

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**Board Teleconference Minutes**  
**December 18, 2013 \* 9:30am.**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Ms. Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist  
Ms. Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor  
  
Ms. Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. Sundstrom established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda:** Approved as amended.

**Open Session Minutes** Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Corry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve October 30, 2013 and November 20, 2013 Teleconference open session minutes.

**Licenses to Ratify** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses issued from October 24, 2013-December 13, 2013.

**Correspondence from Richard Ashworth** There is no Georgia law that requires a yearly heartworm test; however the standard of care recommended by the National Heartworm Society is yearly and is at the discretion of the Veterinarian.

**Correspondence from Tom Pursley** The Board explained that one must be licensed as a Veterinarian to perform any procedure on any animal other than his own.

**Rule Waiver Request: D. Upton** Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the rule waiver request.

**Dr. Corry made a motion, Dr. Bohn 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, and Dr. Davis.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, Dr. Sundstrom declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken during executive session.**

**OPEN SESSION**

**Executive Minutes** Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 30, 2013 Board Meeting, November 20, 2013 Teleconference, and IC Meeting Executive Minutes.

**Correspondence from B.C.** the Board will treat this correspondence as a compliant and refer to Ga Law 43-50-45 and 43-1-20.1. Unlawful acts; penalties

**Applications**

1. D.K.R Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve for licensure
2. R.G.F. Dr. Bohn motioned, Dr. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve for licensure

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

1. VET000541 C.T. Reinstate without a CO
2. VET000776 A.K Accept Signed Private CO
3. VET003793 R.P. Accept submission of an inactive status and information of licensed Veterinarian working in the office if received by 12-31-13 and request that he submit a letter stating who will be the veterinarian in charge of his practice. If not received by the deadline, submit a summary suspension.

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

**Discussion Cases**

1. VET130050 Close, no action (lack of evidence)
2. VET140004 Close, no action (CE requirements met)
3. VET140005 Send letter of response to respondent thanking his or her for their response. Please review Board Rules 700-12-.03 & .04. If it's a patient, refer to Board Rules 700-8-.01(c) – patient records.
4. VET140025 Close, no action (Out of the Board's jurisdiction, advise complainant they may seek the advice of their own personal attorney should they decide to pursue case.)
5. VET140040 Close with LOC - Client is entitled to both rabies certificate and prescription for Trifexis; have DVM send proof of information provided to complainant.
6. VET140041 Advise that a DVM can practice ophthalmology but cannot hold oneself out as a "specialist" unless he or she has met the requirements of Board Rule 700-13-.01. Respondent needs to take down any advertisement representing him or herself as a specialist within 30 days, and send proof to the Board once changes are made. Respondent also does not need to represent him or herself as a specialist within the practice. In addition, please update name change upon renewal.
7. VET140045 Schedule Investigative Interview regarding intubation during surgery, respondent needs to bring original medical records and x-rays to interview
8. VET140046 Schedule Investigative Interview with respondent to bring original medical records and x-rays to interview
9. VET140047 Schedule Investigative Interview with respondent to bring all records for animals treated that same day that were brought in by Animal Control and any documentation regarding any contractual relationship with Animal Control
10. VET140048 Schedule Investigative Interview with respondent to bring original medical records and x-rays to interview; Board staff to request records from second veterinarian
11. VET140049 Close, no action
12. VET140050 Close with LOC – Refer to Board Rule 700-8-.01(d) and 700-8-.01(e) regarding client/patient relationship before prescribing medication
13. VET140052 Close with LOC - There is a concern about the delay in treating a hypothermic and hypoglycemic patient; procedures should have been performed immediately after gaining permission.
14. VET140027 Close, No Action (deceased)

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50am

**Minutes recorded by:**  
**Minutes edited by:**  
**Minutes approved on:**

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist  
Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor  
February 19, 2014

**JOHN SUNDSTROM, DVM**  
**BOARD PRESIDENT**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**