

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Third Floor – Hearing Room

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**
Review and approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2016 meeting.

- II. **Department of Public Health Updates**
Investigations Update
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

- III. **Office of Legal Compliance**
Sharon J. Eisen, DVM – Petition No. 2014-1111
Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH

- IV. **Schedule meeting date for September 2016**

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 4, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Alfredo Sanchez-Londono, DVM
Timothy Plunkett, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes – February 23, 2016

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. Department Of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that since the last meeting, 6 cases have been dismissed following review by consultants. There are currently 13 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 5 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Old Business

Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales reported that the draft regulations are being reviewed internally.

IV. New Business

Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision

Memorandum of Decision Adel Saleh, D.V.M. - Petition No. 2014-389

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented. Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health and spoke in opposition to the request to modify the Memorandum of Decision.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny, without prejudice, respondent's request to modify the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Office of Legal Compliance

A. Richard Suhie, DVM – Petition No. 2013-1160

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Liam West.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Neill signed the Order in which imposes a reprimand.

VI. Fact-Finding

John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, that paragraphs 1, 2, 3a, 3b, and 3d of the Statement of Charges were proven by preponderance of the evidence presented and that said conduct is a violation of the standard of care which constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to §20-202(2) of the General Statutes.. Paragraph 3c of the charges was not proven and is dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, that respondent's license be placed on probation for a period of eighteen months during which time respondent must engage the services of a license veterinarian as a practice supervisor. The practice supervisor must submit evaluation reports to the Department of Public Health on a monthly basis for the first six months of the probationary period, quarterly for the remainder. In addition, Respondent's practice is permanently restricted such that he is prohibited from administering rabies vaccinations to any animal and that he is prohibited from delegating the rabies vaccination of any animal which is contradictory to the statutes, regulations or the standard of care for such vaccinations. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine