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**Board of Veterinary Medicine
General Business Meeting
Teleconference
April 1, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Leonard, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
Ed Tellechea, Board Counsel
Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney
Amanda Senn, Government Analyst
For The Record Reporting- 850-222-5491

- A. THE FULL TEXT FOR THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:
61G18ER20-2 Licensure by Examination; Demonstration of Knowledge of Laws and Rules. Applicants for licensure by examination who submit their applications for licensure as a Florida Veterinarian to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation prior January 1, 2021, may, in lieu of passing the laws and rules examination set forth in Rule 61G18-11.002(3), Florida Administrative Code, successfully complete an on-line course or courses, approved by the Board, that addresses the following subject areas: the Veterinary Medical Practice Act, Chapter 474, F.S.; Chapter 455, F.S., relating to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; Division 61G18, F.A.C., the rules promulgated by the Board of Veterinary Medicine; Chapters 465, 499, 585, 828

45 and 893, F.S.; and the most recent revision of the “Practitioner’s Manual,” an
46 informational outline of the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, published by the
47 Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice.
48 Rulemaking Authority: 474.206, 474.207, 455.217, FS. Law Implemented:
49 455.217, 474.207, FS. History—New.

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51 THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING FILED WITH THE
52 DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED
53 IN THE RULE.

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55 B. THE FULL TEXT OF THE EMERGENCY RULE IS:
56 61G ER20-1 Continuing Education for the 2018-2020 Biennial Renewal. For
57 the 2018-2020 biennial renewal period, licensees are permitted to obtain all 30
58 hours of continuing professional education credits from non-interactive
59 correspondence/distance learning courses.
60 Rulemaking Authority: 474.206, 474.211, FS. Law Implemented: 455.2133,
61 455.2177, 474.211, FS. History—New.

62 THIS RULE TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING FILED WITH THE
63 DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED
64 IN THE RULE.

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66 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve both emergency rules with the
67 language as provided.

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69 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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71 The board chairman called a vote.

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73 Dr. Leonard- yes, Dr. Nelson- yes, Dr. Smith-yes, Dr. Cabrera- yes, Ms. Inzina-yes, Ms.
74 Johnson- yes

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76 Motion passed unanimously.

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78 **MOTION:** Dr. Powell made a motion to Notice Rule 61G18Er 20-2 for development.

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80 **SECOND:** Dr. Smith.

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82 Motion passed unanimously.

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

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88 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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90 **Motion passed unanimously.**

91 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion that this would not be considered a minor
92 violation.

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94 **SECOND:** Dr. Cabrera.

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96 Motion passed unanimously.

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98 The rule will sunset January 1, 2021.

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100 **Public Comment**

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102 Mr. Edwin Bayo and Mr. Philip Hinkle addressed the Board on behalf of the Florida
103 Veterinary Medical Association.

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105 **ADJOURN**

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107 The meeting adjourned at 11:37 A.M.