

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**June 10, 2009**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**Members present**

Hugh Hall, DVM  
 Needham Bateman, DVM  
 Henry Bohn, DVM  
 Jan Hines, DVM  
 Charles Lance – Mr. Lance left the meeting @ 2:35  
 Beckey Malphus, DVM

**Others present**

Amelia Baker  
 Anita Martin  
 Susan Hewett  
 Russell Lewis, OIG  
 Robert Hernandez, OIG

**Unlicensed Practice Hearing – 9:30 a.m.**

**Unlicensed Practice Hearing – 9:30 a.m. - Ashley Riner**

Hearing was called to order at 9:47 a.m. Ms. Riner did not show for the Hearing. Agent Robert Hernandez presented information regarding the investigation. Motion was made by Charles Lance and seconded by Dr. Bohn to issue a Cease & Desist Order, and the motion carried unanimously. Hearing adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

**Open Session**

President Hill established that a quorum was present and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was called to order at 10:17 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes from the April 1, 2009 board meeting – Dr. Bateman made a motion to approve the minutes, Dr. Malphus seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Licenses to ratify – Dr. Malphus made a motion to ratify the list of licenses, Dr. Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>License Type</b>
VET007994	Simonson, Stephanie Miles	Veterinarian
VET007995	Squires, Elizabeth Anne Cienava	Veterinarian
VET007996	Gallagher, Alissa Darcy	Veterinarian
VET007997	Stone, Charity A	Veterinarian
VET007998	Rawlings, Angela Kathleen	Veterinarian
VET007999	Ioppolo, Anthony Michael	Veterinarian
VET008000	Dougan, Kenneth	Veterinarian
VET008001	Bero, Michael James	Veterinarian
VET008002	Kaczmarek, Amanda Beth	Veterinarian

VET008003	Kim, Young-Eun	Veterinarian
VET008004	Akyildiz, Adil	Veterinarian
VET008005	Vogl, Heather Leah Schiro	Veterinarian
VET008006	Avella-Jaramillo, Franklin	Veterinarian
VET008007	Schuler, Jennifer Leslie	Veterinarian
VET008008	Buckner, Elizabeth Leigh	Veterinarian
VET008009	Leach, Andrea Diann	Veterinarian
VET008010	Sheppard, Sheryl Suzanne	Veterinarian
VET008011	Howell, DeAnna Karen	Veterinarian
VET008012	Nix, Kevin Wade	Veterinarian
VET008013	Levert, Holli Keys	Veterinarian
VET008014	Cadieu, Jennifer Ryan	Veterinarian
VET008015	Capeheart, Sabine Brauer	Veterinarian
VET008016	Weintraub, Kacey Ann	Veterinarian
VET008017	Lott, Katherine Hile	Veterinarian
VET008018	Hathcock, Steve Gardner	Veterinarian
VET008019	Tenerovich, Ashley Marie	Veterinarian
VET008020	Peterson, Jennifer Hoffman	Veterinarian
VET008021	Smith, Isaiah John	Veterinarian
VET008022	McDermott, Kimberly Ann	Veterinarian
VET008023	Kidd, Christina Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008024	Patterson, Kathleen Avery	Veterinarian
VET008025	Westeren, Virginia Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008026	Schmetz, Suzette Charese	Veterinarian
VET008027	Hutchens, John Michael	Veterinarian
VET008028	Slider, Amanda Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008029	Askin, Lauren Anne	Veterinarian
VET008030	Burge, Taylor C	Veterinarian
VET008031	Moore, Marshall Robertson	Veterinarian
VET008032	Jenkins, Jessica Amanda	Veterinarian
VET008033	Rainey, Amanda Joy	Veterinarian
VET008034	Thomas, Tanya Bruce	Veterinarian
VET008035	Stokes, Erin Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008036	Rickertsen, Marjorie Ward	Veterinarian
VET008037	Wendt, Catherine D	Veterinarian
VET008038	O'Brien, Kelly Katherine	Veterinarian
VET008039	Gurney, Seth Matthew	Veterinarian
VET008040	Markford, Joy Mary	Veterinarian
VET008041	Watson, Victoria Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008042	Harris, Orville Paul	Veterinarian
VET008043	Neary, Casey Patrick	Veterinarian
VET008044	Hopkins, John David	Veterinarian
VET008045	Hiers, Margaret Ellen	Veterinarian
VET008046	Hilmer, Allyson Tylar	Veterinarian
VET008047	Tanis, Tabitha Matthews	Veterinarian
VET008048	Landrum, Joel Clark	Veterinarian

