

New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

September 26, 2001

Public Session Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at approximately 9:50 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

B. ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present for this meeting:

Board President John G. De Vries, DVM
Board Vice President Nancy E. Halpern, DVM
Board Member Neal L. Beeber, DVM
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D.
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD
Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq. from Item F
Board Member Carolyn Self, DVM
Board Member Ernest Zirkle, DVM

Absent: (none)

Staff present: Executive Director Diane I. Romano
Deputy Attorney General Darlene Lapola
Isaura Roman, Principal Clerk
Susan Flores, Secretary to the Executive Director

Public present: Dr. Robert Gordon, NJVMA

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. DeVries.

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 Dr. Jacks and unanimous vote of the Board, the August 22, 2001 public session Minutes were approved and the recommendations ratified as submitted with the exception that the title page to the executive session Minutes be changed to reflect a date of August 22, 2001.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Per Diem Compensation

Mrs. Romano reported that the regulation concerning per diem compensation was approved. The compensation is now \$100 per day for a full day and \$50 per day for less than a full day.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Final FY 2001 and Projected 2002 Budget Report

The Board reviewed these two budgets and considered them informational.

F. CREDENTIALING

1. Rosemarie Aimee Cherrie, DVM

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Self and unanimous vote, the Board approved this applicant to sit for the jurisprudence examination.

2. Amy Kapatkin, DVM

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, the Board determined that this applicant does not have sufficient satisfactory experience to sit for the jurisprudence. On a second motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Beeber and affirmative vote of Drs. Beeber, DeVries, Halpern, Jacks, Meirs, Zirkle and Mr. Scerni, with Dr. Self abstaining, the Board approved her to sit for the exam.

3. Tammy Anderson, DVM

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, the Board approved Dr. Anderson to sit for the jurisprudence exam.

G. FINAL ORDERS/CONSENT ORDERS

1. Dominick Napoles, DVM

Dr. Napoles paid a \$500 fine for issuing prescriptions and medications to an unlicensed veterinarian without a client-patient-veterinarian relationship. This file is now closed.

H. CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

The Board discussed new and pending consumer complaints and investigations in executive session and did not need to return to open session since there were no immediate disciplinary actions to be brought out for a vote in open session.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Dr. Zirkle explained his recent absences to the Board, specifically including much travel required in his role as president of the U.S. Animal Health Association this past year.

2. Dr. Gordon indicated that the NJVMA would like an article for publication in their magazine which would clarify the licensing process. Dr. DeVries assigned Dr. Beeber to prepare such an article.

Dr. Gordon also asked that the Board reconsider a regulation allowing licensed veterinarians outside the State of New Jersey to come into the state in emergency situations to help out, particularly in light of the events surrounding the September 11 tragedy in New York. Mrs. Romano indicated that the Board had proposed such a regulation but that the deputy attorney general assigned to the Board at that time indicated that this regulation could not be promulgated since

there is no provision in the statute which would allow exceptions to the mandate that all work done in New Jersey be done by New Jersey licensed veterinarians.

3. Ultrasound

The Board discussed an e-mail received from the Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medicine regarding ultrasonography. On a motion of Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, the Board tabled the remainder of the discussion to the next meeting.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is October 24, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:40 a.m. 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 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO
Executive Director

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