

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
FORMAL HEARINGS
JULY 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 9:15 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

MEMBERS PRESENT: James DeBell DVM
Taryn Singleton, LVT
Constance Pozniak, DVM
Carole Stadfield
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Gasparotto, Administrative Assistant
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division
Ishneila Moore, Assistant Attorney General
Cecile Custer, Enforcement

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Jeffrey L. LaPoint, DVM**
License No.: 0301201913
Case No.: 138118

Dr. LaPoint appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated July 1, 2011. Dr. LaPoint was not represented by counsel. Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ishneila Moore was legal counsel for the Board. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter, Cheri M. Thomas, with Crane-Snead & Associates.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jeffrey L. LaPoint, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Ishneila Moore, Leslie Knachel and Terri Behr attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the

preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, a majority of the Board, with Dr. Pozniak being the dissenting vote, voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as proposed by Mr. Opper and to reinstate the license of Dr. LaPoint subject to the following term. For a period of two years following entry of the Order, Dr. LaPoint must notify the Board when he is practicing in Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Kelly J. Gottschalk, DVM – Vice-President

Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
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JULY 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 11:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Taryn Singleton, LVT
Constance Pozniak, DVM
Carole Stadfield
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Gasparotto, Administrative Assistant
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division
Ishneila Moore, Assistant Attorney General
Susan Beasecker, Enforcement
Keith Dressler, Enforcement

OTHERS PRESENT: Frederick Getty, Esq.
James Debell, DVM

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Michael B. Hall, DVM**
License No.: 0301002146
Case Nos.: 125535 and 125536

Dr. Hall appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated April 5, 2011. Dr. Hall was represented by counsel, Frederick Getty, Esq. Peter Opper, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ishneila Moore was legal counsel for the Board. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter, Cheri M. Thomas, with Crane-Snead & Associates.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Ms. Singleton, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Michael B. Hall, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Ishneila Moore and Leslie Knachel attend

the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as proposed by Mr. Opper and to suspend the license of Dr. Hall and stay the suspension pending the outcome of three unannounced drugs audits over a period of two years from the entry of the Order. Dr. Hall will be responsible for all costs associated with the drug audits

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Kelly J. Gottschalk, DVM – Vice-President

Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, Executive Director