

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**April 1, 2009**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**10:00 a.m.**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Hugh Hill, DVM  
 Needham Bateman, DVM  
 Henry Bohn, DVM  
 Charles Lance  
 Beckey Malphus, DVM

**Others Present**

Carol White  
 Amelia Baker  
 Anita Martin  
 Scott Piper  
 Lynn Reece  
 Stephanie Childers

President Hill established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 10:20 a.m.

**Open Session**

- 1. Introduction of Visitors**
- 2. Minutes from the February 4, 2009 board meeting** – Approved – Dr. Malphus motioned/Dr. Hines seconded and the motion carried.
- 3. Minutes from the February 18, 2009 Conference Call Board meeting.** – Approved – Dr. Malphus motioned/Mr. Lance seconded and the motion carried.
- 4. Ratify list of newly issued licenses:** - Approved – Dr. Hines motioned/Mr. Lance seconded and the motion carried.

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>License Type</b>
VET007987	Fitzgerald, Joseph Corbett	Veterinarian
VET007988	Shepard, Shannon	Veterinarian
VET007989	Cavin, Julie Marie	Veterinarian
VET007990	Varghese, Subin Kurian	Veterinarian
VET007991	White, Jeffrey Stephen	Veterinarian
VET007992	Brown, Jesse Ervan	Veterinarian

VET007993	Marancik, David Paul	Veterinarian
VETT001033	Cooper, Lisa Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT001034	Kushner, Nicole Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001035	Coker, Jenny Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001036	Anderson, India Lee	Veterinary Technician
VETT001037	Cobbler Shelton, Malia Cheryl	Veterinary Technician
VETT001038	Baladez, Keren Rebekah	Veterinary Technician
VETT001039	Collari, Cathryn J	Veterinary Technician
VETT001040	Collins, Karianne Alisa	Veterinary Technician
VETT001041	Coolbeth, Stephanie Erin	Veterinary Technician
VETT001042	Hopkins Curry, Stacy	Veterinary Technician
VETT001043	DeLucia, Stephen Scott	Veterinary Technician
VETT001044	DeMarco, Jessica Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT001045	Frederick, Rufus Willis	Veterinary Technician
VETT001046	Friday, Ryan Michael	Veterinary Technician
VETT001047	Graff, Anne E	Veterinary Technician
VETT001048	Guined, Brandi Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETT001049	Hamburger, Allison Brooke	Veterinary Technician
VETT001050	Hennessee, Debra J	Veterinary Technician
VETT001051	Herman, Emily Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT001052	Kalenich, Amanda Lyn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001053	Kennedy, Amy Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT001054	McDaniel, Kevin James	Veterinary Technician
VETT001055	McKissick, Sarah Joy	Veterinary Technician
VETT001056	Mitchell, Casey Amanda Lanham	Veterinary Technician
VETT001057	Najeeullah, Kaamilya Sameerah	Veterinary Technician
VETT001058	Poindexter, Deborah Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001059	Pullaro, Michele Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT001060	Shaw, Kristie Michelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT001061	Stanton, Jason Reid	Veterinary Technician
VETT001062	Taylor, Amber Michelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT001063	Thornton, Donnie Lee	Veterinary Technician
VETT001064	Vongkunthong, Melinda Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT001065	Wheeler, Kristal Dynelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT001066	Yates, Christine Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001067	Tomlinson, Megan Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETF000569	Sakamoto, Kaori	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000570	Ruder, Mark Gregory	Veterinary Faculty
<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>		
VET001162	Sharp, Joseph William	Veterinarian
VET004268	Richardson, Phyllis	Veterinarian
VET004646	Schepps, Mitzi	Veterinarian
VET007301	Reinold, Scott	Veterinarian
VET004953	Difranco, Brad	Veterinarian
VETF000456	Laas, Cody	Veterinary Faculty

5. **Request from Stuart Burnett, Public Consent Order, to remove probation from license.**  
– Denied – Dr. Bohn motioned/Mr. Lance seconded and the motion carried.
6. **Request from Carol Lipinski for refund of late fee.** – Denied – Dr. Malphus motioned/Dr. Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **Correspondence from Emory University School of Medicine re: CE Requirement in Georgia Laws, Rule & Professionalism** – Dr. Bateman and Scott Piper from the GVMA will coordinate this program.
8. **Consideration of Board Rule 700-7-.02 Reinstatement of Expired Licenses** – Dr. Bateman made a motion to vote to post. Dr. Bohn seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION FOR A VOTE TO POST**

#### **700-7-.02 Reinstatement of Expired Licenses.**

(1) A veterinary license which has not been ~~reinstated within one year of its expiration date as prescribed in 700-7-.01 above, renewed by the end of the March 31<sup>st</sup> late renewal period~~ shall be administratively ~~revoked~~ lapsed for failure to renew. Such failure to renew shall have the same force and effect as a revocation of said license as provided in Sec. 43-1-19(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Licenses that have been administratively ~~revoked~~ lapsed for failure to renew, must be reinstated ~~by~~ at the Board's discretion.

