

1 **MINUTES**

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3 **Board of Veterinary Medicine**  
4 **General Business Meeting**  
5 **Residence Inn Amelia Island**  
6 **2301 Sadler Road**  
7 **Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034**  
8 **December 1, 2017**  
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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Dr. Leonard, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.  
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14 **Pledge of Allegiance**

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16 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

17 Dr. Robert B. Leonard, Jr., Chair  
18 Dr. Robert R. Hase, Jr., Vice - Chair  
19 Dr. Harvey Partridge  
20 Dr. Sharon Powell  
21 Dr. Rudd Nelson  
22 Ms. Connie Johnson  
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24 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

25 Ms. Suzanne Inzina- Excused  
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27 **OTHERS PRESENT**

28 Ruthanne Christie, Executive Director  
29 Clark Jennings, Board Counsel  
30 Elizabeth Henderson, Prosecuting Attorney  
31 Amanda Senn, Government Analyst  
32 Precision Court Reporting, LLC, (904) 629-5310

33 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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35 Dr. Leonard asked Mrs. Senn to call the roll.  
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37 The following probationers were present;

38 Greg Murray, DVM  
39 Kevin Brophy, DVM  
40 Kim Voisine, DVM  
41 Larry Britt, DVM  
42 Gene Rinderknecht, DVM  
43 Rafael Gomara, DVM

44 Kuria Muchemi, DVM  
45 Roger Swearingen, DVM  
46 Ram Prasad, DVM  
47 Haydee Perez-Tirse, DVM  
48 Ernest Balogh, DVM  
49 Douglas Shearer, DVM  
50 Tanya Marie Higgins, DVM  
51 Donald Kanfer, DVM  
52 Anthony Weirather, DVM

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54 **APPROVAL OF June 20, 2017 and September 26, 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

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56 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the June 20, 2017 minutes.

57 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.

58 Motion passed unanimously.

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60 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve the September 26, 2017 minutes.

61 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

62 Motion passed unanimously.

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64 **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

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66 **An D. Nguyen, DVM**

67 **Case number 2016-011079**

68 **VM 10854**

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70 Dr. Nguyen was present and represented by Attorney Ed Bayo.

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

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75 Dr. Nguyen was charged with violation of 474.214, F.S., "being guilty of incompetence  
76 or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill, and treatment  
77 which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being acceptable under  
78 similar conditions and circumstances."

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80 Dr. Nguyen was charged with violation of 474.214(1)(ee), "failing to keep  
81 contemporaneously written records as required by rule of the Board."

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

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85 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as presented.

86 The stipulation includes \$1000.00 fine and \$532.86 in costs with CE courses to be

87 approved by Dr. Hase before completion. This appearance before the board counted as  
88 first and last appearance.

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90 **SECOND:** Dr. Partidge.  
91 Motion passed unanimously.

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93 **Christopher Carrier, DVM**  
94 **Case number 2015-017033**  
95 **VM 9303**

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97 Dr. Carrier was present without counsel of record and was sworn in by the court  
98 reporter.

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100 Dr. Powell was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

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102 Dr. Carrier was charged with violation of 414.214(1)(dd), F.S. "failing to perform any  
103 statutory or legal obligation placed upon the licensee."

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

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107 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made the motion to reject the settlement stipulation as presented  
108 to the Board.

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110 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

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112 Motion passed unanimously.

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114 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made the motion for \$3000.00 in fines and \$318.89 in costs,  
115 with probation for 5 years with one appearance per year. This appearance would count  
116 as the first appearance.

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118 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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120 Motion passed unanimously.

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122 **Joanne Hughes Bair, DVM**  
123 **Case number 2016-033632**  
124 **VM 10012**

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126 Dr. Bair was present and represented by Attorney Ed Bayo. Both were sworn in.

