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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS MARCH 26, 2014 SOMERSET ROOM PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset 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)	()

Public present: Mrs. Patricia Scavelli, Liaison
New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association and Mr.
Kevin Moore

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

On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on February 26, 2014, and ratified the recommendation to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2014.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Scavelli, NJVMA - the NJVMA is interested in obtaining a list of new licensees in order to offer them membership in the NJVMA.

Medical records in an electronic format the NJVMA is working on developing a list of formal guidelines that would help licensees to comply with the patient records requirements. The Board was in favor of addressing this issue and will ask the regulatory analyst to research how other medical professional boards have regulated this new technological field.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Memo from Charles Manning, Regulatory Analysts regarding the recent statutory change that allows veterinary students to provide services in veterinary facilities in New Jersey. Specifically, the proposal provides for adequate notice to consumers that their animal may be treated by a student and proof that the student has received adequate education. The proposal also includes a change to the Board's schedule of fees, specifically increasing the application fee from \$75 to \$150.

The Board tabled this matter in order to discuss with Mr. Manning at a future meeting. The Board has concerns with the language in paragraph 2, regarding whether the instructor is an educator at the veterinary school, or a supervisor/employee at the veterinary facility.

2. Senate Bill No. 681 - Provides for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders.
On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board voted to take no position on this legislation.
3. Assembly Bill No. 1186 - Requires certain veterinarians to provide written notification to animal owner if boarded animal will not be subject to 24-hour supervision; "Betsy's Law."

The Board appreciates and approves of the intention of this bill in terms of providing notice and assurance to consumers. In addition to those previous comments, the Board also recommends that the proposed legislation be amended to include animal boarding facilities and kennels, where a majority of boarding animals are housed. The Board also notes that it has determined that the standard of care for veterinarians is to notify their consumers that the facility is/is not staffed 24-hours a day.

4. Assembly Bill No. 1254 - Requires certain civil actions against certain licensed persons to be brought within two years.
On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board voted to take no position on this legislation.
5. Assembly Bill No. 2332 - Requires public body to publish notice of public meeting on official Internet website. On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board voted to take no position on this legislation.
6. Assembly Bill No. 2264 - “Pet Groomers Licensing Act” designated as “Bijou’s Law.”
The Board noted that it would be impossible for it to adequately implement the requirements of this legislation, specifically in terms of the Board of Vet Med overseeing, licensing and regulating the pet grooming industry. The Board does not have adequate knowledge or expertise to certify educational institutions and construct examinations in “pet grooming”. On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Logan, the Board opposes this legislation.
7. Assembly Bill No. 1222 - “The Healthy Puppies and Kittens Assurance Act.”
On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, the Board voted to take no position on this legislation, but provided a comment that the Board applauds the ideals of this legislation and supports the intent of it. However, the Board is concerned about the enforcability of such a broad piece of legislation and suggests limiting the extent by modifying the current “Pet Purchase Act” (N.J.S.A. 56:8-93) in the ways described by this legislation.
8. Assembly Bill No. 798 - Authorizes immediate euthanasia of stray animals who are sick or injured beyond recovery.
On a motion by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Dr. Logan, the Board voted to support this legislation.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

F. CREDENTIALING

1. Dr. Kristina Deak - State Examination
On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, the Board voted to allow Dr. Deak to sit for the JP examination and obtain a temporary permit.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. AAVSB memo re Bylaws and Resolution Committee Chair - the NJ Board has submitted a proposed bylaw change, and sent copies to all of the member boards.

H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION

I. MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board ratified the findings and recommendations made by the committee that met on February 26, 2014, including the disposition of legislative and regulatory matters, correspondence and other items in public session.

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