

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards**  
**237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**April 24, 2013 \* 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Members Present**

Dr. John Sundstrom, President  
Dr. Henry Bohn  
Dr. Beckey Malphus  
Dr. Larry Corry  
Dr. Edsel Davis

**Staff Present**

Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist  
Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present:**

Scott Piper

Dr. Sundstrom established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

**Open Session**

**Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2013 Board Meeting**

Dr. Davis made a motion to approve the Board minutes from the February 27, 2013 Board Meeting. Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Licenses to ratify February 23, 2013-April 19, 2013**

Dr. Davis made a motion to ratify the licenses issued from February 23, 2013 through April 19, 2013. Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence from Lina Palacio**

The Board considered this correspondence in which Ms. Palacio requests permission to clean her dog's teeth. The Board has no objection to Ms. Palacio providing care to her own pet as described in her correspondence.

**Correspondence from Lois Lassiter**

The Board considered this correspondence. Based on the limited information provided, the Board believes this not to be an issue under its jurisdiction. Dr. Lassiter may wish to contact the Department of Agriculture regarding this matter.

**Correspondence from Scott Piper**

Mr. Piper brought up the issue of requirements related to vaccination clinics. The Board discussed the waiving of examinations and the documentation of such. It emphasized that the rabies vaccination must be administered by a Veterinarian and that there must be medical record any time a vaccination is administered. Mr. Piper volunteered to draft a waiver form to present to the Board at its next meeting in hopes that the Board would consider certain exemptions for one-day vaccination clinics.

**Correspondence from Shannon Zerangue**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Ms. Zerangue. Mobile Clinics have to abide by the rules of the State Board of Veterinary Medicine. The Board recommends a referral to Board Rule 700-12-.02 Facility Standards.

**Correspondence from Suzanne Newsom**

Table for discussion in Executive Session

**Melanie Church Rule Waiver Request**

Dr. Malphus made a motion to grant the waiver. Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Correspondence from Andrea Peacock**

The Board considered this correspondence which included several questions regarding Heartgard. The Board indicated that medical records should contain information regarding the prescription. Additionally, the Board advised that Board Rule 700-8-.01 (d) defines the Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship. Finally, the Board referred the correspondence to the Georgia Board of Pharmacy for further attention.

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

Ms. Battle discussed the Interested Parties List and the availability to subscribe to such on the Secretary of State's website.

Ms. Battle presented a letter from Martin Dix that was referred by the Georgia Board of Pharmacy. The Board accepted the correspondence as informational and did not offer any legal advice regarding the question concerning reimbursement for veterinarian prescriptions.

Ms. Battle presented a draft of Rule 700-2-.03 Examination.

Dr. Malphus made a motion to post, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The language reads as follows:

**700-2-.03 Examination.**

(1) The Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine has adopted the North American Veterinary Licensure Examination (NAVLE) administered by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (NBVME) as its examination for licensure. ~~The application to take the NAVLE is separate from the application for licensure submitted to the Board. Any application to take the NAVLE sent to the Board will be returned to the applicant.~~ All applications and fees for the NAVLE must be sent directly to the NBVME.

(2) ~~The Board shall certify to the NBVME the name of each person who has submitted an approved application for licensure. No person shall be certified by the Board to take the NAVLE unless an application for licensure has been submitted and approved.~~

(a) The NAVLE candidate must abide by all rules and regulations established by the NBVME concerning the NAVLE.

~~1. An applicant for licensure who graduated from a foreign veterinary school must submit proof of enrollment in an ECFVG program from the American Veterinary Medical Association and proof of completion of Step 2 of the ECFVG documenting English Proficiency, or proof of completion of the PAVE program from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards or a foreign equivalency program as approved by the Board prior to being certified to the NBVME to sit for the NAVLE.~~

~~2.~~(3) A NAVLE score of 75 or greater is required for licensure consideration.

~~3.~~ (4) An applicant for licensure who does not obtain a NAVLE score of 75 or higher may reapply to sit for the NAVLE ~~by submitting a re-certification request to the board office,~~ pay the appropriate fee and submit a new application directly to the NBVME with any required fee.

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

Dr. Bohn made a motion to adopt the Economic Impact Statement, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The language reads as follows:

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed amended rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 and 43-50-32. Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-21, 43-50-31 and 43-50-32 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of veterinary medicine.

**Henry Bohn made a motion, Larry Corry 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 enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included John Sundstrom, Henry Bohn, Beckey Malphus, Larry Corry, and Edsel Davis.**

**John Sundstrom concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared Open Session.**

Dr. Bohn made a motion, Dr. Malphus seconded and the Board voted unanimously on the following recommendations based on deliberation in Executive Session:

**Appearances:**

11:00 a.m. C.C. The Board requests additional information. Once provided, if satisfactory, this case will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for a Private Consent Order.

**Applications:**

1. L.M.H. Approve
2. C.L.R-C. Approve with Private Consent Order
3. J.S.T. No Action
4. K.P.D. Deny
5. J.M.G. Approve
6. J.C.L. Approve
7. M.G.P. Approve for license
8. R.W.S. Approve with a Public Consent Order

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

- S.N. Board approves with a Public Consent Order
- C.W. Schedule Investigative Interview
- B.P. Accept signed Private Consent Order
- L.O. Accept Cease & Desist Order
- S.B. Accept Cease & Desist Order

**Investigative Committee Report – Edsel Davis and Becky Malphus**

**Discussion Cases**

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| VET130047 | Close with No Action             |
| VET130049 | Close with Letter of Concern     |
| VET130052 | Schedule Investigative Interview |
| VET130061 | Close with Letter of Concern     |
| VET130064 | Close with Letter of Concern     |
| VET130065 | Schedule Investigative Interview |
| VET130070 | Close with No Action             |

**Investigative Interviews**

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| VET100044 | Approve                            |
| VET130032 | Approve with Private Consent Order |
| VET120033 | Reinspection                       |

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

The next Veterinary Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 9:30am at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

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John Sundstrom, President  
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

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Tanja Battle, Executive Director  
The Georgia State Board of Physical Therapy

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