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

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130 Dr. Bair was charged with violation of 474.214(1)(ee), "failing to keep  
131 contemporaneously written records as required by rule of the Board."  
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133 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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135 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the settlement stipulation as  
136 presented. The stipulation includes a fine of \$1500.00 and costs of \$276.01 to be paid  
137 within 30 days of the filing of the final order. CE courses must be approved by Dr. Hase  
138 prior to completion. This appearance before the board counts as the only appearance  
139 for Dr. Bair.  
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141 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.  
142 Motion passed unanimously.  
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144 **Kenneth St. John, DVM**  
145 **Case number 2016-041073**  
146 **VM 2963**  
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148 Dr. St. John was not present at the meeting  
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150 Dr. Powell was recused from this case due to her participation on the Probable Cause  
151 Panel.  
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153 Dr. St. John was charged with violations of Section 474.214(r) F.S., "being guilty of  
154 incompetence or negligence by failing to practice medicine with that level of care, skill,  
155 and treatment which is recognized by a reasonably prudent veterinarian as being  
156 acceptable under similar conditions and circumstances." And 474.214(1)(ee), "failing to  
157 keep contemporaneously written records as required by rule of the Board."  
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159 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made the motion to accept the conclusions of law.  
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161 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
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163 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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165 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made that there were no issues of disputed facts.  
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167 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
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169 Motion passed unanimously.  
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171 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made the motion for \$4000.00 in fines and \$830.19 in costs with  
172 2 years probation. During the probationary period, Dr. St. John will be required to  
173 complete courses in the following areas; 2 hours of neurological, 2 hours of tick borne

174 diseases, 2 hours of food borne diseases in dogs, and 2 hours of medical records in  
175 addition to regular CE hours. There will also be a records inspection performed prior to  
176 the March 2018 Board meeting with a total of 5 records to be reviewed by the  
177 department.

178 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.  
179 Motion passed unanimously.

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### 181 **Review/Approval of Applications**

#### 182 **Kelly Wilson, DVM – Initial License by Endorsement**

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184 Dr. Wilson was present and was sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Wilson agreed to  
185 switch her application from endorsement to examination.

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

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189 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to issue Dr. Wilson’s license contingent on a 5  
190 year contract with PRN and a letter from PRN confirming she is safe to practice after  
191 12/27/2017 drug test .

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193 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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195 Motion passed unanimously.

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#### 197 **Catherine Allinovi, DVM – Initial License by Exam**

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199 Dr. Allinovi was present and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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201 After discussion by the board, Dr. Allinovi agreed to withdraw her application for  
202 licensure.

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#### 204 **Hannah Newman, DVM, - Initial License by Examination**

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206 Ms. Newman was present with Attorney Bisbee and sworn in by the court reporter.

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

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210 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made the motion to approve the application for Ms. Newman  
211 contingent on a 5 year contract with PRN and a letter from PRN stating she is safe to  
212 practice.

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214 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

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216 Motion passed unanimously.

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218 **Genet Bahiru- Request to retake NAVLE**

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220 Bahiru was not present at the meeting.

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

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224 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made the motion to approve the request to retake the NAVLE  
225 exam.

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227 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.  
228 Motion passed unanimously.

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230 **Jessica Gould, DVM- Initial by Examination**

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232 Dr. Gould was present and represented by Attorney Rominick.

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

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236 **MOTION:** Dr. Partridge made the motion to approve this application.

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238 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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240 Motion passed unanimously.

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242 **Kenneth McMillan-Initial by Endorsement**

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244 Dr. McMillan was not present at the meeting.

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

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

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250 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

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252 Motion passed unanimously.

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254 **PROBATION**

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256 **Gregory Murray, DVM**

257 Dr. Murray was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.

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259 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Murray's probation appearance and  
260 made the following requests of Dr. Murray. Written request to the Board for  
261 reinstatement of the stay of suspension on your license, a current evaluation by

262 Professionals Resource Network, Inc. (P.R.N.), proof of current signed contract with  
263 Professionals Resource Network, Inc. (P.R.N.), proof of completion of the required 30 hours  
264 of continuing education for license renewal, within the last 2 years, name, license number  
265 and contact information for proposed supervising veterinarian, and proposed schedule of  
266 work hours and supervision schedule.  
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268 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.  
269 Motion passed unanimously.  
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271 **Kevin Brophy, DVM**

272 Dr. Brophy was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter..  
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274 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept Dr. Brophy's probation appearance.

275 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

276 Motion passed unanimously.  
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278 **Kim Voisine, DVM**

279 Dr. Voisine was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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281 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Voisine's probation appearance.

282 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

283 Motion passed unanimously.  
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285 **Larry Britt, DVM**

286 Dr. Britt was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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288 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion accept Dr. Britt's probation appearance.

289 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

290 Motion passed unanimously.  
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292 **Gene Rinderknecht, DVM**

293 Dr. Rinderknecht was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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295 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion accept Dr. Gregory's probation appearance and  
296 to count the September board meeting that was cancelled and consider  
297 Dr. Rinderknecht in compliance with the final order.  
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299 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.

300 Motion passed unanimously.  
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302 **Rafael Gomara, DVM**

303 Dr. Gomara was present at the meeting was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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305 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Gomara's appearance and  
306 reminded him of the 2 hours of small animal renal disease CE he has remaining.

