

# New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

April 25, 2001

## Public Session Minutes

### A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

### B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Carolyn Self, DVM  
Board Vice President John G. De Vries, DVM  
Board Member Neal L. Beeber, DVM from Item I to end  
Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, DVM  
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D. through Item S, Executive Session.  
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD  
Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq.

Absent: Board Member Ernest Zirkle, DVM

Staff present: Executive Director Diane I. Romano  
Deputy Attorney General Darlene Lapola  
Isaura Roman, Principal Clerk  
Susan Flores, Secretary to the Executive Director

Public present: (none)

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Self.

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 unanimous vote of the Board, the March 28, 2001 public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

### D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

#### 1. Regulations

Mrs. Romano advised that the Board's proposed regulations which were approved at the May 2000 meeting have been approved by the Governor's Counsel, with the exception of the proposed reg which would allow veterinarians licensed in other states to practice in New Jersey in cases of natural or man- made disasters. Chuck Manning advised that the

Board's former attorney, DAG Steven Flanzman, had reservations about this provision. The other proposed regs will probably be published in the May edition of the New Jersey Register, with approval expected to be published in the July Register.

## **E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **1. Budget**

The Board reviewed the budget report covering final FY 2000 and projected FY 2001 and accepted it as informational.

## **F. CREDENTIALING**

### **1. Teresa A. Hlaing-Byman**

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Meirs and affirmative vote of Drs. Self, Beeber, Halpern, Jacks, Meirs and Mr. Scerni and negative vote of Dr. DeVries, the Board denied the application of this candidate since she has only 2 years of qualified practical experience out of the last five years, instead of the mandated 3 years out of 5. Dr. Hlaing-Byman's February 1996 through February 1999 work was only part time and therefore inadequate.

### **2. Peter H. Boyce, DVM**

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, Dr. Boyce was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

### **3. Maj Angarano, DVM**

On a motion of Dr. Jacks and unanimous vote, Dr. Angarano was approved to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

## **G. FINAL ORDERS/CONSENT ORDERS**

(none)

## **H. CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

The Board discussed new and pending consumer complaints and investigations in executive session and returned to open session to record their votes for those matters resulting in disciplinary action:

### **1. File #01-022 ' Ravindra Murarka, BVSc**

On a unanimous vote, the Board determined to send Dr. Murarka a penalty letter with a \$1,000 fine: \$500 for failing to obtain a branch office license at PetSmart in Berlin while working there and \$500 for an advertising violation in that her name was not in the advertisement.

### **I. HEARING: 1:30 p.m. ' Gregory Middleton, DVM**

DAG Lapola advised that since Dr. Middleton submitted \$1,500 of the civil penalty, she granted an adjournment of this hearing. However, the Board directed that a letter be sent to Dr. Mitterman indicating that he is two payments late and that if the total amount of the civil penalty plus interest is not paid to the Board by May 15, he is directed to come in for the May 23, 2001 meeting and the Order to Show Cause will be continued to that time.

## **J. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is May 23, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room,

6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **J. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:10 a.m. the Board unanimously moved to executive session to hold an investigative inquiry and to consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary matters.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO  
Executive Director

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