

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
DECEMBER 16, 2016**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) was convened on December 16, 2016, at 1:06 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T., Chairperson
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Terri H. Behr, Discipline/Compliance Specialist
Amy E. Weiss, Adjudication Specialist
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Tamara Mandel
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Maxwell Mandel, D.V.M.**
License No.: 0301-001435
Case No.: 161511
- Discussion:** Dr. Mandel appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated September 16, 2016, and a letter dated October 5, 2016, to inquire into allegations that he may have violated certain laws and regulations governing veterinary practice in Virginia. Dr. Mandel was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Dr. Mandel.
- Closed Session:** Dr. Johnson 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 **Maxwell Mandel, D.V.M.** Additionally, Dr. Johnson 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.

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Reconvene:

Dr. Johnson moved that the Committee 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 Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

DECISION:

Ms. Weiss read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made by the Committee. Ms. Weiss also reported that the Committee decided to require Dr. Mandel to provide the Board with signed written verification that he has read and understood the laws and regulations of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine, and that he be subject to a random inspection of his medical records within one year of the date of entry of the Board's Order.

Upon a motion by Dr. Johnson, and duly seconded by Ms. Halsey, the Committee voted to accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and decision as read by Ms. Weiss.

ADJOURNMENT:

The hearing adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T., Chairperson

Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director