VET008049	Chaney, Laura Louise	Veterinarian
VET008050	Tenney, Victoria Ann	Veterinarian
VET008051	Matthews, Caitriona Moran	Veterinarian
VET008052	Carter, Dessie Dewitt, Jr	Veterinarian
VET008053	Bruce, Joshua Allen	Veterinarian
VET008054	Hall, Catherine Lee	Veterinarian
VET008055	Alford, Ashley Tenesha	Veterinarian
VETF000571	Rapoport, Gregg Stephen	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000572	Turek, Michelle Maria	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000573	Smith, Joanne R	Veterinary Faculty
VETT001068	Mandato, Donna Marie	Veterinary Technician
VETT001069	Martinez, Nina	Veterinary Technician
	<b>REINSTATEMENTS</b>	
VET003472	Pinson, Debbie	Veterinarian
VET005761	Martin, Marty	Veterinarian
VET006881	Rogers, Edith	Veterinarian

The Board Meeting was recessed at 10:55 a.m. The Public Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. was called to order at 10:55 a.m. for consideration of adoption of Board Rule 700-7-.02. No public comments were received regarding the adoption of this rule, and no persons were in attendance for comments regarding the adoption of this rule. The hearing was adjourned at 10:57 a.m. and the meeting was called back into session at 10:57 a.m.

Dr. Malphus made a motion to approve the adoption of this rule, Dr. Hines seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

(1) A veterinary or veterinary technician license which has not been renewed by the end of the March 31<sup>st</sup> late renewal period shall be administratively 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 lapsed for failure to renew must be reinstated at the Board’s discretion.

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

(3) Any licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician in 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 work experience since the date said license was renewed and in good standing. If the individual has been practicing outside of Georgia, he/she 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/she has kept abreast of veterinary medical or veterinary technology practice and that he/she neither had his/her veterinarian/veterinary technician license revoked in another state nor has he/she 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 and 43-50-40.

3. Correspondence from Brian Lanier, Ross University Veterinary student – Board viewed this letter as informational. Dr. Hines provided information from the AVMA-ECFVG committee concerning the ECFVG.  
Dr. Malphus made a motion to accept the PAVE program effective for a 2 year period. Dr. Bohn, Malphus & Mr. Lance voted in favor - Drs. Hines & Bateman opposing. Ms. Martin will work on a revision to Board Rule 700-2-.03 for the Board's consideration at the next board meeting.

**Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin**

Ms. Martin presented the following information:

- \$500,000. budget reduction for June 2009 for the entire SOS
- Awaiting last vet tech scores
- Letter from Michelle DeHaven re: Paul Asher. – The Board requested that Mr. Asher be notified that he does not qualify under Georgia law and cannot be considered for veterinary technician licensure by experience, however he can be considered if he meets education requirements.
- Board Rule 700-6-.01 – Dr. Malphus made a motion to post the rule, Dr. Hines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

(1) Application for registration of Veterinary Technicians shall be made on forms furnished by the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine.

(2) All applicants shall meet the following requirements as provided in Code Section 43-50-52 of the Georgia Veterinary Practice Act:

(a) The applicant has attained the age of 18;

(b) The applicant is of good moral character; and

(c) The applicant is a graduate of a Veterinary Technician program approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association, however, the Board will review all other programs on an individual basis.

~~(d) Until January 1, 2005, any person who during the period from July 1, 1993, through June 30, 2003, acquired a minimum of five years of experience assisting a licensed veterinarian may, with a signed affidavit from his or her supervising veterinarian attesting to his or her level of on the job training, be allowed to take the examination approved by the board. If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s);~~

~~(e) If licensed in another state(s) with registration requirements substantially the same as this state, which were in effect at the time the applicant was first admitted to practice in the other state(s), provide verification of licensure from that state(s); The applicant has paid all applicable fees.~~

~~(f) The applicant has paid all applicable fees.~~

(3) All applicants for registration must present proof of having obtained a scaled score of 75 or greater on the National Veterinary Technician Examination or other examination similar in nature and scope as the Board from time to time will adopt.

(a) Previous National Board scores will be accepted if a candidate has taken the examination within the immediate past five years in another state.

(b) Such previous scores must be reported to the Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine by the Interstate Reporting Service.

(c) Candidates desiring to transfer scores must pay all applicable fees.

(4) No person shall take the examination more than three times without review and approval by the Board. Approval may be provided under such circumstances, as the board deems appropriate.

