

New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

November 28, 2001

Public Session Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:40 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 from Item F.1 to Q.3
Board Member Neal L. Beeber, DVM
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D.
Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD from Item H.1
Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq.
Board Member Carolyn Self, DVM

Absent: Board Member Ernest Zirkle, DVM

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
Dr. Christopher Laffoon, 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. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Beeber and unanimous vote of the Board, the October 24, 2001 public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

1. A-3927/S-2696 ' Allows veterinary students to take NAVLE in the academic year in which they graduate

The Board discussed these bills which were just introduced and referred to committee.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE

(none)

F. CREDENTIALING

1. Stephen Paul Hadley, DVM, MS

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

G. FINAL ORDERS/CONSENT ORDERS

(none)

H. MISCELLANEOUS

1. MobilePet Ultrasound

On a motion of Dr. Beeber, seconded by Dr. Halpern and unanimous vote, a letter will be sent to MobilePet Ultrasound indicating that the Board does not issue letters of approval for businesses; however, we do advise that the Veterinary Practice Act requires that she must work under the responsible supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Additionally, in any partnership, corporation or professional association, all partners or shareholders must be licensed veterinarians.

2. Prescribing needles/syringes and vaccines

On a motion of Dr. Meirs, seconded by Dr. Self and affirmative vote of Drs. DeVries, Jacks, Meirs, Self and Mr. Scerni, with Dr. Beeber voting in the negative, Dr. Frame will be advised that he is not required to script needles, syringes and vaccines to a client since the Board does not consider biologicals to be included as prescription items for which the veterinarian must provide a prescription to a client. Additionally, Regulatory Analyst Chuck Manning will be asked to amend the Board's regulations to address this issue and define what is a prescription item for which a veterinarian is required to write a prescription under NJAC 13:44-4.1.

3. Merck Research Labs

Dr. Jacks abstained from voting on this matter inasmuch as Merck is his employer. On a motion of Dr. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote (with the exception of Dr. Jacks' abstention), Merck will be advised that Dr. Kenneth Mohn may for the jurisprudence examination.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is January 23, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. in a conference room to be announced at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Robert Gordon introduced Dr. Chris Laffoon, who is the new liaison to the Board from the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association. Dr. Gordon again raised the question of Agenda attachments being made available to the public.

There was some discussion regarding the permissible conduct of the public at Board meetings. On a motion of Dr. Halpern, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, a letter will be sent to the NJVMA stating that in consideration

of a new liaison being appointed, now would be a good time to outline various protocols to be observed, including that members of the public cannot speak except during the public comment period or when recognized by the person chairing the meeting. It will also be reiterated that licensees cannot speak with individual Board members either at the meetings or between meetings on any issues coming before the Board for consideration and that any issues coming before the Board must be in writing addressed to the Executive Director of the Board.

On a motion of Dr. Self, seconded by Dr. Meirs and unanimous vote, the Board determined that we will not entertain any matters unless they are in writing and submitted in sufficient time to be listed on the Agenda for discussion. Any exceptions to this are at the Board's discretion only.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously moved to executive session at 10:30 a.m. to hold an investigative inquiry and to consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary matters.

L. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Board was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO
Executive Director

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