

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**October 6, 2004 Board Meeting**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, October 6, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Jim Brett, DVM, President  
Needham Bateman, DVM  
Hugh Hill, DVM  
Jan Hines, DVM  
Eugene Maddox, DVM  
Charles Lance

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan Hewett, Board Secretary  
Janet Wray, Assistant District Attorney  
Tricia Downing, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney  
Laura Adam, GVTAA  
Lynn Reece, GVTAA  
Jessica Sewell, GVTAA  
Debbie Tillman, GVTAA

President Brett established that a quorum was present, and the meeting\_scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:35 a.m.

**Lee Myers, DVM - Appointment with Board: Canceled**

**Minutes from the August 4, 2004 meeting:** Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

**Board Policies:** Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the policies as amended.

**Ratify list of newly issued licenses:** Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

<b>License No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>License Type</b>
VET007182	Bosworth, Martha K	Veterinarian
VET007183	Linton, Ashley Beth	Veterinarian
VET007184	Miller, Julie Ann	Veterinarian
VET007185	Edwards, Michele Lee	Veterinarian
VET007186	Bodie, Thomas Lane	Veterinarian
VET007187	Moore, Holly Ann	Veterinarian
VET007188	Talton, Emily Michelle	Veterinarian
VET007189	Blazer, Arlynn Bruce	Veterinarian
VET007190	Olsen, Lawrence Martin	Veterinarian
VET007191	Davis, Toria Cheryl	Veterinarian
VET007192	Gray, Tasha Lynn	Veterinarian
VET007193	Kolb, Jennifer Lee	Veterinarian

