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MINUTES

**Board of Veterinary Medicine
General Business Meeting
Teleconference
March 5, 2021**

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. Mario Cabrera
Dr. Sharon Powell
Ms. Suzanne Inzina

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
Rachelle Munson, Board Counsel
Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney
Amanda Senn, Government Analyst
Dr. Brown, PRN
For The Record Reporting- 850-222-5491

PROBATION ROLL CALL

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

The following probationers were present;

Phillip Hammock, DVM
Alicia Gutierrez, DVM
Mohammad Hassan, DVM
Larry Britt, DVM
Michael Elpert, DVM

43 **Approval of December 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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45 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes.

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47 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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49 Motion passed unanimously.

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51 **Pride VMC- Request for Continuing Education for DEI**

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53 Mia Cary, Dr. Moin (others) gave a presentation to the board.

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55 **Review/Approval of Applications**

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57 **Emily Beichel - Licensure by Endorsement**

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59 Dr. Beichel was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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

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65 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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67 Motion passed unanimously.

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69 **Eva Armfield, DVM, - Licensure by Endorsement**

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71 Dr. Armfield was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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75 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to approve the application once she passes
76 the laws and rules exam and sends in a corrected answer to question #4 on her
77 application.

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79 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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81 The board chairman called a vote.

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83 Motion passed unanimously.

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85 **Pet Med Animal Clinic- Premise Permit Application**

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87 Alena Alfonso was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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91 **The review of this application was tabled until the background information for the**
92 **applicant could be verified as correct. If the information on the background check**
93 **is incorrect, application may be processed with no further action by the board.**

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95 **Caraway Farm Supplies, LLC- Premise Permit**

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97 Kevin Caraway and Dr. Kenlin were present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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101 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve this application.

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103 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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105 Dr. Powell opposed this motion.

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107 Motion passed.

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109 **Tamara Moin- Licensure by Endorsement**

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111 Dr. Moin was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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115 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to approve this application contingent on the
116 discipline in Michigan being finalized and Dr. Moin passing the laws and rules exam. Dr.
117 Moin accepted this motion with the understanding that the discipline against her license
118 in Michigan would be mirrored against her license in Florida.

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120 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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122 Motion passed unanimously.

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124 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS- NONE**

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126 **SPECIAL AGNEDA ITEMS**

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128 **Richard Jaffe- Petition for Termination of Stayed Suspension and Probation**

129 Dr. Jaffe and Attorney Ed Bayo were present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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133 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve this petition.

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135 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

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137 Motion passed unanimously.

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139 **Srinivasa Nallapati- Request for Extension**

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141 **This request was tabled until the next meeting for consideration of the**
142 **responsible veterinarian and a letter from Dr. Nallapati's doctor.**

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144 **PROBATION**

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146 **Phillip Hammock, DVM**

2018-052019

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148 Dr. Hammock was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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150 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to accept this probation appearance.

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152 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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154 Motion passed unanimously.

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156 **Alicia Gutierrez, DVM**

2019-050394

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158 Dr. Gutierrez was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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162 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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164 Motion passed unanimously.

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166 **Mohammad Hassan, DVM**

2018-004156

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168 Dr. Hassan was present and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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170 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to accept this probation appearance and to
171 add additional records pull before the end of probation.

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173 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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175 Motion passed unanimously.

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177 **Larry Britt, DVM**

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179 Dr. Britt was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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183 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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185 Motion passed unanimously.

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187 **Michael Elpert, DVM**

2019-007595

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189 Dr. Elpert and Attorney Ed Bayo were present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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191 Attorney Bayo made a request to the board to grant an extension of time to March 31,
192 2021 to Dr. Elpert to find a monitoring veterinarian.

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

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196 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to deny this request.

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198 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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200 The board chairman called a vote.

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202 Dr. Leonard- no, Dr. Nelson- no, Dr. Powell- no, Dr. Smith- no, Dr. Cabrera- no, Ms.
203 Inzina- no, Ms. Johnson- no

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205 Motion passed unanimously.

