

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
FORMAL HEARING MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
BOARD ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
March 5, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 1:31 p.m., on March 5, 2020, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M., President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.
Steve Karras, D.V.M.

QUORUM: With four members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director
Celia Wilson, Operations Administrative Assistant

BOARD COUNSEL: Charis A. Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General

COURT REPORTER: Sheldon Poe, County Court Reporters, Inc.

PARTIES ON BEHALF OF THE COMMONWEALTH: James E. Schliessmann, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Michelle Guilfoyle-Douglass, Adjudication Specialist,
Administrative Proceedings Division

COMMONWEALTH WITNESSES: Sherry Foster, Regional Manager-Central, Division of Enforcement

RESPONDENT WITNESSES: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Watson, Cats of Brunswick
Vicky Allen, Halifax Dog Squad
Tom Owen
Claude Cordle
Ohara Martin
Cassie Boyd, Sweet Virginia Barn Cats
Vicky Burnette, Sweet Virginia Barn Cats
Mac Burnette, Sweet Virginia Barn Cats

Grace Seymour, Nottoway Allies for Paws
Harry Seymour Nottoway Allies for Paws
Beu Menier, Stray Haven Rescue
Lacy Will
Stephanie Ferrugia
Marsha Owen

MATTER SCHEDULED:

William. W. Will, Veterinarian
License No.: 0301-001190
Case No.: 183234

Dr. Will appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing dated February 4, 2020. He was not represented by counsel. The Board received evidence from the Commonwealth and from Dr. Will regarding the allegations in the Notice.

CLOSED SESSION:

Dr. Karras moved that the Board convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia (“Code”) for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **William W. Will, Veterinarian**. Additionally, he moved that Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Knachel attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Dr. Karras moved that the Board certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting 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 Board reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Dr. Karras moved to indefinitely suspend the license of Dr. Will. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order that will be sent to Dr. Will at his address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions and decision of this quorum of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M., President

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H., Executive Director