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VET007194	Metts, Holly R	Veterinarian
VET007195	Schmitz, Ann Marie	Veterinarian
VET007196	Tate, Mallory Kendall	Veterinarian
VET007197	Schondelmeyer, Curtis Wiley	Veterinarian
VET007198	Stayer, Philip A.	Veterinarian
VET007199	Berends, John Henry	Veterinarian
VET007200	Bauck, Louise Astrid	Veterinarian
VET007201	Parker, Lisa Haru	Veterinarian
VET007202	Westall, Charles Scott	Veterinarian
VET007203	Veinot, Linda Ann	Veterinarian
VET007204	Squires, Tad Aaron	Veterinarian
VET007205	Kodali, Padmaja	Veterinarian
VET007206	Barger, Katherine Elisabeth	Veterinarian
VETF000438	Giri, Dipak Kumar	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000439	Higginbotham, Michael John	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000440	Boveland, Shannon Denise	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000441	Crochik, Sonia Silva	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000469	Auvil, Elisabeth Janine	Veterinary Technician
VETT000470	Ballard, Marsha Danette	Veterinary Technician
VETT000471	Beach, Mary Lois	Veterinary Technician
VETT000472	Bedard, DeAnna Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000473	Blum, Keith Edward	Veterinary Technician
VETT000474	Boling, Darlene Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000475	Boyd, Karyl Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000476	Cain, Frederick Todd	Veterinary Technician
VETT000477	Cho, Ann Lois	Veterinary Technician
VETT000478	Clem, Tammy Diane	Veterinary Technician
VETT000479	Clotfelter, Deborah Searcy	Veterinary Technician
VETT000480	Cochran, Anne McCamy	Veterinary Technician
VETT000481	Davenport, Tricia Michele	Veterinary Technician
VETT000482	Dorsey, Shona Louise	Veterinary Technician
VETT000483	Earnheart, Teresa Sue	Veterinary Technician
VETT000484	Ennis, Cathy C.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000485	Falucho, Carole L	Veterinary Technician
VETT000486	Farris, Amy Michelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT000487	Gabriel, Stephanie J	Veterinary Technician
VETT000488	Gilbert, Laura Michelle	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000489	Gilreath, J. Lane	Veterinary Technician
VETT000490	Glover, Theresa Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000491	Grimes-Godfrey, Heidi B.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000492	Gunter, Kimberly Eliina	Veterinary Technician
VETT000493	Hall, Cynthia Diane	Veterinary Technician
VETT000494	Harbaugh, Kristin Lee	Veterinary Technician
VETT000495	Hardin, LeAnne Racheal	Veterinary Technician
VETT000496	Haupt, Andrea S.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000497	Helton, Diane M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000498	Jacobs, Kelly Kristen	Veterinary Technician
VETT000499	Kaser, Emily S	Veterinary Technician
VETT000500	Kempenaar, Megan Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000501	Kennedy, Amy M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000502	Kilgore, Syble M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000503	Kinney, Carolyn M.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000504	Kinser, Tara Nicole	Veterinary Technician
VETT000505	Lankford, Amanda Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000506	Lawless, April Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000507	Long, Jennifer Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000508	Lyon, Jasmine Catlin	Veterinary Technician
VETT000509	Martin, Laurie Kirsten	Veterinary Technician
VETT000510	Martin-Bailey, Theresa Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000511	Meyer, Mandy Renae	Veterinary Technician
VETT000512	Meyer, Teri Elaine	Veterinary Technician
VETT000513	Miller, Pamela Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000514	Mullinax, Emily Maranda	Veterinary Technician
VETT000515	Murphy, Laura Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000516	Norton, Anne Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000517	Peacock, Amanda Campbell	Veterinary Technician
VETT000518	Peal, Maureen Agnes	Veterinary Technician
VETT000519	Pendleton, Shannon Rhea	Veterinary Technician
VETT000520	Pope, Penny Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000521	Quillian, Jo Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000522	Rafla, Emad Nazmy	Veterinary Technician
VETT000523	Raymond, Rebecca Jean	Veterinary Technician
VETT000524	Reed, Danielle Jannyne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000525	Reese, John D	Veterinary Technician
VETT000526	Richolson, Stacey Diane	Veterinary Technician
VETT000527	Riggin-Pizzo, Heather Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000528	Rudi, Kristen Noel	Veterinary Technician
VETT000529	Russell, Preston Wayne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000530	Russell, Sharon Lesli	Veterinary Technician
VETT000531	Schumacher, Carol F.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000532	Spelman, Gayle Calmes	Veterinary Technician
VETT000533	Stich, Elizabeth Berenice	Veterinary Technician
VETT000534	Stiehl, Cheryl Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETT000535	Strickland, Deborah L	Veterinary Technician
VETT000536	Strickland, Edward Ellis	Veterinary Technician
VETT000537	Strickland, Shannon L.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000538	Striegler, Sharon L	Veterinary Technician
VETT000539	Trapani, Rachel Beth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000540	Tucker, Lisa Lyn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000541	Turner, Christine Cleary	Veterinary Technician
VETT000542	Turner, Terra Miller	Veterinary Technician
VETT000543	Urrutia, Aki M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000544	Urrutia, Cherie C	Veterinary Technician
VETT000545	Van Gundy, Mary Frances	Veterinary Technician
VETT000546	Vialpando, Pamela Denise	Veterinary Technician
VETT000547	Viets, Colleen Monique	Veterinary Technician
VETT000548	Weaver, Kenneth Allen	Veterinary Technician
VETT000549	White, Jennifer N	Veterinary Technician
VETT000550	Williams, Angela Shay	Veterinary Technician
VETT000551	Williams, Ann Maria	Veterinary Technician
VETT000552	Wilson, Lindsay Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETT000553	Woodard, Jody Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000554	Wozniak, Kelly Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000555	Young, Joanna Lanier	Veterinary Technician
VETT000556	Zwaagstra, Kimberly Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000557	Kinlock, Lorna G	Veterinary Technician
VETT000558	Whittle, Patricia C	Veterinary Technician
VETT000559	Tkacz, Elizabeth Carrie	Veterinary Technician
VETT000560	Santiestevan, Jenny Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000561	Yurevich, Sandra Beth	Veterinary Technician
	<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>	
VET004140	Briscoe, Crystal M.	Veterinarian
VET004230	Martinovich, Maryann	Veterinarian
VET005493	Totterton, John Samuel	Veterinarian
VETT000251	Brightman, Sonya Jeanette	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000276

Grubb, Christina L.

