

*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 Special Meeting on October 13, 2022.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson  
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.  
Lauren Mascola, DVM  
Timothy Plunkett, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Theresa Cianciolo, DVM

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

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Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**I. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Tara Bisesti, DVM – Petition No. 2022-990

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with respondent.

Dr. Plunkett explained a communication he had received from respondent regarding her Consent Order which was approved by the Board during the August 2022 meeting and indicated he could remain impartial in consideration of the Summary Suspension motion and any subsequent proceeding. Attorney Newton and Attorney Moore Leonhardt indicated they did not object to Dr. Plunkett's participation in this matter.

Following discussion Dr. Mascola moved to deny the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a veterinarian is not a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Dr. Plunkett and passed unanimously. A hearing concerning the Statement of Charges will be scheduled for January 25, 2023.

**II. Meeting Schedule**

The Board meeting scheduled for November 2, 2022 is cancelled.

The following meeting dates, subject to change, were scheduled for 2023

January 25, 2023

April 26, 2023

August 30, 2023

October 25, 2023

All meetings will be scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.

**III ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

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