

Minutes of the Meeting of the
New York State Board for Veterinary Medicine
Friday, September 15, 2022
1411 Broadway NY, NY

Dr. Doug Aspros called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

Introductions and Review of Roster.

Board Members Present: Dr. Doug Aspros, Dr. David Chico, Dr. Mark Chmielewicz, Dr. Howard Gittelman, Dr. Margret Thompson, Dr. Alexandra Van der Woerd, Erica McKee LVT and public member Samantha Segal.

Board Member Absent: Dr. Paul Zoyhowski

NYSED Staff Present: Stephen Boese, Executive Secretary to the Board; Carla Wells, Education Program Assistant 2; Lee Fitzgerald, Education Program Assistant.

Guests Present: Emily Whalen and Tim Atkinson of NYSVMS, Jim Penrod CEO of AAVSB, and Paul Amerling, President of NYSVMS, Tanya Davis

Motion to approve minutes of June 14, 2023 meeting, seconded, and passed.

Review Public Record of Board of Regents Enforcement Action in Veterinary Medicine:

The one reported case is discussed.

Review of AAVSB Annual Meeting Agenda:

Dr. Mark Chmielewicz reports that the business part of the meeting is the first two days. They will be voting on language changes in the practice guidelines and AAVSB by-laws. There will be presentations to access to care, workforce shortage, student outreach, and combating racism. There will also be a session on ethical and legal implications of Artificial Intelligence to read radiographs.

Update from NYSED and the Office of Professions:

Mr. Boese would like to acknowledge the unexpected passing of Doug Lentivech, prior Deputy Commissioner.

The board leadership will be up for vote in December. If anyone would like to nominate themselves or someone else for these positions, please email Mr. Boese so he can make a ballot for the next meeting. Drs. Aspros, Chico, and Chmielewicz and Erika McKee will be ending their tenure next fall, so Stephen would like members to spread the word and encourage colleagues to apply to the board so there is continuity of leadership. Without those spots there will be no quorum at meetings, so no votes can be taken.

Mr. Boese will be attending the AAVSB annual meeting for the first time and will also give a report on his return.

Dennis Spillane, Director of OPD, will be at the December meeting for a Q and A.

Presentation from the AAVSB workgroup:

Jim Penrod presents on licensing improvement, VAULT transfers, the VIVA database, CE tracking and auditing through the Racetrack system, virtual VCPR California law, the paraprofessional survey, and education topics for the upcoming annual meeting.

Presentation from the NYSVMS:

Paul Amerling presents on the NYSVMS comments on the proposal to amend our guidance for establishing a VCPR. The board discusses the suggestions and would like to discuss more before setting final guidelines.

Regulatory Proposal for Licensure Regulations:

There is a discussion about changing the PPE requirements. Many international students don't have that because it isn't how the system works in their countries. They are usually 5-year programs. So, the suggestion was to reduce the PPE requirement from 2 years to 1 year to capture those people.

We have a 4-year Professional Education requirement and new programs are coming out with 3-year programs. The suggestion is to accept an education from an accredited program, regardless of length.

We have a suggestion to approve PPE for international students that CompEd evaluates against accredited standards to make it sure it meets the ultimate goal of preparing someone to enter a professional education program.

The board discusses these proposals. We are the only state with a PPE requirement. There is a vote and there is unanimous support for these suggestions.

Other Issues:

Dr. Thompson gives an update on the effects of the pandemic on veterinary care in Syracuse and Rochester. Particularly emergency and hospital services have been reduced. One of the two large practices is in danger of closing and it's causing a large impact on the local veterinary community.

Ms. Wells presents an issue brought to the board by a veterinarian about CE. The board is willing to review these providers on a case-by-case basis.

Next Meeting Dates:

The next meeting is set for December 15 at 10:00 am at 1411 Broadway.

Public session ended at 1:37 pm.

Executive session called to order at 1:48 pm.

Tanya Davis, NYS attorney, answers questions about the recent changes in ethics law.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm

Draft respectfully submitted,

Carla Wells

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