

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
December 14, 2005 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Hugh Hill, DVM, President
 Needham Bateman, DVM
 Jim Brett, DVM
 Jan Hines, DVM
 Becky Malphus, DVM
 Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
 Susan Hewett, Board Secretary
 Tricia Downing, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney
 Amelia Baker, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney
 Eileen Williams
 Kerry Buckley, DVM
 Laura Adam, GVTAA
 Melanie Parham, GVTAA
 Charles Dobbins, DVM
 Edward A. Mahaffey, DVM

President Hill established that a quorum was present, and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30a.m. was **called to order** at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes from the October 5, 2005 meeting: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

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

License Number	Name	License Type
VETF000474	Childress, Michael Owen	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000475	Scherzer, Jakob	Veterinary Faculty
VET007372	Keen, Kenneth W	Veterinarian
VET007373	Capell, Kristyn Leigh	Veterinarian
VET007374	Athey, Rebecca Lee	Veterinarian
VET007375	Blasier, Megan Webber	Veterinarian
VET007376	Henderson, Jill Suzette	Veterinarian
VET007377	Bronner, Courtney Powers	Veterinarian
VET007378	Wiggins, Monique	Veterinarian
VETT000697	Russell, Jamie Christin	Veterinary Technician
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VET005560	Herrin, Kimberly V.	Veterinarian

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VET005172	Nix, Robert Jay	Veterinarian
VET003839	Lester, James S.	Veterinarian
VET005101	Hickman-Davis, Judy Marie	Veterinarian
VET005824	Gibson, William Scott, Jr.	Veterinarian
VET004797	Griffin, Brenda	Veterinarian
VET001243	Murray, John Girardeau	Veterinarian

Response from Dr. Sheila Allen, UGA regarding concerns received from E.W., M.D.:
The Board requested that this issue be reviewed in Executive Session.

Correspondence from AVMA regarding Ogeechee Technical College Veterinary Technology Program: Viewed as **informational**

Review §43-50-3(11) of the practice act regarding the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine: The Board requested that Max Alligood of Bark Busters be invited to meet with the Board at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous:

- Dr. Brett informed the Board that the Ft. Valley State University Vet Tech program has been placed on AVMA accreditation probation status.
- New Officers:
 - Dr. Brett made a nomination for Dr. Needham Bateman as the new Board President. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Malphus and was approved by the Board.
 - Dr. Brett made a nomination for Dr. Jan Hines as the new Board Vice President. The nomination was seconded by Dr. Bateman and was approved by the Board.
 - Dr. Malphus will review requests for continuing education credit
- Representatives Drs. Mahaffey and Dobbins from the GVMA Legislative Action Committee (LAC) met with the Board to discuss changes to the practice act that may take place during the 2006 legislative session. Dr. Brett will work on gathering additional information for submission back to the LAC.
 - The Board approves the concept of change in the law to allow for a defined scope of practice for registered veterinary technicians and to allow by rule the scope of practice for unregulated/unlicensed veterinary employees.
 - The Board members reviewed information from Wayne Allen of Legislative Counsel.
 - The Board is in support of deleting "Homeopathy" and "Botanical Medicine" from the definition of the practice of veterinary medicine.
 - Based upon how the legislation is drafted, the Board would consider the removal of the "grandfather" clause from the licensure consideration for vet tech wanting to apply on the basis of on-the-job experience.
- The February Board meeting date has changed from February 1, 2006 to **February 8, 2006.**

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Bateman 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 Drs. Hill, Hines, Malphus and

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Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

K.B., DVM - Investigative Interview: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **close** case VET050079 with a letter of concern.

H.J.H., DVM - Investigative Interview: Requested to be **rescheduled** for the next meeting.

Public Consent Order for licensure on Eleanor Lehner, DVM: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **accept the consent order for licensure**.

D.C.T. - Vet Tech applicant: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve application upon receipt** of affidavit signed by the supervising veterinarian from Tufts and University of Florida.

Reports:

Executive Director's Report - Anita O. Martin

- **Renewal application for M.S.-D., DVM:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and Board voted to approve renewal of license with a letter of concern.
- Provided information to board members regarding submission of the Financial Disclosure statements.

Kathy Harvey, Enforcement Report:

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
VET050026	Issue C&D
VET050099	Refer to Board Attorney for Public Consent Order
Daniel Camp	Accept Cease & Desist
VET050100	Close with letter of concern
VET050109	Close & report to DEA & Dept. of Ag.

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

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
VET050042	Refer to Enforcement for follow-up inspection

Hugh Hill, Cognizant Report: Dr. Hines made a motion, Dr. Bateman seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member. Drs Brett and Malphus were in **opposition** to the vote to approve closure of case #VET060005.

<u>CASE NUMBER</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
VET050058	Close with letter of concern
VET050090	Close
VET050091	Request additional information
VET060005	Close

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VET060009	Close
VET060010	Close with letter of concern
VET060011	Close

Tricia Downing, Board Attorney Report:

- **Public Consent Order:** Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **accept the public consent order** on Stuart Burnett, DVM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2006 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

These minutes were approved at the February 8, 2006 Board meeting.