

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
JULY 27, 2005 PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in the 2nd floor Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Alfred R. 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 Nancy E. Halpern, D.V.M
Board Member Marc A. Rosenberg, V.M.D
Board Member Daniel P. Keenan, D.V.M

Staff Present: Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson
Deputy Attorney General Olga Bradford
Keisha Clair, Secretarial Assistant

Public Present: 1. Judith Wright-Member of the Public
2. 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 of Dr. Halpern, seconded by Mr. Scerni and unanimous vote of the Board, the June 22, 2005 Public Session Minutes were approved with corrections. All in favor.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Alampi, Executive Director of the New Jersey Veterinary Association commented on the future changes to the section of the regulations on patient records including his concerns regarding the future high costs of duplication of medical records.

E. BOARD ELECTIONS

On a motion by Dr. Laffoon, seconded by Dr. Adler the Board elected Alfred Scerni, Esq. for president. All in favor.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg the Board elected Mark Logan, V.M.D for vice-president. All in favor.

F. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY DISTRIBUTED

1. Presentation by the Committee Reviewing Patient Records Regulations

Tabled for next meeting.

2. FYI Burt Liebman S84

The Board reviewed Bill S84 and accepted it as informational.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Update of Renewal Process

Executive Director Leslie G. Aronson reported that 93% of the veterinarian licensees have renewed, 21% chosen to renew on line. She also welcome the new President Alfred Scerni and extended her appreciation to Mark Logan, V.M.D for his availability.

H. CREDENTIALING/APPLICATION REVIEW

1. Michele Congelosi, D.V.M-State /JP Exam

On a motion by Dr. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Adler the Board voted to approve Dr. Franklin for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

2. Martha Ann Franklin, V.M.D-State/JP Exam

On a motion by Dr. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Adler the Board voted to approve Dr. Franklin for the next JP/State Exam. All in favor.

3. Michael D. Yurkus, D.V.M-State/JP Exam

On a motion of Dr. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Adler the Board voted to approve Dr. Yurkus for the next JP/State Exam pending notarized affidavits. All in favor.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. FYI-MEMO/AVMA

The Board reviewed the memo from the AVMA and decided to send Dr. Christopher Laffoon to the annual meeting.

2. Letter from Ira Reiter -PT. MS-regarding licensed physical therapist performing veterinary physical therapy in New Jersey.

The Board reviewed the letter from Ira Reiter, PT MS and determined that only licensed veterinarians are allowed to work on animals.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is September 21, 2005 9:30 a.m. in the Warren Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously moved to executive session to hold investigative inquiries and 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