

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 February 4, 2015.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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 9:01\_a.m.

**I. Minutes – November 5, 2014**

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sanchez-Londono, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Department Of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 19 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 10 are being reviewed by consultants. 6 additional cases are waiting for consultant review.

**III. Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance**

Susan Zabohonski (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2013-817

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Sanchez-Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to adopt the Consent Order which requires respondent to cease and desist from practicing without a license. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Old Business**

Review of Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

The Board deferred the review of proposed changes to the regulations for veterinary facilities until the Board's April 1, 2015 meeting.

**V. Adjournment**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 April 27, 2015.

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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 9:31\_a.m.

**I. Minutes – February 4, 2015**

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

**II. Department Of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 17 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 13 are being reviewed by consultants.

**III. Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance**

A. Shelley Lavigne (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2013-816

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Sanchez-Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to adopt the Consent Order which requires respondent to cease and desist from practicing without a license. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Ms. O'Neill.

B. Christopher Blanch, DVM – Petition No. 2013-1024

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sanchez-Londono, to adopt the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Ms. O'Neill.

**IV. New Business**

Ms. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to add discussion of scheduling of the John Robb, DVM hearing to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

No hearing dates will be scheduled until the Assistant Attorney General has had an opportunity to review of respondent's motion to dismiss.

**V. Old Business**

Review of Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the regulations for veterinary facilities with Hearing Officer Morales. Additional review will be necessary at future meetings.

**VI. Adjournment**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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 August 5, 2015.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson - *via telephone*  
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

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

**I. Minutes – April 27, 2015**

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sanchez-Londono, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Ms. O'Neill joined the meeting by telephone at 9:04 a.m.

**II. New Business**

Lapsed Licenses and Dismissals

Christian D. Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations provided an overview of the process by which a practitioner with a lapsed license is reinstated.

Mr. Andresen also explained that the practice of having a Board member review dismissed complaint investigations will be discontinued.

**III. Department Of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 19 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 8 are being reviewed by consultants. 2 additional cases have been referred to the Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance for further review.

The Board discussed with Mr. Griffin the ongoing need for veterinary consultants. Dr. Plunkett suggested that an announcement in the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association's newsletter may be helpful.

Mr. Griffin was asked to provide updates at future meetings

**IV. Office of Licensure Regulation and Compliance**

A. Barbara Hess, DVM – Petition No. 2013-585

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Jason J. Lewellyn was present on behalf of Dr. Hess.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sanchez-Londono, to adopt the Consent Order which imposes reprimand. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Dr. Plunkett.

Ms. O'Neill left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

**V. Administrative Hearing**

The Board held an administrative hearing in the matter of Adel A. Saleh, DVM, Petition No. 2014-389. Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health (DPH). Dr. Saleh was present but was not represented. Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board.

The hearing began at 9:24 a.m. and concluded at 11:10 a.m.

Following the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. On a motion by Dr. Plunkett, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, the Board found that the allegations in the Statement of Charges were proven. The motion passed. Mr. Bernard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sanchez-Londono that respondent's license be placed on probation for 9 months during which he will need to complete course work pertaining to medical record keeping. In addition respondent will be required to have a practice supervisor during the probationary period who will review respondent's recording keeping and issue a report to the DPH every three months. The motion passed.

**VI. Old Business**

Review of Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

The Board reviewed proposed changes to the regulations for veterinary facilities with Hearing Officer Morales. Hearing Officer Morales will forward a draft of the regulations for internal review by the DPH.

**VII. Adjournment**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson  
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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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 9:00 a.m.

**I. Minutes – August 5, 2015**

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, 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 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**

**A. Schedule meeting dates for 2016**

The following meeting dates, subject to change, were scheduled for 2016:

February 3, 2016

February 10, 2016 (snow day)

May 4, 2016

August 3, 2016

November 2, 2016

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**V. Adjournment**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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