

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
MAY 31, 2006 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:57 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Alfred Scerni, Esq.
Board Vice President Mark Logan, V.M.D
Board Member Barry M. Adler, D.V.M.
Board Member Christopher P. Laffoon, V.M.D.
Board Member Marc A. Rosenberg, V.M.D.
Board Member Jeffrey Warsh, Esq.

The following Board members were absent for this meeting:

Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M.
Board Member Daniel P. Keenan, D.V.M.

Staff present: Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson
Deputy Attorney General Olga Bradford
Isaura Roman, Secretarial Assistant

Public present: Steven Hornstein, D.V.M. Liaison from the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association.

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Alfred Scerni, Esq.

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 made by Dr. Laffoon, seconded by Dr. Logan, the April 26, 2006 Public Session Minutes were approved. All in favor.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Hornstein, liaison from the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association raised his concern that digital x-rays and electronic medical records were not allowed to be submitted for review during the complaint process. The Board clarified that first we do accept electronic medical records along with a hard copy; and secondly we cannot accept digital x-rays since the Division does not have the computer system in place to review them.

E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Review of Draft of Regulations 13:44-4.9 Patient Records/ Confidentiality Rule Additions

Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst presented to the Board a final draft of the aforementioned regulations for the Board's review and vote. A motion was made by Dr. Adler, and seconded by Dr. Logan to move forward on the the final draft of the regulations pertaining to patient records/complaints. Motion was approved. Dr. Rosenberg requested that the minutes reflect his choice of having the records always move with the client.

2. Assembly Bill No. 3122

Among other items this bill (if put into law) would allow chiropractors to treat animals. After reviewing this bill, the Board voted to oppose the bill since only veterinarians have been educated and trained to provide veterinary medicine; the bill would not protect consumers. Upon a motion made by Dr. Laffoon and seconded by Dr. Logan the Board voted to oppose this bill. All in favor.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE

Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson reported that 35 candidates took the April 21, 2006 state/JP Examination/33 candidates passed, 2 failed

G. CREDENTIALING

1. Maria S. Triana, D.V.M. /JP/State Exam

On a motion of Mr. Warsh and seconded by Dr. Adler the Board determined to approve Dr. Triana to sit for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

2. Keith Stein, D.V.M. JP/State Exam

On a motion of Mr. Warsh and seconded by Dr. Adler the Board determined to approve Dr. Stein to sit for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

3. Emily D. Levine, D.V.M. J/P State Exam

On a motion of Mr. Warsh and seconded by Dr. Laffoon the Board determined to approve Dr. Levine to sit for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

4. Donna M. Coogan, D.V.M.- J/P State Exam

On a motion of Mr. Warsh and seconded by Dr. Laffoon the Board determined to approve Dr. Coogan to sit for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Michelle Grabowski, RVT - Requesting clarification whether or not veterinary technicians are allowed to diagnose, prescribe or perform surgery on animals. A letter will be sent from Executive Director Aronson with the Board's response that only licensed veterinarians are allowed to perform surgery on animals.

2. Letter from Marilyn Whitney, Research Assistant regarding micro-chip on animals

The Board reviewed Ms. Whitney's letter and upon review decided that since they have no authority on the microchip process, veterinarians should continue with the current process which is having the consumers register their animals microchips.

I. MISCELLANEOUS/FYI

Overview/Report by Dr. Logan on ECFVG/PAVE. Dr. Logan presented a brief, but detailed summary of the similarities and differences between ECFVG/PAVE.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is June 21, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sussex Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie G. Aronson
Executive Director