

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
August 23, 2012
9:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine met on Thursday, **August 23, 2012** for the purpose of conducting business.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Edsel Davis – President
Mr. Jeff Smith
Dr. Larry R Corry
Dr. John C. Sundstrom
Dr. Henry E. Bohn
Dr. Beckey E. Malphus

Staff Present:

Graham Barron, Board Attorney
Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Morgan Bennett, Licensing Analyst
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Open Session

Dr. Edsel Davis established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Introduction of visitors:

Dr. Edsel Davis welcomed the visitors.

Consideration of minutes from the June 13, 2012 board meeting

Dr. Becky Malphus made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2012 meeting as is for public and with amendments Dr. Jeff Smith seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Consideration of minutes from the June 24, 2012 board meeting

Dr. Larry Corry made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24, 2012 meeting and Dr. Becky Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Consideration of minutes from the June 31, 2012 board meeting

Dr. Becky Malphus made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 31, 2012 meeting, Dr. Larry Corry seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Consider for ratification licenses that have been administratively issued

Dr. Becky Malphus made a motion to approve the report of licenses issued, Dr. Henry Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Correspondence from AAVSB

Dr. Becky Malphus discussed the correspondence report from the AAVSB and various members slated. Dr. Malphus would like for encourage any board member who is available to participate in the AAVSB Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington. Sept 12-16th. Dr. Davis commended Dr. Malphus's work and congratulated her on her recent election at the national level.

Correspondence from Boehringer Ingelheim

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Boehringer Ingelheim regarding the FDA's Statement on Compounding. The Board recommended referring such to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy.

Discussion on Acupuncture

The Board discussed whether a licensed acupuncturist can perform acupuncture on dogs, or any animal, under the direct supervision of a veterinarian. Mr. Graham pointed out the following code sections for consideration. O.C.G.A. 43-50-3 (11) and 43-34-62 (4).

Discussion – Review adopting a rule regarding inactive license status for veterinarian technicians

The Board discussed whether or not to draft a rule regarding the availability of an inactive license status for veterinarian technicians. It is recommended that Amelia Baker be consulted regarding whether this should be done by amending the rule that addresses inactive license statuses or by a new, completely separate rule.

Discussion-Rehabilitation Services

Dr. Henry Bohn discussed research he did regarding this subject matter and how the Boards of Physical Therapy and Veterinary Medicine could work together. Dr. Evelyn Orenbuch gave a brief introduction of herself and an overview of veterinary physical rehabilitation facilities and services. There was discussion regarding whose responsibility it is to diagnose and other standards of practice. Dr. Bohn shared an excerpt from a program in Tennessee and drew the distinction between physical rehabilitation on animals versus physical therapy on animals. Discussion ensued regarding what is considered *rehabilitation* services. For clarification, Dr. Davis inquired about therapeutic lasers. Dr. Orenbuch stated that such was considered non-invasive. The Board directed Ms. Battle to notify the Georgia Board of Physical Therapy of this discussion and ask for its input.

Executive Director's Open Session – Ms. Tanja D. Battle

Ms. Battle made available the AAVSB 2012 Nominating report upon which Dr. Malphus expounded.

The Board reviewed correspondence regarding an inquiry about the release of information. Mr. Barron referenced O.C.G.A. §§ 24-9-29 and 50-18-72 as the issue is not mentioned in the Board's practice act. The Board stated that no legal advice could be given in response to the inquiry.

The Board asked that Ms. Amelia be consulted regarding what laws speak to the confidentiality of patient records.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Choder stated that an issue regarding rabies vaccinations has come up. There is a concern that Veterinarians are not keeping medical records regarding such as the County Public Health Board is telling them they are not required to do so. Dr. Davis stated that if there are specific instances regarding the lack of such records, formal complaints should be filed with the Board so that it can address such.

Dr. Becky Malphus made the motion, Mr. Jeff Smith seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2), 43-11-47(h) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate

and to receive information on applications, investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were Dr. Becky Malphus, Mr. Jeff Smith, Dr. Edsel Davis, Dr. Larry R. Corry, Dr. John C. Sundstrom, and Dr. Henry E. Bohn.

Executive Session

The Board discussed the following:

Applications:

1. K.T.S. – Vet. Faculty
2. L.G.O. – Vet tech app
3. M.D.H. – Vet app
4. A.M.P. – Vet
5. M.L.L. – Vet tech app
6. S.H.C. – Vet app-Application for Licensure.
7. S.R.C. – Vet app Approved
8. B.A.M. – Vet app
9. J.M.O. – Approved
10. M.A.N. – Vet tech app
11. R.M.Z. – Vet app
12. A.K.D. – Vet App
13. L.M.V. – Vet tech app
14. T.S.S. – Vet tech app

Investigative Committee Report:

VET120050
VET120052
VET120054
VET120055
VET120070
VET120071
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VET120073
VET120076
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VET120085
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VET130001
VET130002
VET130003
VET130004
VET130005
VET130006
VET130007

Investigative Interviews:

VET120034

VET120066

Executive Director's Report – Ms. Tanja D. Battle

No Report

Attorney General's Report – Mr. Graham Barron

No Report

Dr. Edsel Davis concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared the meeting back in Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

VOTE:

Applications:

1. K.T.S. – Approved
2. L.G.O. – Approved
3. M.D.H. – Approved
4. A.M.P. – Approved for exam
5. M.L.L. – Schedule for interview
6. S.H.C. – Denied
7. S.R.C. – Approved
8. B.A.M.– Schedule for interview
9. J.M.O. – Approved
10. M.A.N. – Schedule for interview
11. R.M.Z. – Approved pending CE
12. A.K.D. – Approved
13. L.M.V. – Approved with consent agreement
14. T.S.S. – Approved

Investigative Committee Report – Dr. Davis and Malphus

Dr. Henry Bohn made a motion to accept the following recommendations:

- VET120050-Close with letter of concern
- VET120052-Schedule for an investigative interview
- VET120054-Close with no action
- VET120055-Close with no action
- VET120070-Schedule for an investigative interview
- VET120071-Coordinate Peer Review
- VET120072-Close with no action
- VET120073-Schedule for an investigative Interview
- VET120076-Close with no action
- VET120080-Close with letter of concern
- VET120083-Close with letter of concern
- VET120084-Close with no action
- VET120085-Close with letter of concern
- VET120086-Refer to Investigations
- VET130001-Close with letter of concern
- VET130002-Tabled

VET130003-Close with no action
VET130004-Obtain more information
VET130005-Refer to Investigations
VET130006-Close with letter of concern
VET130007-Refer to investigations

Investigative Interviews:

VET120034-Close with private order.
VET120066-Pending additional information
VET120066-Failure to appear

Dr. John Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted in favor of the motion.

No more business was discussed and the Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

The next scheduled Georgia Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting will be on October 31, 2012 at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Edsel Davis, President
The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Date

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director
The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine

Date