

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
STATE VETERINARY BOARD
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
MEETING of THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

Members present: Mark A. Basol, D.V.M., Chairman; Secretary; Robert Bergman, D.V.M.; Emma Pudvah, Ad Hoc, Kristin Haas, D.V.M. and Linda Johnston. Absent: Ronald Svec, D.V.M. and Eveleen Cecchini.

OPR Staff Present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator and Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator.

2. Dr. Bergman made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 9, 2005 meeting as written, which was seconded by Ms. Johnston. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dr. Haas moved, seconded by Dr. Bergman, to approve the following applicants for licensure: Carleton, Heather, DVM; Crawford, Emily, DVM; Jobin, Jennifer, DVM; Pastore, Gina, BVM; Shields, Aimee, DVM; Singleton, Jane, BVM; Tucker, Rachel, BVM.
4. A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard regarding VE04-0904, Robin Solomon. Dr. Bergman moved, seconded by Dr. Haas, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Approved.

5. **Closing Reports:**

VE12-0305 – Dr. Haas moved, seconded by Ms. Pudvah, to close this case. Approved.

6. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

A. The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. No action was required.

7. **National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME)**

Correspondence was noted. No action was required.

8. **Legislation**

Attorney Novins informed the Board that there is legislation pending in the House. This act is relating to the welfare of animals. A study committee has been set up to look at the possibility of licensing pet merchants. Currently the Department of Agriculture oversees this. However, they are saying that they do not have the money to do this or the staff or expertise. Attorney Novins asked the Board what their thoughts were regarding overseeing this. They stated that they would not want to oversee this. It was noted that the Board function was to make sure veterinarians are regulated and are practicing correctly. It was also noted that this would most likely make the Board's complaint case load go up and this would mean added staff and more expenses.

9. **Strategic Planning**

- a. Active Practice Requirement – Dr. Basol will contact the VVMA to see if the Board can put something in their newsletter asking licensees what their thoughts are on this.
- b. Discussion of Rules – Board members will review the rules and make suggestions at the next meeting.
- c. Vet Techs – this will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.

10. Public Comment

11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Lafaille, Board Administrator