Christopher Carrier, DVM

The following probationers were absent:

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45 David Green, DVM
46 Greg Ford, DVM
47 Kathleen Prunier, DVM

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49 **Approval of March 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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51 After discussion by the board, the following motions were made.

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53 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell approved the minutes as presented.

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55 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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57 Motion passed unanimously.

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59 **Approval of June 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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61 After discussion by the board, the following motions were made.

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63 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes with the recommended
64 changes.

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66 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina

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68 Motion passed unanimously.

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70 **Frank Reyes – Petition for Variance and Waiver**

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72 After discussion by the board, the following motions were made.

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74 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to deny the application based on a failure to
75 demonstrate substantial hardship or violations of principles of fairness as required by
76 Section 120.542, Florida Statutes.

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78 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson

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80 Motion passed unanimously.

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82 **Applications for Review**

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84 **Boussouira Madjid – Initial by Endorsement**

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86 Dr. Madjid was not present.

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

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90 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to deny the application due to prior discipline
91 and restrictions on his license in Canada.

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93 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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95 Motion passed unanimously.

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97 **Meredith Sammons - Licensure by Endorsement**

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99 Dr. Sammons and her attorney Mr. Bayo were present and sworn in by the court
100 reporter.

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

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104 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to deny the application due to criminal history
105 and failure to comply with prior order.

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107 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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109 Motion carried 5 to 2, with Drs. Powell and Smith dissenting.

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111 **Erin Smith - Licensure by Endorsement**

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113 Dr. Smith was not present.

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

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117 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to approve the application, contingent on
118 receiving a signed and dated letter from a licensed healthcare practitioner stating a good
119 bill of health.

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121 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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123 Motion passed unanimously.

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125 **Eric Snook – Initial by Endorsement**

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127 Dr. Snook was not present.

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

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

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133 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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135 Motion passed unanimously.

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138 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

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141 **INFORMAL HEARING**

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143 **Samson S. Daniel, DVM**
144 **Case No. 2021-045225**
145 **PC: Dr. Jones and Dr. Powell**

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147 Dr. Daniel was present with his attorney, Mr. Bayo.

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149 Dr. Daniel was charged with violation of 474.214(l)(r) for “being guilty of incompetence
150 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment
151 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under
152 similar conditions and circumstances.” And 474.214(l)(ii) for “failing to report board
153 within 30 days, in writing, any action set forth in paragraph (b) that has been taken
154 against the practitioners license to practice veterinary medicine by any jurisdiction,
155 including my agency o subdivision thereof” is grounds for discipline.

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

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159 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the Department’s Motion for Final
160 Order.

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162 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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164 Motion passed unanimously.

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166 **MOTION:** Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the allegations of fact as set forth in
167 the administrative complaint as the findings of fact.

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169 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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171 Motion passed unanimously.

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173 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to adopt the conclusions of law and find that
174 the conclusions of law constitute a violation of the practice act as alleged in the
175 administrative complaint.

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177 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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179 Motion passed unanimously.

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181 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation with a fine
182 of \$1250.00 and costs of \$274.07.

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184 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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186 Motion passed unanimously.

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188 **SETTLEMENT STIPULATIONS**

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190 **Thomas William Jackson, DVM**

191 **Case number: 2021-007349**

192 **PC: Dr. Jones and Dr. Powell**

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194 Dr. Jackson was present with his attorney and they were sworn in by the court reporter.

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196 Dr. Jackson was charged with violation of 474.214(l)(r) for “being guilty of incompetence
197 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment
198 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under
199 similar conditions and circumstances.” And 474.214(l)(ee) for “failing to keep
200 contemporaneously written medical records as required by rule of the Board.”

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

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205 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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207 Motion passed unanimously.

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209 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to offer a counter-stipulation, reinstating count
210 1 of the administrative complaint with \$2,000.00 fines and costs and one year of
211 probation and two probation appearances. This meeting serves as the first appearance.

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213 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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215 Dr. Jackson accepted the counter-stipulation.

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217 Motion passed unanimously.

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219 **Michael H. Elpert, DVM**
220 **Case number: 2021-028301**
221 **PC: Dr. Jones and Dr. Powell**

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223 Dr. Elpert was present with his attorney Ed Bayo, and sworn in by the court reporter.

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225 Dr. Elpert was charged with violation of 474.214(l)(r) for “being guilty of incompetence or
226 negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment
227 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under
228 similar conditions and circumstances.” And 474.214(l)(ee) for “failing to keep
229 contemporaneously written medical records 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. Smith made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as presented.

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235 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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237 Motion passed unanimously.

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239 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to offer a counter-stipulation reinstating count
240 1 of the administrative complaint with total costs of \$10,000.00, four additional years of
241 probation running concurrently with two appearances a year, and a six-month
242 suspension.

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244 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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246 Motion passed unanimously.

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248 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion requiring fines to be due in one year.

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250 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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252 Motion passed unanimously.

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254 **REVIEW OF APPLICATION: Animal Emergency Clinic of Deerfield – Change of**
255 **Responsible Veterinarian**

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257 The application was withdrawn.

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PROBATION

Michael Elpert, DVM

2018-040702

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

MOTION: Dr. Smith made a motion to accept the appearance.

SECOND: Dr. Powell

Motion passed unanimously.

Greg Ford, DVM

App # 121745

Dr. Ford was absent and not in compliance. Tabled to December.

Alexander Freyman, DVM

2019-047530

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

After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept the appearance.

SECOND: Dr. Powell.

Motion passed unanimously.

David Green, DVM

2018-044652

Dr. Green was not present and not in compliance.

After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Dr. Nelson made a motion to open up a case against Dr. Green for not being in compliance with the terms of his probation.

SECOND: Ms. Inzina.

Ashley Redmond, DVM

2020-0047446

302 Dr. Redmond was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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306 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept this appearance.

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308 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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310 Motion passed unanimously.

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312 **Kathleen Prunier, DVM**

Applicant

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314 Dr. Prunier was absent. Tabled to December.

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316 **Jon Sangiorgio, DVM**

Applicant

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318 Dr. Sangiorgio was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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321 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to accept the appearance.

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323 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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325 Motion passed unanimously.

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327 **Christopher Carrier, DVM**

2021-000189

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329 Dr. Carrier was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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331 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the appearance.

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333 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith

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336 **RULES- Report**

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338 **Annual Regulatory Plan**

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340 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson moved to approve as presented.

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342 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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344 Motion passed unanimously.

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REPORTS

Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie

Ms. Christie asked Board if they would consider reducing fee for inactive licenses. Board asked Ms. Christie to provide a rule draft at the next meeting. Ms. Christie indicated that she would also bring draft language for medical records handling after closing a practice.

Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson

Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board.

MOTION: Dr. Powell made a motion to continue prosecution of year old cases.

SECOND: Ms. Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Applications

Licenses

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

SECOND: Dr. Cabrera.

Motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Education

Motion: Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the courses.

Second: Dr. Powell.

Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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391 **NEW BUSINESS**

392 **None**

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395 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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397 Mr. McLendon called the probation roll.

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399 The following were present:

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401 Michael Elpert, DVM

402 Alexander Freyman, DVM

403 Jon Sangiorgio, DVM

404 Ashley Redmond, DVM

405 Christopher Carrier, DVM

406 Thomas Jackson, DVM

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408 The following were absent:

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410 David Green, DVM

411 Greg Ford, DVM

412 Kathleen Prunier, DVM

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414 **Next Meeting- December 16, 2022 – Residence Inn, Amelia Island**

415 **ADJOURN**

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417 The meeting adjourned at 1:24 P.M.

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