

1 **MINUTES**

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3 **Board of Veterinary Medicine**
4 **General Business Meeting**
5 **Hampton Inn and Suites**
6 **80 Beach Drive NE**
7 **St. Petersburg, FL 33701**

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9 **June 7, 2016**

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11 **CALL TO ORDER**

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13 Dr. Parratto-Wagner, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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15 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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17 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

18 Dr. Nanette Parratto-Wagner, Chair
19 Dr. Robert B. Leonard, Jr.
20 Dr. Harvey Partridge
21 Suzanne S. Inzina
22 Connie Johnson

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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

25 Dr. Terry Spencer, Vice Chair - Excused
26 Dr. Robert R. Hase, Jr. - Excused

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28 **OTHERS PRESENT**

29 Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director
30 Clark Jennings, Board Counsel
31 Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney
32 Nicole Myers, Government Analyst
33 Integra Reporting Group, LLC 813-868-5130

34 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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36 Dr. Parratto-Wagner asked Ms. Myers to call the roll.

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38 The following probationers were present;

39 Larry Britt, DVM
40 James Carrier, DVM
41 Walter Kallenbach, DVM
42 Douglas Shearer, DVM
43 Gene Rinderknecht, DVM
44 Orlando Paralicci, DVM

45 Ram Prasad, DVM
46 Haydee Perez-Tirse, DVM
47 Thomas Fish, DVM
48 Andrew Newman, DVM

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50 **ELECTION**

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52 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to nominate Dr. Parratto-Wagner as chair and
53 Dr. Spencer to vice chair.

54 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina
55 Motion passed unanimously.

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57 **APPROVAL OF March 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

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59 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to approve the minutes.

60 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson
61 Motion passed unanimously.

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63 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

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65 **Edward Dunham, DVM**
66 **Case number 2015-014661**
67 **VM 1216**

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69 Dr. Dunham was not present nor represented by counsel.

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71 Dr. Hase was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.

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73 Dr. Dunham was charged with violation of 455.227 (1) (b), F.S., having a license or the
74 authority to practice veterinary medicine revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted
75 against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction.

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

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79 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as
80 presented. The stipulation includes relinquishment of license.

81 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson
82 Motion passed unanimously.

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84 **Richard D'Amico, DVM**
85 **Case number 2015-002986**
86 **VM 12269**

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88 Dr. D'Amico was present and sworn in by the court reporter and not represented by
89 counsel.

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91 Dr. Hase and Dr. Leonard were recused due to their participation on the probable cause
92 panel.

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94 Dr. D'Amico was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (r), F.S., by committing
95 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice veterinary medicine with that level of
96 care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as
97 being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances and violation of 474.214
98 (1) (ee), F.S., failing to keep contemporaneously written medical records as required by
99 rule of the Board.

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

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103 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the findings of facts as stated in the
104 administrative complaint as those of the Board.

105 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina
106 Motion passed unanimously.

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108 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the conclusion of laws in the
109 administrative complaint as those of the Board.

110 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.
111 Motion passed unanimously.

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113 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to impose a fine of \$2000 and costs of
114 \$353.16 to be paid within 30 days of filing; 2 years of probation with
115 attendance at 2 meetings, this appearance counts as the 1st appearance;
116 4 hours of continuing education to include 2 hours Medical Records, and 2
117 hours of Small Animal Spay and Neuter Surgery. Dr. Spencer will
118 approve the continuing education courses.

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120 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.
121 Motion passed unanimously.

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123 **Abdel Hakim Hamici, DVM**
124 **Case number 2015-018347**
125 **VM 9477**

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127 Dr. Hamici was present and represented by counsel Bryan Reynolds, Esq.

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129 Dr. Leonard was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.

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131 Dr. Hamici was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (r), F.S., by committing
132 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice veterinary medicine with that level of
133 care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as
134 being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances and violation of 474.214

135 (1) (ee), F.S., failing to keep contemporaneously written medical records as required by
136 rule of the Board.

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

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140 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as
141 presented.

142 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.

143 Motion passed unanimously.

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145 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to impose a fine of \$4000 and costs of
146 \$876.86 to be paid within 30 days of filing; 3 years of probation with attendance at 2
147 meetings annually, this appearance counts as the 1st; 11 hours of continuing education
148 to include 2 hours of Dentistry, 2 hours of Laws and Rules, 2 hours Medical Records,
149 and 2 hours of Cardiology, 2 hours of Anesthesia, and 1 hour of Client Communication.
150 Dr. Spencer will approve the continuing education courses.

