

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
February 4, 2009 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Dr. Beckey Malphus - President
 Dr. Jan Hines
 Charles Lance
 Dr. Hugh Hill

Others Present:

Amelia Baker, Board Attorney
 Anita Martin, Executive Director
 Carol White, Board Secretary
 Shannon Wilson, Intern
 Scott Piper

11:00 Investigative Interview (Dr. Malphus) –

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

- **Minutes from the December 3, 2008 meeting: Approve** Dr. Hines/Dr. Lance seconded and the motion carried.
- **Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Approve** –Dr. Hill/Dr. Lance seconded and the motioned carried.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET007977	Sineath, Christine Ann	Veterinarian
VET007979	Newton, Brooke Kennedy	Veterinarian
VET007980	Redmond, Keelin Ashley	Veterinarian
VET007981	Gardner, Jennifer	Veterinarian
VET007982	Walter, Sarah Eileen	Veterinarian
VET007983	Voyles, Meredith Lambert	Veterinarian
VET007984	Barreirinhas, Agda Sakiyama	Veterinarian
VET007985	Murphy, David Paul, Jr	Veterinarian
VET007986	Murphy, Hayley Susan	Veterinarian
VETT001032	Hall, Christina Lynn	Veterinary Technician
	Reinstatements	
VET007123	Parkes, Jennifer D.	Veterinarian

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- **Rule Variance request from Sylvia Crone Murphy -**
Board response: Deny - Mr. Lance made a motion to **deny**, Dr. Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Request from Magda Wylie to waive late renewal fee**
Board response: Deny - Mr. Lance made a motion to deny, Dr. Hill seconded and the Motion carried unanimously.

General – Becky Malphus, DVM

Continued with the update of the Veterinary Facility Inspection sheet.

Request to apply renewal fee to reinstatement on Hope Weingard, DVM.

Nomination and Vote for 2009 Officers:

Dr. Hugh Hill was nominated by Mr. Charles Lance and seconded by Dr. Jan Hines for President 2009.

Dr. Needham Bateman was nominated by Dr. Hugh Hill and seconded by Mr. Charles Lance for Vice President 2009.

Dr. Hugh Hill and Dr. Becky Malphus were nominated by Dr. Jan Hines and seconded by Mr. Charles Lance for Investigative Committee.

Dr. Jan Hines was nominated by Dr. Becky Malphus and seconded by Dr. Hugh Hill for the continuing education reviewer for 2009.

The Board voted to accept the nominations as named above.

Executive Director's Open Session Report- Ms. Anita Martin

Veterinarian Renewals – 2844 of 3259 415 not yet renewed 14 on hold

Veterinary Technicians - 611 of 719 108 not yet renewed 5 on hold

Discussed letter from Andrew Morton, DVM – Mr. Lance made a motion to deny the request to waive the late fee, Dr. Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussed letter from Thomas C. Payne, DVM – Dr. Hines made a motion to allow renewal at the regular renewal rate upon receipt of his CE's, Dr. Hill seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Doug Allen, UGA re: Letter from Chester Sosebee re: UGA Veterinary school of pharmacy issues. Ms. Martin will follow-up with Dr. Sosebee. The Veterinary Board referred the issue back to the Pharmacy Board to request that the Attorney General provide advice as a retail pharmacy license holder, do these standards apply to the Veterinary Board. If it does apply to the Veterinary Board, can they be waived?

Dennis Feinberg, DVM and Rick Tubbs, DVM gave a presentation to the Board on the National Board of Veterinary Medicine. Ms. Martin will email a list of the Board members and their contact information to Dr. Feinberg.

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Dr. Hines made a motion, Mr. Lance 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 was Dr. Hill. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Appointments:

K.D., Veterinary Applicant–Appointment to discuss disciplinary action from Arizona Board Response: Upon verification of the lifting of the Arizona probation – License under a Public Consent order with 1 year probation for not divulging the Arizona Consent Order on application for licensure.

