

Supplement Meeting Materials for 12/4/2025

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of Will Walden's application for a Florida trainers license. I have followed Will's journey since high school and realize his application isn't straightforward. I want to focus on where he is now with his life and profession.

Will has overcome the challenges he created through a combination of humility and commitment. He ultimately realized that in order to have a fulfilling life, he had to change. By dedicating himself to improving his own condition, he found a pathway to help others and the horse is the secret ingredient. I am the Stable Recovery (<https://www.stablerecovery.net/>) board chair and have worked directly with Will and a number of his team. He epitomizes what we're doing to help change lives and was a crucial component of our early success.

Will now has an extremely successful stable given the relatively short period of time he has been training. His success is due to a focus on the present combined with natural horsemanship that separates him from others. The stable has grown due to the results and I know Florida would be an important part of his program were he to get licensed.

I strongly endorse Will's license application and would be happy to discuss his situation further if helpful.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Christian Countzler, and I serve as the CEO of Stable Recovery, an equine-assisted long-term recovery program that works with men seeking to rebuild their lives, careers, and character. I am writing to offer my unequivocal support and highest possible recommendation for Will Walden as he seeks reinstatement of his Florida horse training license.

During my years in this field, I have had the honor of walking alongside many men who have fought their way back from addiction. Among them, Will stands out without question. In fact, I can say without hesitation that he is the best graduate I have ever had in my entire recovery career. His transformation has been nothing short of remarkable—not just in terms of his personal sobriety, but in the way he now carries himself, encourages others, and consistently chooses integrity, accountability, and hard work.

Will came into our program determined to change his life, and he followed through on that commitment every single day. He embraced the structure, the horsemanship training, and the personal development required of him. More importantly, he became a leader. He set a standard for what true recovery looks like, both in effort and attitude. Our younger residents often point to him as someone they want to emulate—an influence that cannot be overstated in this line of work.

Everyone has a past, but not everyone takes full responsibility for it and uses it as fuel to become better. Will has. His criminal record may reflect who he once was, but it does not reflect who he is today. If anything, his history makes his success and character all the more meaningful. He has rebuilt trust, regained stability, and demonstrated the kind of daily discipline and humility that the horse industry values deeply.

I firmly believe that Will's reinstatement would not only be appropriate, but beneficial to the Florida racing community. He has earned this opportunity, and he will honor it. The man he is today is someone any organization would be proud to stand behind.

If you require any further information, clarification, or personal testimony, I am more than willing to provide it. Please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,
Christian Countzler
CEO, Stable Recovery