(2) For purposes of this regulation, the administrative ~~revocation~~ lapsing of license for failure to renew shall not be treated as a disciplinary action or contested case.

(3) Any licensed veterinarian of Georgia who fails to renew said license for a period of three years or more shall be required, before reinstatement of said license, to submit a detailed resume of such licensee's veterinary experience since the date said license was renewed and in good standing. If the veterinarian has been practicing outside of Georgia, he must furnish a statement from a recognized licensing jurisdiction regarding the state of licensure in such locale.

(4) An individual seeking reinstatement may be required to furnish additional information to show that he has kept abreast of veterinary medical practice and that he neither had his veterinarian license revoked in another state nor had he been charged with or convicted of a crime.

(5) Upon evaluation of such information, the Board may reinstate said license, or at its discretion condition reinstatement of said license upon conditions acceptable to the Board.

Authority O.C.G.A. Sec. 43-50-21.

9. **Correspondence from Brian Lanier, Ross University Veterinary student** – Viewed as informational. Board requested that the issue of consideration of acceptance of PAVE be on the agenda for the June 2009 meeting.
10. **Correspondence from American Association of Veterinary State Boards** – No nominations at this time.
11. **Correspondence from Dr. Burr** – Write Dr. Burr your feedback but the law on this matter is very clear.

**Sonya Williams –Legal Services report** – Request to change reinstatement consent order on Dr. C.A.D. - Denied

## Miscellaneous

Stephanie Childers addressed the Board on her closed complaint against J.O., DVM. Dr. Hill instructed Ms. Childers if she could supply the board with new information that the board would reconsider the issue.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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. Malphus, Dr. Bateman and Dr. Bohn.

## Appointments

10:00 a.m. – E.F. - Veterinary Tech Applicant - Approved

## Applications/Licensure

1. **N.G.J. – Veterinary Tech Application**
  - **Recommendation:** Approved
2. **S.K. – Veterinary Application**
  - **Recommendation:** Require that applicant send the Board a current, complete evaluation from Talbot including drug screens.
3. **F.E.H. – Veterinary Tech Applicant**
  - **Recommendation:** Run GCIC and approved to sit for the exam.
4. **S.P. – Veterinary Tech Applicant**
  - **Recommendation:** Allow to sit for the exam, if applicant passes, schedule to meet with the Board prior to licensure.
5. **D.A.P. – Veterinary Reinstatement applicant**
  - **Recommendation:** Approved

## Cognizant Report – Beckey Malphus, DVM

**VET090021 –**

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation

**VET090034 –**

- **Recommendation:** Schedule for an Investigative Interview.

**VET070019 & VET070020 -**

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violations

**VET080084 –**

- **Recommendation:** Refer to AG's office to send a Voluntary Surrender. If Voluntary Surrender is not returned within 30 days of receipt, file a Notice of Hearing for Revocation for failure to adhere to OMPE.

**VET090099 –**

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation.

**VET090070 –**

- **Recommendation:** Close with Letter of Concern in regard to euthanasia sensitivity and client communication (i.e. possible reactions/side effects). In the future assure you adequately dose and administer the tranquilizer/sedation and allow time to work prior to euthanasiation.

**VET090098 –**

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation.

**VET090071 –**

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation.

**VET090072** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with a Letter of Concern, i.e. assure patient has had a comprehensive examination prior to surgical procedure. Discuss possible outcomes with client; the Board suggests you implement the use of a surgical/procedure consent form.

**VET090080** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation.

**VET090081** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with a Letter of Concern.

**VET090076** –

- **Recommendation:** Schedule for an Investigative Interview

**VET090060** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation

**VET080059** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with no violation.

**VET090040** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with a Letter of Concern to DVM of record. Assure all vaccines provided at the subject's facility are given by a DVM.

**VET090039** –

- **Recommendation:** Schedule for an Investigative Interview.

**VET090031** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with a Letter of Concern. Need to set up triage system to evaluate sick dogs when they are present. Do not let the computer system dictate the areas reviewed during the physical examination.

**VET090097** –

- **Recommendation:** Close with acceptance of reinstatement Consent Order.

**Executive Director's Report** – Ms. Anita Martin

- Accepted Public Consent Order on Mary Elizabeth Martin, DVM

**Attorney General's Report** – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Provided an update on the cases in her office.

Dr. Bohn motioned/Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations made in the Executive Session.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 10 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 4:05 p.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Carol White, Board Secretary

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

These minutes will be approved at the June 10, 2009 Board meeting.