151 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

152 Motion passed unanimously.

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154 Dr. Hamici accepted the counter offer on the record.

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156 **Cassandra Lee Novak, DVM**

157 **Case number 2015-003738**

158 **VM 11228**

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160 Dr. Novak was present represented by counsel Bryan Reynolds, Esq.

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162 Dr. Hase was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.

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164 Dr. Novak was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (ee), F.S., failing to keep
165 contemporaneously written medical records as required by rule of the Board.

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

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168 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as
169 presented. The stipulation includes \$542.40 in costs and \$2,000 in fines to be paid
170 within 30 days of order. 1 year of probation with one appearance. Today's appearance
171 counts as the one required appearance.

172 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.

173 Motion passed unanimously.

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175 **Paul Bromberg, DVM**

176 **Case number 2015-025280**

177 **VM 8777**

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179 Dr. Bromberg was present and represented by counsel Bryan Reynolds, Esq.

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181 Dr. Leonard was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.
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183 Dr. Bromberg was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (r), F.S., by committing
184 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice veterinary medicine with that level of
185 care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as
186 being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances and violation of 474.214
187 (1) (ee), F.S., failing to keep contemporaneously written medical records as required by
188 rule of the Board.

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

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192 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as
193 presented. The stipulation includes \$370.33 in costs and \$4,000 in fines to be paid
194 within 30 days of order. 2 years of non-reporting probation.

195 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.
196 Motion passed unanimously.

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198 **Rafael Gomara, DVM**
199 **Case number 2015-009083**
200 **VM 8777**

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202 Dr. Gomara was present and represented by counsel Kaitlyn Cupp, Esq.

203
204 Dr. Hase was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.

205
206 Dr. Gomara was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (r), F.S., by committing
207 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice veterinary medicine with that level of
208 care, skill, and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as
209 being acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances and violation of 474.214
210 (1) (ee), F.S., failing to keep contemporaneously written medical records as required by
211 rule of the Board.

212
213 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.

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215 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made a motion to reject the settlement stipulation as
216 presented.

217 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.
218 Motion passed unanimously.

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220 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to reinstate Count 1, impose a fine of \$2000
221 and costs of \$665.92 to be paid within 30 days of filing; 2 years of probation with
222 attendance at 2 meetings annually, this appearance counts as the 1st; 5 hours of
223 continuing education to include 2 hours Medical Records, 2 hours of Small Animal

224 Renal Disease, and 1 hour of Client Communication. Dr. Spencer will approve the
225 continuing education courses.

226 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

227 Motion passed unanimously.

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229 Dr. Gomara accepted the counter offer on the record.

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231 **Motion for Waiver of Rights and Final Order**

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233 **Eric C. Schnirman, DVM**

234 **Case number 2015-030583**

235 **VM 7323**

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237 Dr. Schnirman was not present and not represented by counsel.

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239 Dr. Leonard was recused due to his participation on the probable cause panel.

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241 Dr. Schnirman was charged with violation of 474.214 (1) (q), F.S., permitting or allowing
242 another to use a veterinarian's license for the purpose of treating or offering to treat
243 animals.

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

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247 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to state Dr. Schnirman was served
248 properly and waived his rights.

249 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina

250 Motion passed unanimously

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252 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to accept the findings of facts as
253 stated in the administrative complaint as those of the Board.

254 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina

255 Motion passed unanimously.

256

257 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to accept the conclusion of laws in
258 the administrative complaint as those of the Board.

259 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

260 Motion passed unanimously.

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262 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to impose a fine of \$3000 and costs
263 of \$201.04 to be paid within 30 days of filing.

264 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

265 Motion passed unanimously.

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269 **Review/Approval of Applications**

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271 **Nicholas Vitale, DVM – Endorsement Application**

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273 Dr. Vitale was not present and not represented by counsel.

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

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277 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the application contingent of
278 satisfactory report from PRN and one board meeting appearance.

279 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.

280 Motion Passed Unanimously.

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282 **Petition for Variance or Waiver**

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284 Dr. Rebecca McIntosh was present and sworn in by court reporter and represented by
285 counsel Paul Drake, Esq.

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287 After discussion Dr. McIntosh withdrew the petition.

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289 **Motion for Extension of Time**

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291 **Scott Langton, DVM**

292 **Case number 2014-024012**

293 **VM 8037**

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295 Dr. Langton was not present and represented by counsel Paul Drake, Esq.

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297 After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

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299 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to accept the motion for extension of time.
300 The motion will extend the payment of fine and costs until August 6, 2016.