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308 **SECOND:** Ms. Powell.  
309 Motion passed unanimously.  
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311 **Kuria Muchemi, DVM**  
312 Dr. Muchemi was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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315 After discussion by the board the following motions were made.  
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317 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Dr. Muchemi's appearance  
318 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.  
319 Motion passed unanimously.  
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321 **Richard Jaffe, DVM**  
322 Dr. Jaffe was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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324 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion accept Dr. Jaffe's probation appearance.  
325 **SECOND:** Ms. Inzina.  
326 Motion passed unanimously.  
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328 **Roger Swearingen, DVM**  
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330 Dr. Swearingen was present at the meeting and was sworn in by the court reporter.  
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332 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Swearingen's probation  
333 appearance.  
334 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.  
335 Motion passed unanimously.  
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337 **Thomas Fish, DVM**  
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339 Dr. Fish was not present at the meeting.  
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341 **Ram Prasad, DVM**  
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343 Dr. Prasad was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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345 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept Dr. Prasad's appearance.  
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347 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.  
348 Motion passed unanimously.  
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350 **Haydee Perez-Tirse, DVM**



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352 Dr. Perez-Tirse was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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354 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Perez-Tirse's appearance.  
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356 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.  
357 Motion passed unanimously.  
358 **Ernest Balogh, DVM**  
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360 Dr. Balogh was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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362 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept Dr. Balogh's appearance.  
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364 **SECOND:** Dr. Hase  
365 Motion passed unanimously.  
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367 **Douglas Shearer, DVM**  
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369 Dr. Shearer was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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371 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept Dr. Shearer's appearance.  
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373 **SECOND:** Dr. Nelson.  
374 Motion passed unanimously.  
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376 **Tanya Marie Higgins, DVM**  
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378 Dr. Higgins was present and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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380 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made a motion to accept Dr. Higgins appearance.  
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382 **SECOND:** Dr. Hase.  
383 Motion passed unanimously.  
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385 **Donald Kanfer, DVM**  
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387 Dr. Kanfer was present at the meeting and sworn in by the court reporter.  
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389 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made the motion to accept this appearance and to extend Dr.  
390 Kanfer's probation until 3/1/17 in order to complete required CE hours for the final order.  
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392 **SECOND:** Dr. Partridge.  
393 Motion passed unanimously.  
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395 **Anthony Weirather, DVM**

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397 Dr. Weirather was present and sworn in by the court reporter.

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399 **MOTION:** Ms. Johnson made the motion to accept Dr. Weirather's appearance.

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401 **SECOND:** Dr. Hase.

402 Motion passed unanimously.

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## 404 **RATIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS**

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### 406 **Licenses**

407 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept the licensure list.

408 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

409 Motion passed unanimously.

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### 411 **Continuing Education**

412 **MOTION:** Dr. Nelson made a motion to accept the continuing education list.

413 **SECOND:** Dr. Powell.

414 Motion passed unanimously.

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## 416 **REPORTS**

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### 418 **Executive Director – Ruthanne Christie**

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420 Ms. Christie presented an update on the AAVSB conference she attended in  
421 September.

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423 Ms. Christie reviewed the financial reports.

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### 425 **Board counsel – Clark Jennings**

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### 427 **Prosecuting Attorney – Elizabeth Henderson**

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429 Ms. Henderson reviewed her report with the board.

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### 431 **Board Chair – Dr. Leonard**

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## 433 **OLD BUSINESS**

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### 435 **61G18-12.006- \$25 Delinquency Fee**

436 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept rulemaking process, rule development,  
437 and name change.

438 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

439 Motion passed unanimously.

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441 **61G18-15.002- Minimum Standards for Premises Where Veterinary Medicine Is**  
442 **Practiced**

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444 **MOTION:** Dr. Hase made a motion to accept rulemaking process, rule development,  
445 and name change.

446 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

447 Motion passed unanimously.

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449 **NEW BUSINESS**

450 There was discussion about delegating authority for Special Circumstances

451 Authorizations for NAVLE retakes to be presented to the Executive Director and the

452 Chair of the Board.

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454 **MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made the motion to allow the requests to be reviewed by the  
455 Board Chair and Executive Director.

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457 **SECOND:** Ms. Johnson.

458 Motion passed unanimously.

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460 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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462 The Vet Techs Association was present and addressed the board briefly.

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464 **PROBATION ROLL CALL**

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

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468 **ADJOURN**

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470 The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.