

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting
August 19, 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
Beckey Malphus, DVM

Others present

Amelia Baker via video conference
Anita Martin
Carol White
Whitney Davis
Scott Piper
Lynn Reece
Daniel Aller

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 9:40 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes from the June 10, 2009 board meeting as amended – Dr. Hines made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Mr. Lance seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
2. Consideration of Board Rule 700-6-.01. - Dr. Malphus made a motion to post Board Rule 700-6-.01. Mr. Lance seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Purpose: The purpose of the rule amendment removes the ability for individuals to see licensure by experience.

Main Features: The main feature of the rule amendment removes the ability for individuals to see licensure by experience.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED RULE AMENDEMTN TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE RULE
700-6-.01 Application for Registration of Veterinary Technicians.**

Note: Underlined text is proposed to be added.

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);~~
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.
 - (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. _____

3. Licenses to ratify – Dr. Bohn made a motion to ratify the list of licenses, Dr. Hines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

License Number	Name	License Type
VET008056	Hamilton, Courtney Ruth	Veterinarian
VET008057	Watkins, Rebecca Elizabeth Melnick	Veterinarian
VET008058	Glass, Preston Brooks	Veterinarian
VET008059	Torrescano, Jennifer Lynn	Veterinarian
VET008060	Hayes, James Kyril McKinley	Veterinarian
VET008061	Laye, Nicole Cheryl	Veterinarian
VET008062	Wallace, Ashleigh Erin	Veterinarian
VET008063	Brown, Tracy Jean	Veterinarian
VET008064	Carter, Daniel Edward	Veterinarian
VET008065	Harriman, Geoffrey Michael	Veterinarian
VET008066	Fleming, Sandra Joy	Veterinarian

VET008067	Smith, Andrea Lynn	Veterinarian
VET008068	Cleland, Daniel Patrick	Veterinarian
VET008069	Matthews, Mary Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008070	Harrison, Jessica Mary	Veterinarian
VET008071	Smith, Morgan Bivens	Veterinarian
VET008072	Finnerty, Katherine Elizabeth	Veterinarian
VET008073	Connors, Phebe Bibb Clawson	Veterinarian
VET008074	Mansfield, Howland Mignery	Veterinarian
VET008075	Maus, Chetika Ann Leonard	Veterinarian
VET008076	Smith, Jaclyn Stephanie	Veterinarian
VET008077	Vobornik, Sabrina Denise Galvin	Veterinarian
VET008078	Bolbach, Elizabeth Rae Marie	Veterinarian
VET008079	Ervin, Genine Rayshal	Veterinarian
VET008080	Renner, Lindsey Jeanae Gilmour	Veterinarian
VET008081	Rosenthal, Courtney Ann	Veterinarian
VET008082	Horslev, Tessa Marie	Veterinarian
VET008083	Hancock, Karen Denise	Veterinarian
VET008084	Williges, Allison Beth	Veterinarian
VET008085	Neves, Leo Bocater	Veterinarian
VET008086	Harden, Marcus Gregory	Veterinarian
VET008087	Earick, Angela Sullivan	Veterinarian
VET008088	Oakes, Jessica Lane	Veterinarian
VET008089	Oakes, Rocky John	Veterinarian
VET008090	Stewart, Jessica Kelly	Veterinarian
VET008091	McAllister, Tiffany S	Veterinarian
VET008092	Thornton, Jason John	Veterinarian
VET008093	Twedt, Tru F	Veterinarian
VET008094	Huff, Deidre D	Veterinarian
VET008095	Jennings, Michelle Renee	Veterinarian
VET008096	Williams, Lindsay Marie	Veterinarian
VET008097	Harris, Brett N	Veterinarian
VET008098	Morse, Hayley Michelle	Veterinarian
VET008099	Kirby, Katherine Druhan	Veterinarian
VET008100	Deegan, Zachary Edward	Veterinarian
VET008101	Bearden, Candice Destinee	Veterinarian
VET008102	Cathcart, Curtis Jay Tray	Veterinarian
VET008103	Anderson, Jennifer Eleanor	Veterinarian
VET008104	Barrett, Ola Rinday	Veterinarian
VET008105	Grimes, Melissa Dale Moyer	Veterinarian
VET008106	Winter, Jennifer Elise	Veterinarian
VET008107	Solano, Tiffany Mayela	Veterinarian
VET008108	Gracia Otero, Natalia Teresa	Veterinarian
VET008109	Maddox, Allison Kade	Veterinarian
VET008110	Kubiski, Steven Victor	Veterinarian
VET008111	Bird, Brian Houston	Veterinarian
VET008112	Acevedo, Siomara Noemi	Veterinarian

