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## VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS DECEMBER 19, 2012 MONMOUTH ROOM PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 10:00 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	( )	( )
Board Member Adler	( )	( )
Board Member Gardner	( )	( )
Board Member Giron	( )	(X)
Board Member Rosenberg	( )	( )
Board Member Tamassia	( )	( )
Board Member Thornton	( )	( )
Deputy Attorney General Bradford	( )	( )
Isaura Roman, Secretarial Assistant	( )	( )
Executive Director Eisenmenger	( )	( )

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

November 28, 2012 Public Minutes

On a motion made by Dr. Tamassia, and seconded by Ms. Thornton, the November 28, 2012 public minutes were approved as amended.

### C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Pat Scavelli, NJVMA liaison expressed her best wishes for the holiday season to the Board.

**D. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

**A-3427** - Provides for temporary professional or occupational licensure for qualified non-resident military spouse.

The Board discussed the pending legislation, and felt that it is in agreement with the sentiment of this proposed legislation to offer assistance to the members and families of our armed services.

However, on a motion made by Dr. Rosenberg, and seconded by Ms. Thornton, the Board determined to oppose the bill because it believes that there are methods in place already for the Veterinary Board which permits individuals to get a temporary permit to practice in the State within a reasonable amount of time. Additionally, the Board notes that, at the present time, there is no mechanism in the application process to capture the marital status of an applicant as it relates to their position with the military.

**E. ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Report by Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger

The Board discussed ways to increase exposure to veterinary schools and students about the licensing process.

**F. CREDENTIALING**

1. Dr. Rajani Radinkrishnan - State Examination in August 2012 the Board requested additional information to be submitted in support of her application. The Board notes that she holds an active license in New York.

On a motion made by Dr. Adler and seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Radinkrishnan for a temporary permit and to sit for the JP exam in May or June. She must also submit a third letter of reference from a licensed veterinarian before she may obtain a full license.

2. Dr. Norma White-Weithers - State Examination

On a motion made by Ms. Thornton and seconded by Dr. Adler, the Board voted unanimously to approve Dr. White-Weithers to sit for the next State examination.

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Memorandum from AAVSB requesting input for amendments for the Bylaws. This was received as informational.

2. Leah Van Blarcom, D.C. - Letter from Leah Van Blarcom D.C. requesting approval to treat animals. Dr. Van Blarcom completed a course from the American Veterinary Chiropractic Association, and also submitted the regulations from several states concerning the practice of animal chiropractic.

On a motion made by Dr. Adler and seconded by Dr. Gardner, the Board

voted unanimously in determining that “Animal chiropractic” has been defined in the Veterinary Practice Act. Currently, the statutes in New Jersey for both chiropractors and veterinarians indicate that the treatment of animals falls solely under the license of a veterinarian. Dr. Van Blarcom may not independently treat animals. A chiropractor must be under the responsible supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

The Board also noted that the current practice act includes a definition of “animal chiropractic” which nullifies the need for the 1990s-era joint statement/agreement between the veterinary board and the chiropractic board. The Board therefore finds that the agreement is null and void.

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

1. Pennsylvania Disciplinary action against Dr. Robert Zerbe. This action was a result of the NJ Board’s disciplinary action in 2010. The board received this as informational.

2. Consent Order filed against Dr. Mark Magazu. The Board received this as informational.

#### **I. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board noted that Mr. Giron has not attended a board meeting in years, and feels that the Division should take steps to have him removed and his seat filled with an individual who will participate. The Board also notes that Dr. Laffoon resigned over a year ago and has not yet been replaced.

#### **J. NEXT MEETING**

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.

#### **K. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**