

New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

June 27, 2001

Public Session Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

This scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:34 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 Carolyn Self, DVM
Board Vice President John G. De Vries, DVM
Board Member Neal L. Beeber, DVM
Board Member Nancy E. Halpern, DVM
Board Member Thomas M. Jacks, Ph.D.
Board Member Alfred R. Scerni, Jr., Esq. from Item J to end

Absent: Board Member David A. Meirs, VMD
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

A quorum was present for the entire meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Self.

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. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On a motion of Dr. Beeber, seconded by Dr. Jacks and unanimous vote, Dr. John DeVries was elected President of the Board and Dr. Nancy Halpern was elected Vice President for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

D. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC MINUTES

On unanimous vote, the May 23, 2001 public session Minutes were approved as submitted.

E. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY

Regulations

1. The Board's proposed regulations were printed in the New Jersey Register on June 4, 2001. Comment period ends July 4, 2001. The Board received a copy of the proposed regulations as printed in the Register and were informed of the one comment received to date.
2. The Board was informed of the printing of the new Board member compensation amounts of \$100 for a full day and \$50 for a half day, which was also printed in the June 4 Register.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Division of Law billing

The Board reviewed the 3rd quarter FY 2001 Division of Law billing and accepted it as informational. They also directed Mrs. Romano to send a memo to DAG Doreen Hafner, copies to several people, requesting an update on the one case assigned to her and requesting an accounting for the fees charged thus far for this case.

2. Exam scores

Mrs. Romano informed the Board of some discrepancy in the consideration of the exam scores for the New Jersey Practical Exam. Mercer County Community College reported candidates as passing who received a grade of 69.5 or higher, although the Board's regulations stipulate 70.0 or higher. The Board was asked to clarify the minimum passing score and unanimously decided that the minimum passing score is 70.0 and not any rounding up from 69+.

G. CREDENTIALING

1. Nelson Diaz, DVM

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote, the Board voted to approve Dr. Diaz to take the jurisprudence examination.

2. Wallace M. Wass, DVM

On a motion of Dr. Jacks, seconded by Dr. Beeber and affirmative vote of Drs. Beeber, Halpern, Jacks, Self and Mr. Scerni and negative vote of Dr. DeVries, the Board voted to advise Dr. Wass that he does not have the mandated clinical experience of three of the last five years and therefore is ineligible to sit for the jurisprudence exam. He will be informed of this decision and advised that if he can document otherwise he should inform the Board for reconsideration.

H. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Board discussed new and pending consumer complaints and investigations in executive session and returned to open session to record their votes for those matters resulting in disciplinary action:

1. File #01-007 ' Donald Force, VMD adv. Rossi

On a motion of Dr. Beeber, seconded by Dr. DeVries and unanimous vote, the Board determined to rescind the current UPL and issue a new penalty letter with a \$250 civil penalty for inadequate record keeping.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Memo from AVMA

The Board reviewed a memo from AVMA regarding the ECFVG certification process and accepted it as informational.

J. HEARING: 10:00 a.m. ' MORSY A. ALSAMADISI, BVSc

Prior to the hearing Dr. Alsamadisi pleaded guilty and paid the \$1,500 civil penalty and \$1,900 costs for repeated acts of negligence. Therefore, the hearing was adjourned and Dr. Alsamadisi's attorney was advised that he need not appear. This file is now closed.

K. NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is July 25, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

L. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Robert Gordon asked what the vote of the New Jersey delegate to the AAVSB annual meeting will be as concerns accepting or rejecting the AAVSB Model Practice Act. He was informed that our delegate will abstain from that vote.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Dr. Beeber the Board unanimously moved to executive session at 10:13 a.m. to hold investigative inquiries and to consider new consumer complaints and new and pending disciplinary matters.

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

DIANE I. ROMANO
Executive Director

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