



*New Jersey Office of the Attorney General*

**VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013  
SUSSEX ROOM  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board will be called to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Sussex 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 )	( )

Public present: Mrs. Patricia Scavelli, Liaison  
New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association

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**

On a motion by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Dr. Gardner, the minutes of the public meeting held on July 31, 2013 were approved as amended.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(None)

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

1. S-2504 – Exempts certain veterinary students from compliance with veterinary practice licensure laws. Signed into law on August 9, 2013.

The Board discussed drafting regulations in order to put some consumer protections in place to enact this new law. Such steps may include making disclosures to the consumer that procedures may be performed by an unlicensed student, and making clear that responsibility for any procedures performed lies with the supervising licensee. This matter was tabled, to be scheduled for a discussion with a regulatory analyst at a future meeting.

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

Mr. Eisenmenger announced the four dates for the jurisprudence examination to be held at Mercer County College during Fall 2013.

Mr. Eisenmenger requested authority to process requests for reinstatement for licensees who failed to renew their licenses by the expiration date. The Board President directed the executive director to process reinstatement requests and issue licenses to individuals who have met the requirements, and then to bring the applications to the Board at a later meeting to determine whether any discipline is warranted.

**F. CREDENTIALING**

1. Nothing considered.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Email from Gary Block, DVM of the Ocean State Veterinary Specialists, regarding whether a visiting radiologist without a license would be able to provide veterinary services as a consultant.

On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Dr. Rosenbert, the Board determined to issue the following information to Dr. Block: "Pursuant to

**N.J.S.A.** 45:16-8.1, an individual may be called into the state as a consultant with respect to any case under treatment by a veterinarian to practice in New Jersey. This individual may not have regular hours, or a treatment schedule in New Jersey, unless he is licensed to practice in New Jersey, and should not interact with the consumers of New Jersey.” The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Email from Tania Rodrigues of the Clark Animal hospital, regarding whether there are any requirements or guidelines for veterinary medical school students completing their fourth year clinical rotation at a facility in New Jersey.

The Board is unable to make a determination about this inquiry because there was not enough information provided. The licensed veterinarian must comply with the new law **N.J.S.A.** 45:16-8.1, and 16-9.

Additionally, the Board noted that a “fourth year clinical rotation” is normally performed in conjunction with an accredited veterinary school. It is also unclear about what activities students would be performing at this facility, and what licensee(s) would be responsibly supervising the student(s). It also would seem that the school must have some requirements for what the students must learn, practice, report, etc. in order to qualify for the educational experience.

3. Letter from Anthony LaBue, Esq., concerning whether students from Saint George’s University School of Veterinary Medicine may be preceptored during research performed at Hackensack University Medical Center’s Department of Biological Resources.

Upon review, it appears that none of the functions to be performed would require a veterinarian license to do so in the State of New Jersey. As long as HUMC is taking responsibility for the students, and the students do not have any contact with consumer owned pets, the students are not required to have a veterinarian license. Mr. LaBue will also be referred to **N.J.S.A.** 45:16-8.1(3).

#### **H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. Guy Garner, Owner of D&G’s Petite Pups, LLC  
Settlement Letter filed by the Board

This was received as informational.

2. I/M/O State of New Jersey v. Laura J. Cromal, DVM

Letter from Joseph Breymeier, Esq.

Mr. Breymeier requests that the Board transfer the public hearing scheduled for November 20, 2013 to the Office of Administrative Law. After considering the request, the Board determined to retain jurisdiction of the matter, and proceed with scheduling a public hearing in the contested case.

**I. MISCELLANEOUS**

Nothing considered.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 30, 2013.

**K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board then convened in executive session to hold investigative inquiries and to consider new and pending consumer complaints and disciplinary matters.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board moved into executive session at 11:15 AM