Veterinary Technician

**Request for rule variance submitted by Brett Taylor, DVM:** Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the variance for Dr. Taylor to be allowed to obtain all required continuing education on-line.

**Federal Student Loan Default on Michael A. Friedlander, DVM:** **No action taken.** This item was erroneously placed on the agenda.

**Request for approval of continuing education hours submitted by Billie Boyd, DVM:** Mr. Lance made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to notify Dr. Boyd that the course submitted on Anthrax Bioterrorism **does not qualify** for the ethics requirement. Recommended that she consider the Western States and Northern States Conferences as well as contact the AVMA Judicial Council.

**2005 meeting dates:** Dr. Maddox made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to approve the 2005 meeting dates as amended.

**Veterinary Technician Examination Statistics for June 2004:** **Viewed as informational.** Additional statistical information was requested.

**Compliance report on Darryl Mickle, DVM:** Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **accept** the report.

**Rule 700-13 Veterinary Specialist:** Dr. Bateman made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule as amended.

**Chapter 700-13 is a new Chapter with Rule 700-13-.01 that reads as follows:**

**700-13-.01 Veterinary Specialist**

(1) For purposes of this rule "Veterinary Specialist" is defined as a veterinarian who has completed the requirements to become a Diplomate within an American Veterinary Medical (AVMA) recognized veterinary specialty organization or as recognized by the American Board of Veterinary Specialties (ABVS), or other Board-approved organizations, or has obtained an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in a specific area or discipline in veterinary medicine.

(2) For purposes of this rule, it shall be considered unprofessional conduct for a veterinarian to identify himself/herself to the public as a member of an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS, if such certification has not been awarded. Veterinarians should in no way imply specialty unless they are certified by an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS, or other Board-approved organizations, or have obtained an advanced degree (MS or PhD) in a specific area or discipline in veterinary medicine.

(3) The use of the terms "board eligible" or "board qualified" shall be used only by practitioners with certification from an AVMA-recognized specialty organization or as recognized by the ABVS or other Board-approved organizations.

(4) Nothing in this Rule shall be construed to prohibit the performance of specialty functions by a veterinarian who has not completed the educational requirements stated in these specialty practice guidelines, provided that the veterinarian does not represent himself or herself as a specialist in the particular area of veterinary medicine.

O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19.

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**Rule 700-14 Scope of Practice for Registered Veterinary Technicians:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **post** the rule as amended.

**Chapter 700-14 is a new Chapter that reads as follows:**

**Chapter 700-14**

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR REGISTERED VETERINARY TECHNICIANS**

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**700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.**

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is in audible and in visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.
- (2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia-licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:

(a) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;

(b) Surgical assistance.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-54.

**700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.**

(1) Direct supervision means that the licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:

(a) Euthansia:

(b) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion;

(c) Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients;

(d) Application of splints and slings;

(e) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth.

(f) Induction and maintenance of anesthesia.

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(g) Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs.

O.C.G.A. §§ 26-4-89(c) and 43-50-54.

**700-14-03 Indirect Supervision.**

(1) Indirect supervision means the licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law.

(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;

(c) Intravenous catheterizations;

(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;

(e) collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;

(f) Routine laboratory test procedures;

(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials.

(3) A registered veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a Georgia licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

(b) Resuscitative procedures;

(c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;

(d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;

(e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-54.

**700-14-04 Restrictions.**

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(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a registered veterinary technician to do the following:

- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
- (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
- (c) Perform surgery; or
- (d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-50-3 and 43-50-54.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

**Rule 700-16 Supervision Responsibilities of Non-Registered Personnel:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Maddox seconded and the Board voted to **table** a decision regarding the rule.

**Veterinary Facility Checklist Draft:** Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Maddox seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the checklist.

**Continuing Education approval request submitted by Dr. Carter Black:** The Board agreed that the programs submitted by Dr. Black, Southern Animal Health Association May 2, 2004 – May 5, 2004, and 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting United States Animal Health Association and 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians October 21-27, 2004, were both **approved** under the blanket approval of Rule 700-7-.03.

Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Maddox seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Dr. Hines, Dr. Bateman, Dr. Brett and Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Dr. Maddox made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding applications and licensure.

- **Application submitted by R.L.H.:** Recommendation to **approve**.
- **Application submitted by J.P.S.:** Recommendation to **approve**.
- **Application submitted by D.R.P.:** Recommendation to **approve**.
- **Application submitted by B.J.W.:** Recommendation to **approve**.

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- **Reinstatement application submitted S.A.M.:** Recommendation to waive the fine and refer to AG for a **Public Consent Order for unlicensed practice** and to reinstate license. Also notify the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the USDA of unlicensed practice issue.
- **Application submitted by R.L.G.:** Recommendation to obtain information from previous employer prior to consideration for allowing the applicant to sit for exam.
- **Petition for termination of probation submitted by W.D.H., DVM:** Recommendation to **approve** termination of probation.
- **Voluntary Surrender Order on R. Brent Swenson, DVM:** Recommendation to **accept** the voluntary surrender order.
- **Application submitted by S.H.:** Recommendation to **approve**.
- **Reinstatement Application submitted by fax by G.G.:** Recommendation to **require submission of an original application and fee** before considering for reinstatement.

**Reports:**

**Anita O. Martin, Executive Director:**

- Provided information regarding the change in the renewal process.
- Provided information submitted by Dr. Susan Wynn regarding the possible forgery of rabies certificates. This information was viewed as **informational**.
- Provided information regarding an Animal Adjusting seminar being presented on October 16 & 17 by Jay Komarek, D.C. The Board requested that Dr. Komarek and Dr. Peterson be notified that the seminar must be conducted in compliance with §43-50-44(16) and OCGA 43-9-1(2), or it would be in violation of Georgia law.
- Provided information from Dr. Brenda Griffin at Auburn University regarding faculty and students practicing at a shelter in Georgia. The Board requested that additional information be obtained from Dr. Griffin to include:
  - Where is the shelter
  - Is there a licensed veterinarian on staff at the shelter
  - How many days are the students and faculty in attendance at the shelter

**Jim Brett, Cognizant Report:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant Board member.

<b><u>CASE NUMBER</u></b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b>
<b>VET050004</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>VET050009</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>VET050002</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>VET050005</b>	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>
<b>VET050011</b>	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>
<b>VET050008</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>VET050010</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>VET050012</b>	<b>Refer for Private consent order and refer to Medical Board</b>
<b>VET050017</b>	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>

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**Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report:** Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendation regarding cases reported on from the Enforcement section.

<b>CASE NUMBER</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>VET040025</b>	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>
<b>VET040051</b>	<b>Close</b>
<b>Bucky Nastri</b>	<b>Accept Cease &amp; Desist Order</b>
<b>Michael Zafaraw</b>	<b>Accept Cease &amp; Desist Order</b>
<b>VET050007</b>	<b>Close with letter of concern</b>
<b>VET050015 &amp; VET050016</b>	<b>Refer to GDNA &amp; for criminal prosecution</b>

**Janet Wray, AG's Office Report:**

- Updated on status of cases in AG's office

**Other Business:**

- Janet Wray introduced the Board's new attorney, Tricia Downing.
- Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Maddox seconded and the Board voted to allow veterinarians licensed in Georgia, who are active duty military and deployed to the Middle East, to be able to obtain all required continuing education through on-line programs and for the on-line programs to be administratively approved.
- Dr. Hill provided a report from his attendance at the AAVSB meeting.
- Discussed topics for possible legislation in 2005
  - Funding for Vet Tech on Board
  - Define by law the duties of Vet Tech as it pertains to assisting with prescriptions (measuring quantities of medication and labeling medications to be dispensed by DVM)
  - Allow for scope of practice by rule for unlicensed persons
  - Remove the timelines for Vet Tech licensure and continue to allow persons with 5 years of documented on-the-job training to be considered to sit for the examination
- Voted to revise Board Rule 700-7-.03 to allow blanket approval for all Georgia Department of Agriculture, Southern Health Association & US Animal Health Association programs.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2004 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 P.M.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director