

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

**Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
April 16, 2014 * 9:30am**

Board Members Present

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

Staff Present

Ms. Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Ms. Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Ms. Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

Ms. Amelia Baker, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Mr. Scott Piper
Mr. John Ricketson
Ms. Victoria Ogburn

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Approved as amended.

Open Session Minutes Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Malphus seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 19, 2014 Board Meeting.

Licenses to Ratify Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses issued from February 15, 2014 – April 09, 2014.

Correspondence from AVMA – Accreditation Decisions The Board accepts as information.

Correspondence from Andrew G. Smith – CE Requirements The Board directs staff to send a letter of response thanking the writer for his concern and referring him to the GVMA website for Leap Continuing Education available near his area.

Correspondence from Robert Cobb – Federal Certification with Online Modules Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the request for the Board to approve twenty-four (24) hours of the accreditation modules toward continuing education credit. The Board only approves fifteen (15) hours of the accreditation modules as continuing education hours as defined in Board Rule 700-7-.03(7)(3)(i).

Rule Waiver Request – Borja, Annette Dr. Davis motioned, Dr. Bohn seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the rule waiver pending review of any potential disciplinary actions against licenses held in other states.

Rule Waiver Request – Parsons, Meredith Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the rule waiver request based on O.C.G.A. §43-50-52(a)(2)(D)(b).

Correspondence from Carol Falck The Board directs staff to send letter explaining that secure means locked, bathroom must be within the facility, must have an isolation area regardless of whether or not surgery is performed, and facility must be well ventilated with an approved HVAC system. Include a copy of the inspection sheet.

Rule Waiver Request – Dinetz, Bruna Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the rule waiver request.

Rule Waiver Request – Dinetz, Scott Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the rule waiver request.

Rule Waiver Request – Ezell, Paula Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Davis seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the rule waiver request.

Executive Director's Report Ms. Adrienne Price reported on the following administrative items: Status report on applications and complaints/compliance and system outages which may delay processing times. The Board accepts the report as presented.

Miscellaneous The Board discussed the next meeting dates and agreed to change the next full Board and IC meeting dates from June 17th and 18th to June 10th and June 11th.

Dr. Bohn presented the Board with correspondence from David Filer who inquired as to whether or not Chiropractors may work with animals and if any supervision from veterinarians is required. The Board directed staff to send a letter stating that a Chiropractor may work with animals under the direction and supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Discussions were held regarding the investigative process and the reason complainants may or may not be contacted during the investigative process as visitor Victoria Ogburn and John Ricketson expressed concerns regarding the Board's level of transparency. The Board Members and the Assistant Attorney General reviewed the investigative and complain process and incidences by which a complainant may or may not be contacted. The visitors were also directed to the Secretary of State website for a written explanation of the complaint process and encouraged to review O.C.G.A. §43-1-18 regarding information that may be shared with the public relative to an investigation.

Dr. Malphus made a motion, Dr. Davis 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, April 16, 2014, Dr. Corry 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

Dr. Malphus motioned, Dr. Sundstrom seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the following recommendations made in Executive Session.

Applications

1. B.D. Approve for licensure
2. J.L.E. Accept Consent Agreement as presented and approve reinstatement of licensure
3. M.H.P. Issue a Consent Agreement for licensure by reinstatement with a fine of \$600 and thirty (30) hours of continuing education which cannot be used towards the next renewal

Attorney General's Report –Ms. Amelia Baker

1. VET005362 R.S. Approve request for license to be put in inactive status and close the case.

Investigative Committee Report – Edsel Davis and Becky Malphus

Investigative Interviews

1. VET130016 Respondent to provide the board with written protocols via email within two (2) weeks which explains what clients can do in an emergency; Request interview with clinic owner
2. VET100082 All requirements met, lift probation
3. VET140045 Close with letter of concern instructing respondent to use current anesthesia agents and surgical protocols for monitoring patients.

Discussion Cases

4. VET130041 Refer to Attorney General's Office to proceed with hearing for unlicensed practice.
5. VET140012 Close, no action
6. VET140038 Close, no action
7. VET140053 Close, no action
8. VET140041 Close, no action
9. VET140079 Close, no action
10. VET140075 Close, no action
11. VET140058 Close, no action
12. VET140070 Close, no action
13. VET140071 Close, no action

14. VET140074 Close, no action
15. VET130005 Close; add alert to licensee file to revisit upon attempt to reinstate license.
16. VET130026 Close; add alert to licensee file to revisit upon attempt to reinstate license.

Miscellaneous

1. S.J. Uphold previous motion to approve with private consent agreement in accordance to policy

Minutes

1. February 19, 2014 Executive Session Minutes
2. April 15, 2014 IC Open Session Minutes
3. April 15, 2014 IC Executive Session Minutes

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:26pm

Minutes recorded by:

Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Minutes edited by:

Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes approved on:

June 11, 2014

LARRY CORRY, DVM

BOARD PRESIDENT

ADRIENNE PRICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR