

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 February 1, 2017.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Theresa Cianciolo, DVM

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

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

I. Minutes – November 2, 2016

Dr. Londono 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, 4 cases have been dismissed following consultant review. Currently there are 15 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH.

III. New Business

A. Veterinary License Examination Policy

Stephen Carragher, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification, Department of Public Health addressed the Board regarding the current veterinary license examination requirements. Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, recommending to the Commissioner of Public Health that the examination requirements in Connecticut be the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE) or the National Board Examination (NBE) and Clinical Competency Test (CCT) in Veterinary Medicine, with the criterion-referenced pass point developed by NAVLE or NEEC and that the pass point for examinations administered prior to December, 1992, is a score equal to or less than one standard deviation below the mean of the national norm group. The motion passed unanimously.

B. John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228

Respondent Motion to Supplement the Record

Assistant Attorney General, Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. The Board reviewed motions filed by respondent on January 11, 2017 and January 30, 2017 asking that the hearing record in this matter to be supplemented by the inclusion of four additional exhibits. The Board also reviewed objections filed by the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, that respondent's motion filed on January 11, 2017 be denied. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernhard, that respondent's motion filed on January 30, 2017 be denied. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Neil signed a ruling denying respondent's motions.

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

Assistant Attorney General, Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

The Board reviewed a draft Memorandum of Decision in this matter.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernhard, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Neill signed the decision which reprimands Dr. Robb's license and places his license on probation for a period of 25 years during which time he is prohibited from administering rabies vaccinations to any animal.

IV. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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