

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Wednesday, February 1, 2017 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 November 2, 2016 meeting.

II. **Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

III. **New Business**

A. Veterinary License Examination policy
Stephen Carragher, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

B. John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228
Respondent Motion to Supplement the Record

C. John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228
Memorandum of Decision

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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 November 2, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
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

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

I. Minutes – August 3, 2016

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, 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, 5 new cases have been opened. Currently there are 14 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 9 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Office of Legal Compliance

Mark Baus, DVM - Petition No. 2015-068

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Liam West was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. O'Neill signed the Order.

IV. Fact-Finding

John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales reported that upon the advice of the Office of the Attorney General the Board needs to reopen the fact-finding in this matter regarding the remedy that is to be imposed as well as to address respondent's special defenses and respondent's renewed motion to dismiss which was filed following the close of the hearing.

Mr. Bernhard arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to change the proposed discipline implementing a permanent practice restriction prohibiting the administration of rabies vaccinations to a twenty-five (25) year license probation during which respondent is prohibited from administering rabies vaccinations to any animal for the entire probationary period. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Special Defenses that were filed by respondent.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to deny special defense one. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense two. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense three. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny special defense four. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense five. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny special defense six. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the renewed motion to dismiss filed by responded as part of his closing brief. Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to deny the motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Schedule meeting dates for 2017

The following meeting dates, subject to change, were scheduled for 2017:

February 1, 2017

April 26, 2017

August 16, 2017

November 1, 2017

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

VI. New Business

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to add to the agenda a discussion regarding language in §20-205. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to seek advice from the Assistant Attorney General as to the following:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-205 states in pertinent part that, “[t]he provision of this chapter shall not apply . . . to the owner of any animal or livestock or his or her employee while administering to such animal or livestock.” Does this statute permit owners of animals and livestock and their employees to perform surgery other veterinary medicine procedures on their animals without possessing a license to practice veterinary medicine in Connecticut.

The motion passed unanimously

VII. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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