Applications:

- **D.A.P.- Reinstatement Application**
 - **Recommendation:** Based upon information received – Require that Dr. P. consent for a physical evaluation to be conducted by a physician licensed in Georgia that is approved by the board. Such an evaluation must state if the physician finds that Dr. P. is safe to practice with reasonable skill and safety to the public.

- **E.J.F.- Vet Tech Applicant**
 - **Recommendation:** Schedule an appointment with the Board.

- **M.J.W. – Remediation plan to be considered to sit for an additional attempt at the NAVLE**
 - **Recommendation:** The Board approved for this on additional attempt.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

Cognizant Report – Becky Malphus, DVM

VET090025 -

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET090021-

Recommendation- Schedule for an Investigative Interview.

VET090034 –

Recommendation – Refer to Dr. Flynn Nance for a Peer Review.

VET090066-

Recommendation – Refer to Dr. Mary Miller @GVS for a Peer Review.

VET090052 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

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VET080103 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET070016 –

Recommendation- Refer to AG's office for

- Public Consent Order for substandard record keeping/substandard follow-up care and client instruction – with follow up care and /or x-rays to assure proper healing
- 1 hour CE in record keeping
- 5 hour CE's in Dentistry
- \$1000.00 fine and administrative fees (peer review costs)

VET070019/070020 -

Recommendation – Schedule Dr. M.L. of Athens for an investigative interview – issue is aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.

VET080084 -

Recommendation – Refer to AG's office for an OMPE.

VET090002 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET090050 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET090054 –

Recommendation – Close with letter of concern recommending better client communication during euthanasia procedure/provide an option to sedation prior to euthanasia.

VET090049 –

Recommendation – Close with a letter of concern recommending better client Communication/call owner for permission prior to conducting procedures.

VET090046 –

Recommendation – Close with a letter of concern about procedures without owner's consent, especially a necropsy.

VET090044 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET090033 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

VET090042 –

Recommendation – Close as no specific case/violation is found.

VET090030 –

Recommendation – Close with letter of concern about conducting blood work without the owner's consent.

VET090032 –

Recommendation – Close with letter of concern recommending better client communication during euthanasia procedure/provide an option to sedation prior to euthanasia.

VET090051 –

Recommendation – Close on Dr. R.I. – Open on Dr. K.C. and send a letter of concern/inadequate documentation/revise referral history form to ask about respiratory problems. Open on Dr. E.J. – Close with a letter of concern/inadequate

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documentation of the physical examination.

VET090050 –

Recommendation – Close with no violation.

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Anita Martin

VET090017 – License is revoked – Have OIG swear out a warrant and take to local authorities for prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. This would be her 2nd arrest for unlicensed practice.

VET080056 – Notify veterinarian – Thank you for clarification on this matter.

VET070032 – Acceptance of Cease and Desist order on Tina L. Panciera of Hahira, GA.

VET080075 – Close with no violation.

Accept Reinstatement Consent Order on Joseph William Sharp, DVM

VET090002 – Close with no violation.

Accept Reinstatement Consent Order upon receipt – S.R., DVM

Accept Reinstatement Consent Order upon receipt – C.D., DVM

VET080092 – Reviewed and reconsidered complaint information – nothing addition found – Board upholds decision not to seek disciplinary action on this Veterinarian.

Attorney General's Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Presented the following consent orders for board acceptance:
 - Accept order upon receipt on Donald Howard, DVM.
 - Public Consent Order on Otto Williams, DVM.
- Counter offer from W.C.M., DVM denied by the Board. DVM needs to sign the order as drafted or the Attorney General will need to file a Notice of Hearing on the matter.
- VET090082 – Refer to Attorney General's office for a Summary Suspension license. Also involves multiple other cases.
- VET070112 – Refer to Peer Reviewer for an expedited review.

Dr. Hill motioned/Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2009 at 9:30 A.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

These minutes will be approved at the April 1, 2009 Board meeting.