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

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209 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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211 Motion passed unanimously.

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213 **RULES**

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- **Proposed Rule Language for Discipline**
 - (i) Medical Records Probation: When the violation is related to the failure to keep adequate medical records the Board may impose probation as specified below to monitor and improve the respondent's medical record keeping. 1. The probationer shall complete an approved continuing education course on Medical Record Keeping of at least 4 hours within 30 days of the final order. Respondent must submit information on the course to be taken to the Board Office and it must be approved by the Board Chairman or his designee before the respondent takes the course. 2. As a condition of probation, Respondent shall submit themselves to two (2) unannounced collections of medical records by a Department investigator per year during Respondent's probationary period. During each collection, the Department investigator shall be permitted to select and copy, at the Respondent's expense, the medical records of five (5) patients of the investigator's choosing; said records shall be submitted to the Board office for review and approval by a board member assigned by the Board Chairman. Respondent shall facilitate said inspections in whatever manner required by the Department. Records must include records that were created on or after the date of the final order. 3. If the reviewer finds records to be not in compliance with rule 61G18-18.002, F.A.C. a copy of the reviewers report will be provided to the Respondent and the Board and the resopponent will be required to appear for an additional probation appearance at the next regularly schedule meeting of the Board. Continued findings of violations of rule 61G18-18.002, F.A.C. may result in further disciplinary action. 4. Probationer shall appear before the Board at the first meeting after the probation commences, at the last meeting of the Board preceding termination of probation, and at such other times as requested by the Board. 5. In the event Probationer leaves the State of Florida for a period of thirty days or more, or otherwise does not engage in practice in Florida, Probationer's probation shall be tolled and shall remain in a tolled status until Probationer returns to active practice in the State of Florida, at which time the probationary status shall resume. Probationer must keep current residence and business address on file with the Board. Probationer shall notify the Board within ten (10) days of any changes of said addresses.

After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

MOTION: Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the rule with language as provided.

SECOND: Dr. Cabrera.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion that there was no adverse financial impact in excess of \$200,000 in one year or \$500,000 over five years and no Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs was required.

The board chairman called a vote.

261 Dr. Leonard-no, Dr. Nelson- no, Dr. Powell- no, Dr. Smith- no, Dr. Cabrera- no, Ms.
262 Inzina- no, Ms. Johnson- no

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264 Motion passed unanimously.

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266 **MOTION:** Motion that this would be considered a minor violation.

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268 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell

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270 **The board chairman called a vote.**

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272 Dr. Leonard-no, Dr. Nelson- no, Dr. Powell- no, Dr. Smith- no, Dr. Cabrera- no, Ms.
273 Inzina- no, Ms. Johnson- no

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275 **REPORTS**

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277 **Board Counsel Report- Rachelle Munson**

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279 Verbal Report

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281 **Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie**

282 Executive Director Christie gave a verbal report on potential meeting dates and
283 locations.

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285 **Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson**

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287 Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board.

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

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291 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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293 Motion passed unanimously.

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295 **Ratification of Applications**

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297 **Licenses**

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299 Dr. Smith is recused from voting on license applications.

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301 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the list of applications.

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303 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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305 Motion passed unanimously.
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307 **Continuing Education**
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309 **MOTION:** Dr. Cabrera made a motion to approve the list of continuing education
310 courses.
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312 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.
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314 Motion passed unanimously.
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316 **OLD BUSINESS**
317 **None**
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319 **PUBLIC COMMENT**
320 Florida Veterinary Technicians provided a report of their recent activities.
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322 **NEW BUSINESS**
323 **AAVSB**
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325 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**
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327 Ms. Senn called the probation roll and all were present.
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329 Phillip Hammock, DVM
330 Alicia Gutierrez, DVM
331 Mahammas Hassan, DVM
332 Larry Britt, DVM
333 Michael Elpert, DVM
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335 **Next Meeting- June 18, 2021**
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337 **ADJOURN**
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339 The meeting adjourned at 11:28 A.M.
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