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VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS OCTOBER 1, 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)	()

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

August 27, 2014 Public Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Rosenberg, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board approved the minutes as drafted. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing considered.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. Letter from Mark L. Cushing, Animal Policy Group

Request to modify the Continuing Education Rule **N.J.A.C.** 13:44-4.10

The Board discussed the proposal and the regulations of the Board. The Board has been satisfied with the work that has been performed in the credentialing of CE courses performed by the RACE committee of the AAVSB. The Board does not feel that it is in the position to assess the quality of any particular course or organization, and defers to the specialized experience provided by the RACE committee. The Board is not aware of any other organization that has the recognized stature and expertise in the assessment and evaluation of continuing education providers for veterinarians.

On a motion by Dr. Adler, seconded by Dr. Rosenberg, the Board declined to amend the regulations at this time. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

The executive director was asked to provide information concerning the names and numbers of staff members assigned to the Board's administrative staff. Mr. Eisenmenger stated that there are no individuals specifically assigned to the Board, with the exception that he is designated as the statutory executive director of the Board.

On a motion by Dr. Tamassia, seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board designated the Board president to send a letter to the Attorney General and the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs concerning the level of staffing for the board office. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2015

The Board discussed potential dates for public meetings in 2015, including known conflicts with major holidays and other official meetings. The Board proposed the following dates for meetings in 2015:

January 21
February 25
March 25
April 29
May 27
July 1
July 29
September 2
September 30
October 28
December 9

F. CREDENTIALING

Nothing considered.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Victor A. Abdy, M.D. - Inquiry concerning whether he may invest in an animal clinic.

The Board President directed the executive director to respond to Dr. Abdy, that pursuant to **NJSA** 45:16-9.6, a veterinary facility must be owned and operated by a licensed veterinarian. A corporation must be made up of licensed veterinarians as partners and shareholders of the company. He should consult with a private attorney and be mindful of **NJSA** 45:16-9.6 and 9.3(b)

H. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Nothing considered.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Report from Dr. Logan concerning the AAVSB Meeting in St. Petersburg, FL in September 2014.

2. Dr. Tamassia requested that the Board discuss the Board's policy for permitting out-of-state licensees to enter the State of New Jersey to treat animals. The Board felt that it would not be a problem for an out-of-state veterinarian to treat animals in New Jersey if the Governor declares a state of emergency. The Board also felt that the out-of-state veterinarian would be permitted to practice for the duration of the official state of emergency.

J. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 29, 2014.

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