301 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

302 Motion passed unanimously.

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304 **Reconsideration of Final Order**

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306 **Kay Wicinas, DVM**

307 **VM 13458**

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309 Dr. Wicinas was not present and represented by counsel.

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311 After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

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313 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to extend the probation until
314 September 2016 meeting appearance.

315 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
316 Motion passed unanimously.

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318 **Reconsideration of Final Order**

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320 **Christopher Knopp, DVM**
321 **VM 12455**

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323 Dr. Knopp was not present and represented by counsel.

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325 After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

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327 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to extend the probation until
328 September 2016 meeting appearance.

329 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.
330 Motion passed unanimously.

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332 **PROBATION**

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334 **Larry Britt, DVM**

335 Dr. Britt was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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337 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to on accept Dr. Britt's probation appearance.

338 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
339 Motion passed unanimously.

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341 **James Carrier, DVM**

342 Dr. Carrier was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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344 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to accept Dr. Carrier's probation appearance.

345 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.
346 Motion passed unanimously.

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348 **Walter Kallenbach, DVM**

349 Dr. Kallenbach was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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351 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion accept Dr. Kallenbach's probation
352 appearance.

353 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
354 Motion passed unanimously.

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356 **Douglas Shearer, DVM**

357 Dr. Shearer was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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359 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto Wagner made a motion to accept Dr. Shearer's probation
360 appearance and require an appearance in September after record pull.

361 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.
362 Motion passed unanimously.

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364 **Gene Rinderknecht, DVM**
365 Dr. Rinderknecht was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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367 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion accept Dr. Rinderknecht's probation
368 appearance.

369 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.
370 Motion passed unanimously.

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372 **Orlando Paralicci, DVM**
373 Dr. Paralicci was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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375 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion accept Dr. Paralicci's probation
376 appearance.

377 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
378 Motion passed unanimously.

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380 **Ram Prasad, DVM**
381 Dr. Prasad was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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383 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion accept Dr. Prasad's probation appearance.

384 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
385 Motion passed unanimously.

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387 **Haydee Perez-Tirse, DVM**
388 Dr. Perez-Tirse was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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390 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion accept Dr. Perez-Tirse's probation
391 appearance.

392 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge
393 Motion passed unanimously.

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395 **Thomas Fish, DVM**
396 Dr. Fish was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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398 **MOTION:** Ms. Inzina made a motion accept Dr. Fish's probation appearance.

399 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
400 Motion passed unanimously.

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403 **Andrew Newman, DVM**
404 Dr. Newman was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.
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406 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion accept Dr. Newman's probation appearance.
407 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.
408 Motion passed unanimously.

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410 **RATIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS**

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412 **Licenses**

413 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to accept the licensure list.
414 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.
415 Motion passed unanimously.

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417 **Continuing Education**

418 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept the continuing education list.
419 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
420 Motion passed unanimously.

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422 **REPORTS**

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424 **Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie**

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426 Ms. Christie reviewed the dates of future meetings. September 20th in Gainesville,
427 December 6th in Amelia Island, March 2017 in Orlando, June 2017 in St. Petersburg,
428 and September 2017 in Ft. Lauderdale.

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430 **Exam Results**

431 Ms. Christie reviewed the pass and fail exam results with the board.

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433 **Enforcement Report**

434 Ms. Christie reviewed the inspection and complaint report with the board.

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436 **Board counsel – Clark Jennings**

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438 Mr. Jennings stated Rule 61G18-12.002 Examination and Reexamination Fees and
439 Rule 61G18-30.003 Citations were adopted on 06/07/2016. Rule 61G18-14.003
440 Endorsement Definitions had a technical change.

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442 **Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson**

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444 Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board. She stated the case numbers have
445 decreased. She reported public and private cases as of 06/02/2016.

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447 **MOTION:** Dr. Parratto-Wagner made a motion to continue case list.

448 **SECOND:** Dr. Leonard.
449 Motion passed unanimously.

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451 **Board Chair – Dr. Parratto-Wagner**

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453 Dr. Parratto-Wagner stated there are available positions with AAVSB and encouraged
454 veterinarians to become active and involved.

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456 **OLD BUSINESS**

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458 Presentation by Dr. Jerry Gardner from Elite CE

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460 **NEW BUSINESS**

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462 The Board approved Dr. Hase to attend the AAVSB Conference.

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464 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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466 Carrie Jo Anderson of the Florida Veterinary Technician Association addressed the
467 Board and provided the members an update on the association certification program.

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469 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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471 Ms. Myers called the probation roll and all were present.

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473 **ADJOURN**

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475 The meeting adjourned at 1:14 P.M.