

MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 1982
AT 1:30 PM

PRESENT: John Van Lindt, Chairman
Bertram Sarafan, Member
Dr. Joseph O'Dea, Member
Richard F. Corbisiero, Jr., Executive
Director
John Dailey, Director of Policy and
Planning
Robert Feuerstein, Assistant Counsel
and
Thomas C. Davide, Secretary to the Board

1. HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF - JACINTO VASQUEZ.
Jacinto Vasquez, approached Eddie Maple before the ninth race of August 2, 1974 at Saratoga Raceway and asked Maple if he would take some money to hold his horse, Sky Kingdom in said race. The aforesaid conduct constituted a violation of Board Rule 9 NYCRR 4042.1(a) in that it was an offer "directly or indirectly" of a bribe as proscribed by 4042.1(a). The aforesaid conduct constituted a violation of Board Rule 9 NYCRR 4002.9 as a fraud in connection with racing. Hearing Officer recommended a suspension of one (1) year. The Board affirmed the one (1) year suspension as recommended by the Hearing Officer.
2. HEARING OFFICER REPORT IN THE MATTER OF - MICHAEL VENEZIA.
Michael Venezia was approached by Con Errico with a \$3500 "suggestion" for a bribe to hold a horse Venezia was to ride at Belmont Park and that Venezia perceived it as such; Michael Venezia did not report the aforesaid incident to the stewards. By failing to report the aforesaid incident, Michael Venezia violated Board Rule 9 NYCRR 4042.1(c). In the course of an interview by Board Investigators of Michael Venezia on November 7, 1978, in response to questioning, Michael Venezia fraudulently concealed 1974 bribe offers to him from Con Errico. Michael Venezia's conduct constituted a fraud in connection with racing in violation of McKinney's Unconsolidated Laws §7915, subdivision 2 and Board Rule 9 NYCRR 4002.9(a). Hearing Officer recommended that Venezia's license (or privileges if license has not been reissued) be suspended for three months on the First Charge and for three months on the Second Charge. Hearing Officer further recommended that the suspensions run concurrently. The Board affirmed the two three months suspensions to run concurrently as recommended by the Hearing Officer.