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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS JULY 30, 2014 SUSSEX 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 Sussex Conference Room 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Board President Logan	(X)	()
Board Member Adler	(X)	()
Board Member Charnick	()	(X)
Board Member Croman	(X)	()
Board Member Gardner	(X)	()
Board Member Rosenberg	(X)	()
Board Member Tamassia	(X)	()
Board Member Thornton	(X)	()
Deputy Attorney General Bradford	(X)	()
Executive Director Eisenmenger	(X)	()
Deborah Andrews	(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

June 11, 2014 Public Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the public session as amended. Specifically, the attendance was revised to reflect that Dr. Adler was absent and Dr. Rosenberg was present; and on page 4, the Board modified the language that described the Board "modifying" the ALJ's initial decision as described above.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing considered

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

A-1217 - Prohibits sale of any dog by kennel, pet shop or other retail establishment without name, address and phone number of person providing dog thereto; establishes \$500 fine for each violation.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board voted to oppose this legislation.

The Board suggests that amending the Pet Purchase Act to increase the scope of the consumer's right to information would be more meaningful and feasible, such as requiring the seller to keep a chronological record of who bred the animal, who transported the animal, and what facility(ies) the animal stopped at prior to sale; and providing it upon request. The Board also feels that shelters and non-profit organizations should not be exempt from these requirements.

Amendments to the Uniform Enforcement Act - effective July 1, 2014.

DAG Bradford described several of the changes this legislation has made to the requirements for reinstatement applicants and out-of-state applicants. The requirement to re-take the initial licensing exam after a 5+ year license expiration has been repealed. Additionally, a licensee must only pay the reinstatement fee and the current license fee.

Additionally, a new section has been added for out-of-state holders of valid professional licenses. If an individual is licensed in another state, they must demonstrate that the other state(s) have substantially equivalent standards for licensing; the applicant has been practicing within five years and provides proof of current license(s); a criminal history background check; and, providing a New Jersey address for service.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

JP Exam Dates for Fall 2014 - September 12, October 3, November 7 and December 5. These dates have been posted on the Board's website, and emailed to all applicants who have not yet taken the exam.

Statistics for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 - 292 applications received, 281 licenses issued. 104 complaints received, 84 complaints closed.

F. CREDENTIALING

1. Jocelyn M. Ruiz, D.V.M. - On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board approved Dr. Ruiz to sit for the exam and obtain a license, when all requirements are met.

2. Mark Kombert, D.V.M. - Dr. Kombert provided an application and answered "no" to questions 12 and 13 and signed the certification at the end of the application. The Board obtained copies of a disciplinary action in Colorado, where his license was revoked.

On a motion by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Dr. Croman, the Board determined to issue a Provisional Order of Discipline which denies a license to Dr. Kombert for the use of misrepresentation on his application, and for the underlying disciplinary action in a sister-state.

3. Donna Korvick, D.V.M. - On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Croman, the Board approved Dr. Korvick for a license.

4. Fernando Castro, D.V.M. - Request for waiver of the ECFVG based on his speciality training and his work experience in other US states. On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board approved Dr. Castro sit for the exam and obtain a license.

5. Raju S. Naik, D.V.M. - On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, the Board approved Dr. Naik for a license.

6. Naum B. Polonskiy, D.V.M. - On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board approved Dr. Polonskiy for a license.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Announcement of new executive director. This was received as informational.

2. American Veterinary Medical Association - Accreditation status report. This was received as informational.

H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION

1. James M. Clinton, D.V.M. - Final Decision and Order filed July 16, 2014.

2. James M. Clinton, D.V.M. - Formal Complaint filed July 16, 2014, and Notice of Hearing and Notice to File Answer filed July 16, 2014.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

New Requirements for Prescription Pads

On a motion by Dr. Logan, seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners resolved to request that the Division of Consumer Affairs extend the deadline for 90 days for licensees to obtain the new prescription pads. There are far too few printers who have been approved to provide the new prescription blanks for the large number of professionals who are attempting to comply with the new requirements. The Board also requests that the Division inform all pharmacies of the extension, so that they will accept the old prescription blanks until the new deadline. All voted in favor.

Nominations for Board officers

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Thornton, Dr. Logan was nominated for President of the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Dr. Tamassia, Dr. Adler was nominated for Vice President of the Board.

Because there was only one nomination for each position, the candidates were accepted by unanimous consent.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meetings of the Board is scheduled for August 27, 2014. The Board adjusted the meeting schedule for the rest of the year to be: October 1, October 29, December 10.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

L. ADJOURNMENT