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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS JANUARY 29, 2014 SUSSEX ROOM PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Board President Logan	(X)	()
Board Member Adler	(X)	()
Board Member Gardner	(X)	()
Board Member Giron	()	(X)
Board Member Rosenberg	()	(X)
Board Member Tamassia	(X)	()
Board Member Thornton	(X)	()
Deputy Attorney General Bradford	(X)	()
Isaura Roman, Secretarial Assistant	()	(X)
Executive Director Eisenmenger	(X)	()

Announcement of quorum.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, the Newark, Star Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Bergen Record, Atlantic City Press and the Courier Post.

B. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

December 18, 2013 Public Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the minutes were approved as amended.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Scavelli - provided a response from the NJVMA to the conversation held at the December 2013 meeting concerning the NJVMA request to draft regulations following the enactment of S-2504. The Board discussed the issues again, and received analysis and advice that the statute as enacted is clearly written, and the Board is limited in its ability to draft regulatory language as requested by the NJVMA. The Board is interested in drafting language that would require veterinary facilities to make disclosures to consumers concerning the identity and qualifications of individuals providing veterinary services to their animals.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst

Proposal published in the October 21, 2013 New Jersey Register (at 45 N.J.R. 2324(a)) concerning amending the requirement for applicants to complete a State jurisprudence examination, and instead requiring the completion of an online orientation program on the Board's statutes and regulations. Mr. Manning reported that the Board received no comments from the public during the public comment period.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board voted to adopt the regulations as proposed.

Mr. Manning also discussed the need to amend the fee schedule in the regulations to remove the reference to the \$250 examination fee, as the examination will no longer be included in the application process. He also stated that the Board may consider moderately increasing the application fee in order to balance the budget as required by statute. The Board asked Mr. Manning to research the effect of removing the \$250 examination fee and increasing the application fee from \$75 to \$150.

2. **Assembly Bill No. 1545 (2012-2013)** - Signed by the governor on January 13, 2014 as P.L. 2013, Chapter 182. AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses, revising various parts of the statutory law, and supplementing P.L.1999, c.403 (C.45:1-7.1 et seq.). This new legislation amends, the Uniform Enforcement Act concerning areas of renewal & reinstatement. NJSA 45:1-7-2 & 7.3 have been repealed.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

(None)

F. CREDENTIALING

(None)

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. AAVSB regulation news - This was received as informational.
2. AAVSB nominations for 2014-2015 - On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Tamassia, the Board determined to nominate Mark Logan for the position of AAVSB delegate to the NBVME.
3. AAVSB bylaws amendments - The Board determined to provide a formal request for a bylaw amendment that would provide all of the nominations for officers and other positions to the full delegate convention.

H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION

IMO Dr. Laura Cromal - DAG Bindi Merchant reported on ongoing discussions with Dr. Cromal's attorney following the filing of a Formal Complaint on January 29, 2014. After discussing the matter in executive matter, the Board accepted and filed a Consent Order which had been received and filed by the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners on January 29, 2014.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board accepted Dr. Cromal's Consent Order, and filed it.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

J. NEXT MEETING

The Board will convene in executive session to hold investigative inquiries and to consider new and pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters. Immediately subsequent to executive session the Board will return to open session to vote on those matters resulting in disciplinary action.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

L. ADJOURNMENT