

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 1
HENRICO, VA
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on September 7, 2016, at 1:17 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Board Room 1, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark A. Johson, D.V.M., Chairperson
Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T.

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Lori A. Pasternak, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-007282
Case Nos.: 161620, 161907 & 163355

Discussion: Dr. Pasternak appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated August 10, 2016, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Pasternak was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Pasternak.

Closed Session: Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Lori A. Pasternak, D.V.M.** Additionally, Ms. Halsey moved that Ms. Blount and Ms. Weiss attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Reconvene: Ms. Halsey moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting

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requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Ms. Halsey, and duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and unanimously voted to reprimand Dr. Pasternak and impose a \$1000 monetary penalty to be paid within 30 days of entry of the Order.

ADJOURNMENT:

The hearing adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director