(5) Registrations shall be renewable biennially by December 31 of the year in which registration expires.

(a) Registration must be renewed within one year after expiration date with the payment of the renewal and late fees. Failure to comply voids registration.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. \_\_\_\_\_

- Board Rule 700-7-.03 – Dr. Hines made a motion to post the rule, Charles Lance seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**700-7-.03 Continuing Veterinary Education.**

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the purpose of establishing certain minimum standards for continuing education in the best interest of and for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare hereby adopts the following rule:

(a) General Requirements:

1. Each veterinarian licensed to practice in the State of Georgia must obtain thirty (30) hours of Board approved continuing education per biennium for license renewal. Effective January 1, 2009, of the thirty (30) hours required, two (2) per renewal period must be acquired in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Georgia licensees who reside outside of the State of Georgia are not required to meet the two (2) hour requirement in Georgia laws, rules and professionalism. Of the two (2) hours, one (1) must be acquired in person.

2. At the time of license renewal, each veterinarian shall certify to the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine that he/she has completed the continuing education required for license renewal.

3. A veterinarian licensed during the first year of a biennium must obtain fifteen (15) hours of continuing education. A veterinarian licensed during the second year of a biennium is exempt from obtaining continuing education for that renewal period. After this time period, the entire thirty (30) hours is required for each renewal.

4. In the event that a veterinarian fails to verify or submit documentation of continuing education credits at the same time of renewal of his/her license, the Board will not process his/her renewal until continuing education requirements have been met and proof of such has been received and approved by the Board.

5. A veterinarian may not carry over continuing education credits from one biennium license renewal period to the next.

6. Each veterinarian must maintain a record of credit hours earned and proof of attendance of such hours for a period of three years from the date of the preceding renewal period and must provide the Board with said documentation upon request.

7. Veterinarians who attend programs where more than one course is taught must maintain proof of the courses attended and the number of hours awarded for each course.

(b) Approved Continuing Education Programs and Hours:

1. Blanket approval is awarded to any National, State and International veterinary association meetings, United States Department of Agriculture and Georgia Department of Agriculture sponsored meeting, Board Certified Specialties programs recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association, all Veterinary School sponsored classes and programs, all AAVSB RACE approved programs, any GVMA constituent organization programs, AAHA programs, programs sponsored by the United States or Southern Animal Health Association and any course approved by another state board.

2. Upon specific request, continuing education courses may be approved by the Board whenever the sponsor provides information with respect to the practice of veterinary medicine. Such requests shall include the following:

(i) a detailed course outline or syllabus;

(ii) a current curriculum must be provided for each speaker or lecturer;

- (iii) the procedure to be used for recording attendance;
- (iv) the number of continuing education hours for which the course sponsor requests approval.

3. Prior approval must be granted for any courses not offered by a blanket approved organization.

4. Credit hours may be earned as follows:

(i) One (1) hour may be given for each 50 minutes of contact time. Seminars are composed of lectures or labs; welcoming remarks, business sessions, unstructured demonstrations or degree programs are not considered seminars.

(ii) Not more than three (3) hours can be for veterinary audio review. Three (3) hours can be for journal studies where follow-up testing is required. Fifteen (15) hours of interactive computer generated courses will be allowed. Follow-up testing is required.

(iii) Not more than five (5) hours for hospital management.

(iv) A maximum of twenty (20) hours will be allowed for any one meeting.

(v) A maximum of twelve (12) hours will be allowed per calendar day.

(vi) A maximum of six (6) hours can be acquired through in house training at the licensee's place of employment.

(c) Continuing Education Audit:

1. During the renewal period, the Board staff will randomly select up to 25% of its licensees to audit for continuing education compliance. If selected for continuing education audit, each licensee must submit continuing education records to meet the renewal requirements for that license renewal period.

(d) Provider and Sponsor Criteria: All providers and sponsors must provide the following information to the Board if they have not been awarded blanket approval:

1. Each sponsor or provider shall have an administrator whose responsibility is to maintain the criteria for quality in programming.

2. Providers shall use qualified personnel to develop and present the programs, which shall utilize appropriate instructional materials and resources.

3. Providers shall provide to the Board adequate advanced promotional information, material about target audiences, program content, faculty credentials and fees.

4. Providers shall provide a means of registration of the participants at each program and maintain a record of attendance for a period of three years from the date of the program.

