

**STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:45 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

**B. ROLL CALL**

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President Mark Logan, V.M.D.  
Board Member John De Vries, D.V.M.  
Board Member Neal Beeber, D.V.M.  
Board Member Carolyn Self, D.V.M.  
Board Member Alfred Scerni, Esq.

Absent: Board Member David Meirs, V.M.D

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

Public present: Christopher Laffoon, NJVMA Judith Wright, Private Citizen

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Mark Logan.

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. DeVries, seconded by Dr.Beeber unanimous vote of the Board, the August 25, 2004 public session Minutes were approved with corrections.

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

1. FYI- Copy of the notice of proposal regarding the proposed readoption with amendment N.J.A.C. 13:44. The Board reviewed a copy of the readoption notice. Since there were no comments to review the Board accepted this as informational.
2. Discussion on the Jurisprudence Examination/State Exam Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst. The Board reiterated its recommendation to the Division's Regulatory Analyst, Chuck Manning to maintain a "State" exam to be given twice a year for all candidates applying for licensure, eliminating the need for a jurisprudence exam. The Board believes this recommendation is consistent with the recent change in the Statute. DAG Bradford and Chuck Manning Regulatory Analyst, agreed to will review this matter and return to the Board with their final recommendations.
3. Review of Draft of Regulations 13:44-1 and 1.6, Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst. The Board reviewed the

draft provided by Chuck Manning regarding 13:44-1. The Board made comments and recommendations. Chuck Manning, will provide updated draft will be submitted for review at the next Board meeting.

## **E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Update on State Exam for October 29, 2004 Ms. Aronson reported that she has been in regular contact with Mercer County College and that everything is in order for the October 29, 2004.

## **F. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Christopher Laffoon, President of the NJVMA Requested a copy of June 23, 2004 public minutes and comments regarding bill (S310) be mailed to him directly.
2. Judith Wright, Private Citizen, Ms. Wright attended the Board meeting. Ms. Wright requested and received time to talk to the Board, a maximum of ten minutes. Ms. Wright expressed her concerns about a past disciplinary matter which had been investigated by the Board. The Board listened and thanked her for her time.

## **G. CREDENTIALING**

1. Seth Fishman-Jurisprudence Examination On a motion of Dr. Beeber and seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote, the Board determined to approve Dr. Fishman to sit for the next jurisprudence exam.

## **H. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Report by Dr. Mark Logan on the AAVSB conference. Dr. Logan briefly remarked that his experience at the AAVSB conference was worthwhile. Dr. Logan stated that he will provide a written report at the next Board meeting, highlighting the topics at the conference.
2. FYI AAVSB 2003 Financial Standard re AAVSB. The Board reviewed the Financial Report and accepted as informational.
3. Letter from Dr. Scott Willen's Regarding Payment for his Reinstatement . Dr. Willen's submitted a letter in response to the Board's letter regarding the requirements around reinstatement. Specifically, Dr. Willen requested reinstatement fees be waived for him.

On a motion of Dr. Beeber and seconded by Dr. DeVries the Board determined to deny Dr. Scott Willen's request and to send a letter reaffirming their original decision based on the regulation pertaining an individual's request to pay back all past fees.

## **I. Mitigation Hearing I/M/O James Clinton, D.V.M.**

A Mitigation Hearing was held following the Board's determination in July that James Clinton had practice in unsanitary conditions and other grounds for disciplinary action. Please note that Board member Dr. Carolyn Self recused herself throughout the hearing and the subsequent discussion. DAG Adrianna Baudry for The Attorney General's office and William Garrigle, Esq. representing Dr. Clinton and Dr. Clinton were in attendance. Mitigation arguments were entertained by the Board. The Board granted the respondent request to submit evidence of damage suffered by Clinton following the Enforcement Bureau investigation for mitigation purposes. Board directed that the record would remain open for an additional seven business days following the allotted time for Clinton's submission of the additional mitigation evidence. Therefore, the record will close on Friday, October 15, 2004.

## **J. 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.

## **K. NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is October 27, 2004 9:30 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

## **L. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LESLIE G. ARONSON  
Executive Director

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