

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

Board Members Present

Dr. John Sundstrom, President
Dr. Beckey Malphus
Dr. Henry Bohn
Dr. Larry Corry
Dr. Edsel Davis
Mr. Jeff Smith, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Ms. Lisa Durden, Division Director
Ms. Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Ms. Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present:

Ms. Betsy Choder
Mr. Scott Piper

Dr. Sundstrom established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda: Approved as amended.

Open Session Minutes Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 21, 2013 open session minutes.

Licenses to Ratify Dr. Malphus made a motion to ratify the licenses issued from August 16, 2013 – October 23, 2013. Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Daniel Loper Assistant Attorney General Amelia Baker explains that this correspondence is pertaining to the Pharmacy Board and correspondent should attend the Pharmacy Board's public rule hearings for questions and comments.

Correspondence from Stephanie Ledden The Board would like to thank Ms. Ledden for her comments.

Correspondence from Darcy Adin Interpretation of statute doesn't require correspondent to be licensed. Refer to Statute 43-50-30.

Correspondence from Mary –Elizabeth Ellard there are no specifics in the rule or statute that applies. Encourage correspondent to be familiar with what is considered Veterinary Medicine Practice.

Rule Waiver Request: C. McManus Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve rule waiver request.

Rule Waiver Request B. Capotosto Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny rule waiver request because it does not meet education requirements.

Discussion: Leap CE The Board accepts as information and thanks them for their comments

Discussion: Reinstatement for Vet Techs Change to 10 hours and 2 years

Discussion: Army Base The Board questions if the clinic is on or off base. If clinic is on base is it legal to treat private animals, but if it is off base then the Board questions why doesn't he or she have a license. Attorney General Amelia Baker suggests referring to GA Law.

Correspondence from Kris Street Refer to Dr. Corry for approval request

Correspondence Mary Schick Refer to Dr. Corry for approval request

Correspondence from Shelia Allen Encourage applicants to be diligent about updating contact information and verify that their information has been received.

Miscellaneous Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the amended 2014 Board Meeting Dates.

Dr. Betsey Choder mentions letter given to Mr. Waters at meeting in June 2013 to be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Scott Piper question CE submitted by Rebecca Gimenez approved for 24hours and LEAP CE.

Dr. Bohn mentions FYI - Governor looking at getting convicted felons back into their field of practice. Attorney

General Amelia Baker explains that the Board handles this on a case by case basis.

The Board discussed the issue of carrying a controlled substance in a mobile unit for Veterinarians. Refer to Attorney General's office regarding authority for Veterinarians.

Dr. Davis made a motion, Mr. Smith 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 Dr. Sundstrom, Dr. Malphus, Dr. Bohn, Dr. Corry, Dr. Davis, and Mr. Smith.

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

OPEN SESSION

Executive Minutes Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 21, 2013 Executive minutes.

Correspondence from M.F.L The Board accepts as information and would like to thank correspondent for their progress in this matter.

Applications Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the application recommendations as presented.

1. C.W.S. Approve for licensure with LOC
2. K.L.S. Retake NAVLE or Species Specific Test and then Board will review for licensure
3. C.S.A. Approve for licensure
4. A.C.N.K. Reinstate with Private CO and \$200 fine; Deny renewal fee to be applied to reinstatement
5. S.G.H. Deny based on criminal convictions & issues in Kentucky
6. J.A.B. Approve for licensure

Attorney General's Report –Ms. Amelia Baker Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented.

1. S.N. Voluntary Surrender has been accepted

Investigative Committee Report – Edsel Davis and Becky Malphus Dr. Corry motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the IC Report and recommendations as presented.

Investigative Interviews

1. VET130092 Close with a LOC – cannot label an unlicensed vet tech as licensed and have the vet tech perform vet tech duties without a license. Prescriptions cannot be sold without supervision of an in-house veterinarian and clinic needs to be operated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the veterinary board. Inspection to be conducted in approximately six months, the inspector will need to contact Dr. Malphus before proceeding.

Discussion Cases

2. VET120033 Send letter to respondent – Thanks for improvements however expired drugs need to be separated & be sure to thoroughly document physical exam in medical records
3. VET130007 Accept C&D
4. VET130013 Close with LOC – Refer to Board Rule 700-8-.01(d) regarding the veterinarian-client-patient relationship
5. VET130016 Resend LOC via certified mail, allow 10 days for response
6. VET130017 Send letter to respondent – Thanks for improvements however expired drugs need to be separated & be sure to thoroughly document physical exam in medical records
7. VET130024 Schedule respondent for II – request list of employees (Issue C&D to employees upon receipt of list)

8. VET130039 Close with LOC regarding compliance with rules requiring documentation of physical exam because there is not enough documentation to support diagnosis. Needs to be thorough on medical exam, if not able to conduct physical examination because of aggressiveness this needs to be documented in the medical record. It was unprofessional conduct for a recommendation or diagnosis of euthanasia based only on observation and not a physical examination. Express the importance of client communication and encourage patience when dealing with aggressive patients.
9. VET130058 Accept C&D
10. VET140019 Schedule for II – request original medical records & x-rays; follow-up with 2nd Vet for medical records
11. VET140023 Close with LOC – euthanasia was a reasonable solution based on the diagnosis and history of the breed of dog; Vet should have deferred to the wishes of the owner
12. VET140026 Request information from complainant, need receipts showing unlicensed from a client
13. VET140027 Send letter to licensee - request current status of the case (within 10 days), Ask for court documents regarding disposition of case, if applicable
14. VET140028 Close, no action
15. VET140029 Close, no action
16. VET140030 Close, no action
17. VET140031 Close with LOC – If situation arises again, patient need to sign a patient surrender consent form
18. VET140032 Schedule II – bring original records & x-rays
19. VET140034 Close with LOC – immediate risk assessment on high risk patient’s t needs to be explained to client how critical that patient is by the Veterinarian and not staff members.

Miscellaneous

20. Email from M.L. Contact respondent and see if he/she is charging for services, if so, what kind of services he/she provided and if there’s any training. Contact complainant and see if he/she has a specific client who has a complaint or undergone services.
21. Violated USDA Send LOC; does fall within our jurisdiction if Vet is not following accreditation rules, its unprofessional conduct to misrepresent oneself
22. VET130020 Accept as information; thank writer and acknowledge letter has been placed on file and refer to website regarding actions that can be taken
23. VET130073 Respond and thank for due diligence and ask to send new records once this is in place.

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10pm

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Minutes approved on:

December 18, 2013

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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