

**NEW JERSEY  
STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Alfred Scerni, Jr., Esq.  
Board Vice President Mark Logan, VMD  
Board Member John G. De Vries, DVM  
Board Member Neil Beeber, DVM  
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD  
Board Member Carolyn Self, DVM

**Absent:** Susan Flores, Secretary to the Executive Director

**Staff present:** Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson  
Deputy Attorney General Olga Bradford

**Public present:** (none)

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Scerni.

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 Star Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Bergen Record and the Courier Post.

**C. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES**

On a motion of Dr. Meirs, seconded by Dr. Beeber and unanimous vote of the Board, the December 10, 2003, public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**1. Bill #2642** - Revised Statute regulating the Practice of Veterinary Medicine - The Board determined to hold discussion of the bill until the next Board meeting.

## **2. Bill #1913 - Establishes Health Care Professional Regulation**

Study Commission and Board of Medical Examiners to take certain actions.

The Board reviewed the Bill #1913 and the following reflects their comments:

The Board questions the necessity for transferring the Health Boards out of the Division of Consumer Affairs. The Board does not understand how the transfer will actually play out in providing more protection for consumers. Furthermore, the Board questions the expenditures that will be made in setting up the "Commission" and is concerned that this will be a waste of money.

The Board can not see how this move will support or enhance regulatory enforcement, in fact, the transfer of all disciplinary actions to the Office of Administrative Law is quite troubling to the Board. They are concerned that the OAL is too limited in resources and personnel to efficiently deal with the hundreds of disciplinary matters that will become their responsibility to investigate.

The Board is concerned that the transfer will ultimately disrupt the entire health board system and how it functions effectively under the auspice of the Division of Consumer Affairs. How will the regulatory mandate of the Medical Board be carried out in the future?

The Veterinary Board, in conclusion, opposes this bill because looking at it from a broad perspective it will not protect the consumers but will add more bureaucratic steps which will increase the burden instead of easing it as the bill seems to imply.

## **E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

Vote for Board Liaison to the Regulatory Department - The Board voted and selected Dr. Mark Logan as Board Liaison to the Regulatory Department.

## **F. CREDENTIALING**

### **Douglas Duane Tack, DVM - Jurisprudence Exam**

On a motion of Dr. DeVries, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote, the Board approved Dr. Tack to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

### **Gerald S. Post, DVM - Jurisprudence Exam**

On a motion of Dr. Self, seconded by Dr. Logan and unanimous vote, the Board approved Dr. Post to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

### **Kristen Scott, DVM - Jurisprudence Exam - Re-review**

On a motion of Dr. Meirs, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote, the Board approved Dr. Scott to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Letter from a Chiropractor, J. Leah Garlan, DC**

The Board reviewed this letter and held from comment until the Board can revisit the issue of whether professionals from ancillary disciplines can treat animals under the supervision of licensed veterinarians.

### **Division of Law Billing**

The Board reviewed the Division of Law Billing and accepted it as informational.

## **H. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 25, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board unanimously moved to executive session to hold investigative inquiries and to consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary matters.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON  
Executive Director

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