5. Providers shall develop policies and procedures for the management of grievances.

6. Providers shall provide each participant with adequate documentation of his/her successful completion of the program. The documentation shall include:

(i) Name and license number of participant;

(ii) Name of provider;

(iii) Name and title of program;

(iv) Hours/CEU's completed;

(v) Date of completion; and

(vi) Authorizing signature.

7. All continuing education providers seeking approval of the continuing education program by the Georgia State Board of Veterinary shall submit a Program Approval Form for each program presented. These forms should be submitted 60 days in advance.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-2, 43-50-21 and 43-50-40.

- Need to set up date for next IC meeting/case review. Discussion determines that Dr. Hill and Dr. Malphus prefer not to have a standing IC with every other month review. ED to work on schedule for a 4 time per year review, much like the engineering board format as suggested by Ms. Baker.

## Miscellaneous

\* Russell Lewis & Robert Hernandez met with the Board per request. Dr. Malphus requests that unlicensed practice cases be sent to the cognizant prior to sending to the OIG. The cognizant will provide extensive practice related guidelines for investigation.

\* The Board has previously requested that agents be trained on facility inspections. Arrangements were made with Dr. Hill however, due to the fact that the training was going to be held after hours – this request was not approved. Mr. Lewis stated that a request of this type should be made to Ms. LaGrua. Executive Director will follow-up on this matter.

\* Dr. Bohn requested that Dr. Hill write a letter for submission to *The Georgia Veterinarian* magazine concerning the late renewal period. Dr. Bohn further asked that the information be provided to the presidents of the local constituent groups for distribution at their respective meetings. Executive Director will draft information for Dr. Hill's consideration.

\* Dr. Bohn provided additions to the Facility Inspection checklist – The additional information provided by Dr. Bohn will be added to the inspection check sheet. Board requested that the facility inspection sheet be patterned after the cosmetology sheet.

\* Dr. Bohn has requested that the staff provide a thumb drive to him for each meeting. The Executive Director has agreed.

\* August Board meeting is changed to August 19, 2009.

Board meeting was recessed at 1:00 p.m. for the Review Hearing scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

### Review Hearing – 1:00 p.m.

Kim Stroup, hearing officer called the Review Hearing for Anji Bodana that was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. to order at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Bodana and his attorney, Mel Goldstein presented their case, Amelia Baker, Board Attorney, presented information regarding the Board's case. The hearing was recessed at 1:45 p.m. for Board deliberation in executive session. The hearing reconvened at 2:35 p.m., and was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Dr. Bateman was recused from the Hearing.

Per Chairman, Hugh Hill, the Board agrees with all decisions in the Amended Initial Decision. Voting in agreement were Drs. Malphus, Bohn, Hines, Hill, and Charles Lance. Dr. Bateman was also recused from voting in regard to this matter. The Board attorney asked that it be made known that all fine monies will go directly to the General Fund.

### Executive Session

#### Applications/Licensure

1. K.G. – Vet Tech applicant

The Board requested that applicant submit official documentation regarding felony conviction. If she passes the VTNE, schedule to meet with the Board prior to issuing license.

2. T.R.O. – Veterinary licensee - The Board requested that a Public Consent Order be issued citing failure to divulge Maryland Board sanction during license renewal. Order should include a \$1000 fine, \$500 for failure to reveal sanction when license was renewed, and \$500 for the sanction in Maryland, and additional 5 hours of CE in law, ethics and professionalism.

3. M.C. – Vet Tech applicant - The Board requested that applicant submit official documentation regarding felony conviction. If she passes the VTNE, schedule to meet with the Board prior to issuing license.

4. F.E.H. – Vet Tech applicant – The Board requested that applicant submit official court information concerning the arrest warrant cited in the DUI arrest record. If applicant passes test & information received – schedule to meet with the Board prior to issuing license.

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

VET090110 – Assigned to agent 05/28/2009.

The Board requested that sworn statement be obtained from the complainant, work with GDNA to get copies of the scripts, and refer to AG for OMPE.

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

- Dr. Malphus made a recommendation to accept consent order from Clairmonte David, DVM.
- Provided a report to the board on the status of the cases in her office.
- Dr. Malphus made a recommendation to accept the counter proposal on W.C.M., DVM.
- Dr. Bohn made a recommendation to request that a Board Hearing be scheduled for L.C., DVM for the August 2009 meeting for failure to meet conditions of OMPE.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Hines seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made in Executive Session.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, GA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Susan S. Hewett, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes edited by Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

These minutes will be approved at the August 19, 2009 Board meeting.