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## VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS APRIL 30, 2014 SOMERSET ROOM PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

March 26, 2014 Public Minutes

On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing considered.

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

1. Appearance of Ms. Rachel Glasgow, Regulatory Analysts regarding prescription Blank Changes, and Matt Wetzel, Drug Control Unit

Ms. Glasgow and Mr. Wetzel made a presentation about regulatory amendments that were adopted on February 18, 2014 that will require changes to the prescription blanks used in the State of New Jersey. New blanks will be sold by approved printer vendors starting May 19, 2014. Current blanks may be used for valid prescriptions written up until August 18, 2014. There will be a phase in period, and pharmacies are being notified about the upcoming changes.

2. Appearance of Charles Manning, Regulatory Analysts re draft proposal concerning Veterinary Student Services.

The current draft provides for the supervising veterinarian to (1) provide written notice to the Board that students will be working under their supervision, (2) maintain written documentation from the school instructor concerning the duties to be performed by the student and (3) provide written notice to the consumer that services may be provided by a student, and an acknowledgment signed by the consumer must be kept in the patient medical records.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Thornton, the Board voted to propose this draft regulation for adoption. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

3. P.L. 2013, c. 49 - the "Veteran Education Law".

The Board noted that since an individual needs to complete a doctorate in veterinary science before he or she can work as a veterinarian in the military, the law doesn't specifically apply to the Veterinarian profession in New Jersey. The Board determined to take no position on this legislation.

4. A-798 - Authorizes immediate euthanasia of impounded stray animals that are injured or ill beyond hope of recovery.

The Board discussed the issues involved with this legislation. The veterinarian profession exists to promote the humane treatment of animals, and when sick or hurt stray animals are found, shelters have been required to hold them for seven days. The more humane practice is to euthanize sick or injured pets as soon as a licensed veterinarian has determined that euthanasia is warranted. The Board supports this legislation.

5. A-2264 - on March 26, 2014, the Board opposed the legislation. Mr. Manning asked a follow up question concerning whether the Board feels it is necessary to

license or register pet groomers. The Board concluded that there are other agencies that are better suited to oversee such businesses.

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

**F. CREDENTIALING**

1. Dr. Andrew Farabaugh- State Examination - On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board approved Dr. Farabaugh to sit for the exam and obtain a license.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Quarterly Newsletter of the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - This was received as informational.

2. Letter from Dr. Joseph L. Pollara re RACE approved CE's certificate  
On a motion by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Dr. Tamassia, the Board approved this course work as satisfying the requirements.

3. Letter from Dr. Fernando Castro - concerning requirements for licensure following graduation from a non-accredited school

The Board determined to request more information from Dr. Castro - Please provide a list of duties he is currently performing, work schedule, salary, and the name of the veterinary school from which he graduated.

4. AAVSB March 2014 newsletter  
This was received as informational.

5. Email from Mr. Joe re shelter veterinarians responsibilities  
Specifically, the animal shelter wants to know if it is permissible for a euthanasia technician employed by the animal shelter to euthanize animals that are owned by a private individual, for a fee. They also want to know if the veterinarian is required to be present during the procedure.

On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board determined to provide the following response: under current practice, individuals may turn over their owned animal to the shelter, at which point the animal becomes a shelter animal and falls under the applicable statutes and regulations. The Board also notes that providing evaluations and treatments to owned animals falls under the practice of veterinary medicine and requires the direct involvement of a licensed veterinarian. It would be inappropriate for an owner to sign a "euthanasia consent form" at a shelter - only a "surrender form".

6. Email from Ms. Paulina Levinzon re veterinarians responsibilities. Ms. Levinzon inquires whether it is the standard of practice for a veterinarian to refer a behavior modification case to a specialist.

The Board president directed the executive director to invite Ms. Levinzon to file a formal complaint, if she is unhappy with the treatment rendered. The Board will then investigate the allegations.

**H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. James M. Clinton, V.M.D. Initial Decision

This was received as informational.

**I. MISCELLANEOUS**

AAVSB Call for Nominations -

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the NJ Board nominates Dr. Mark Logan to the AAVSB seat on the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2014.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

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.