VET008113	Carr, Scott David	Veterinarian
VET008114	Adams, Kimberly Dawn	Veterinarian
VET008115	Ponder, Madeleine	Veterinarian
VET008116	Hargrove, Cara Ann	Veterinarian
VET008117	Pearson, Jennifer MiAnn	Veterinarian
VET008118	Ferris, Kathryn	Veterinarian
VET008119	Anderson, Kelly Marie	Veterinarian
VET008120	Harris, Callie Renee	Veterinarian
VET008121	Nicholson, Kristin Amber	Veterinarian
VET008122	Quinlan, Craig Clark	Veterinarian
VET008123	Lombardo, Deanna Michele	Veterinarian
VET008124	Iwamoto, Hiroyuki	Veterinarian
VET008125	Gudenkauf, Kimberly Anne	Veterinarian
VETF000574	Schrader, Gabrielle Marie	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000575	Cohen, Eli Bram	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000576	Ralph, Alan Gregory	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000577	Bugbee, Andrew Craig	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000578	Knafo, Sophie Emmanuelle	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000579	Smith, Katherine	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000580	Sawyer, Ellyn Shields	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000581	Bell, Jennifer Lauren	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000582	Venable, Rachel Olivia Taylor	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000583	Mouney, Meredith Catherine	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000584	Nelson, Samantha Collins	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000585	Albanese, Valeria	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000586	Rodriguez, Carolina	Veterinary Faculty
VETF000587	Lee, Wesley Louis	Veterinary Faculty
VETT001070	Castorino, Gina Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT001071	Huggins, Catherine Lousie	Veterinary Technician
VETT001072	Castle, Debra Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT001073	Cash, Courtney Evan	Veterinary Technician
	REINSTATEMENTS	
VET007022	Bates, Lauri	Veterinarian
VET005627	Daugherty, Carrie	Veterinarian
VT007320	George, Nneka	Veterinarian

4. Consideration of Board Rule 700-7-.03. - Dr. Malphus made a motion to post Board Rule 700-7-.03. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE AMENDMENT
BOARD RULE 700-7-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

Purpose: The purpose of the rule amendment requires 1 hour of the laws, rules and professionalism continuing education to be acquired in person and limits to 6 the number of continuing education courses that can be acquired by in-house training.

Main Features: The main features of the rule amendment requires 1 hour of the laws, rules and professionalism continuing education to be acquired in person and limits to 6 the number of continuing education courses that can be acquired by in-house training

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RULE 700-7-.03 CONTINUING EDUCATION.**

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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.

5. Correspondence from Kimberly Zwaagstra concerning law interpretation questions for the State Board. – Dr. Malphus made a motion to send no legal letter. Mr. Lance seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Request from Tracy W. Land, DVM re: new two hour CE requirement in professionalism, law, and ethics. – The Board viewed as informational.
7. Request from William G. Gholston, DVM re: personal CE credits. Dr. Bohn made a motion to approve. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Executive Director’s Open Session – Ms. Anita Martin

- Ms. Martin presented the updated reinstatement policy to the Board. Ms. Martin will bring back to the board for approval once the reinstatement policy has been revised.
- Ms. Martin recognized Henry Bohn, DVM for the 2009 JT Mercer Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Ms. Martin presented the request from Samantha Dickinson to allow renewal of license in lieu of reinstatement of license. Dr. Malphus made a motion to deny, Dr. Bateman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Ms. Martin presented the request for clarification from Cate Daniels of AAVSB. Questions addressed as follows:
 1. Can someone go to another state and be licensed based on OJT having passed the VTNA and transfer scores into the Georgia Board to be considered for licensure? The Board’s answer is Yes.
 2. If someone tested based upon OJT and failed the exam, can they now take the examination subsequent times based on their old approval? The Board’s answer is No.
- Ms. Martin provided Georgia Pharmacy law information regarding Georgia law requirement. Dr. Bateman will research the law information regarding Georgia law requirement. Ms. Martin will provide Dr. Bateman with a contact person at Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency.

Miscellaneous

* The Board discussed a post card from VetMedGeorgia.com. Dr. Malphus made a motion to notify the provider and require that he send out clarifying information that the Georgia Board has not approved the program and the Board finds the information to be misleading. Dr. Hines seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

*Dr. Bateman asked about clarification on the Vet Tech position in the Board. Discussion surrounded that at the current time, the law requires the position to be state funded before it can be appointed.

Executive Session

Appointments

1. 10:00 a.m. – F.H.- Veterinary Tech applicant – No Show
2. 10:30 a.m. – S.P. – Veterinary Tech applicant – Cancelled/rescheduled for October 2009.
3. 11:00 a.m. – M.C. – Veterinary Tech applicant – Approved upon receipt of information from M.C. showing that probation has been terminated.

Applications/Licensure

1. S.S. – Vet Faculty applicant- Approved.
2. R.W.M. – Veterinary applicant – Schedule an Investigative Interview with the Board.
3. G.P. – Renewal applicant – Get a copy of a complete order to be reviewed by Dr. Bohn and the Attorney General. If approved by Dr. Bohn and the Attorney General, approved for renewal. If there is an issue that needs board review, bring back to the Board meeting.
4. M.B. – Veterinary Tech applicant – Approved.
5. K.G. – Veterinary Tech applicant – Approve under a Private Consent Order to enroll in an aftercare program with GVMA Wellness Committee for three years and require quarterly reports from the aftercare provider.

6. P.L. – Reinstatement application – Approved.

Legal Service Report – Sonya Williams

1. Request for an Open Records Request on Thomas Bodie – Approved.

Cognizant Report – Hugh Hill, DVM and Beckey Malphus, DVM

- Daniel Aller addressed the Board regarding VET090066.
- Cognizant Report was approved. (Attachment 1)

Attorney General’s Report – Ms. Amelia Baker

- Ms. Baker updated the Board on the cases in her office.
- Ms. Baker presented the Board a Consent Order on William Chess Mitchell, DVM. The Board voted to accept upon receipt.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 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 Carol White, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

These minutes will be approved at the October 7, 2009 Board meeting.