

New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

May 23, 2001

Public Session Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:43 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
Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, DVM
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D. from Item G
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD

Absent: Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq.
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 a motion of Dr. Meirs, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote of the Board, the April 25, 2001 public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Regulations

We are awaiting the publication of our proposed regulations in the New Jersey Register.

2. Legislation

Two bills have passed both houses and are awaiting the approval of the acting governor:

- a) S-1024 - procedure for licensees obtaining restraining orders against violent clients;
- b) A-1309 ' expands public access to government records

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Renewals

The Board discussed two problems which are occurring during this renewal period:

a) CDS renewal applications have been combined with the license renewal applications this year. One problem is that the CDS certification is for a one-year period versus the license which is good for two years, leading to confusion. Also, personnel in Centralized Licensing have been telling licensees that they need a separate CDS certificate for every place they practice, i.e.,

branch offices, which is incorrect. b) In prior years, any overpayment by a licensee was resolved by our issuing a refund. This year the licensees are apparently getting a letter indicating that they will be issued a credit. Since most licensees only conduct financial transactions with the Board every two years during renewal periods, they are upset with the prospect of receiving a credit rather than a refund.

F. CREDENTIALING

(none)

G. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1. File #01-001 Krishnaswamy Manoharan

Dr. Manoharan has paid the \$1,000 civil penalty for one act of negligence and unreadable and incomplete patient records. This file is now closed.

H. MISCELLANEOUS

1. AVMA Letter to State Boards re AAVSB Model Practice Act

The Board reviewed the latest letter from the American Veterinary Medical Association regarding the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' proposed model practice act. The Board decided that it did not need to see any more of these two organizations' letters concerning their ongoing disagreement over the AAVSB's model practice act.

2. State Commission of Investigation's Report on SPCA's

This report does not appear to include any allegations of wrongdoing by veterinarians. Therefore, it does not appear that the Board has any jurisdiction despite the large number of letters from the public demanding action.

3. NAVLE and Practical Exam Results

Mrs. Romano advised that of the 11 candidates from New Jersey taking the NAVLE last month, 5 failed, equaling a 45% fail rate. Of the 36 candidates sitting for the New Jersey Practical Exam, 5 failed, equaling a 14% fail rate.

I. HEARING

The 1:30 p.m. formal hearing scheduled in the matter of Gregory Middleton, DVM was adjourned since Dr. Middleton paid the full amount of the civil penalty plus interest. This file is now closed.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is June 27, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:21 a.m. the Board went into executive session to discuss and consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary actions.

L. ADJOURNMENT

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO
Executive Director

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